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ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 11, 2026 - 9:30AM



"A Hope That Won't Die"

Worship with us In-person
Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks
and on our website at <https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

Welcome! We're so glad you're here!

To help us stay connected, please take a moment to complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it along so others can do the same, and when it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place. As you do, take a moment to greet those around you!

Do you have a prayer request?

Prayer Cards can be found in the pew racks. If you would like your request shared during our prayer time, please complete a card and place it in the collection during the opening hymn.

A few helpful notes for worship today:

An (*) invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** and projected. Our ushers are here to assist you with any questions.

We are blessed to worship together today!

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Sue Combs

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come to worship him. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendour. Let all the earth tremble before him.

For our God is great and worthy of our praise!

***OPENING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117**

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM

HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:4-7

SERMON TITLE: "A Hope That Won't Die"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG: "Take Jesus With You"

*POSTLUDE

Sue Combs

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns: If updates are unknown, these items are listed for up to 4 weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continued Prayers."

- 01/07 Don Ault began chemo treatment.
- 01/07 Anne Hennen is back home recovering.
- 01/07 Linda Fenzel not feeling well.
- 01/07 Flo Moore had a fall and is recovering.
- 01/04 Shirley Aydlett is home and being treated for wound care.
- 01/06 Ann McWilliams was admitted to the hospital for dizziness and tests.
- 01/06 Iris Jones is recovering from the flu.
- 01/06 Pat Fassnacht recovering from covid.
- 01/04 Rick Kiefer's wife, Janis as she is recovering from her second surgery and radiation treatments.
- 01/04 Pastor Mark as he has begun a series of treatments on January 8 and continues into the following week. May he move through this time with strength, healing, and a swift return to full health.
- 01/04 With sadness, we share the passing of Betty Stover on 12/17/25. We extend our condolences and ask that you keep her family and loved ones in your prayers.
- 12/28 Kym Nguyen for upcoming back surgery scheduled for January 15.
- 12/28 Matt Snyder's dad who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- 12/22 We lift the family, friends, and loved ones of Marlis Hatton, who passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family on 12/22/25. We give thanks for her life, her faithful witness, and the many ways she blessed our church family. May God's comforting presence surround all who mourn, and may Marlis rest in eternal peace.
- 12/21 Tari Randall's brother-in-law Jim, who had a stroke. Also Tari's neighbor Tom, who is having open heart surgery.
- 12/21 Paul Schutte, for God's guidance and love to help him through the holiday season.
- 12/21 Sympathies and condolences for Dale Hanson's family & friends. Dale passed away this past week.
- 12/21 Gerri Anderson's friend, Carol Fischer and her family, her brother was killed by a drunk driver on Friday, 12/19/25.
- 12/21 Bud Aydlett is now back in Doverwood for rehab for his last fall.
- 12/16 Don Stahl as he prepares for surgery to remove a kidney. We pray for comfort, strength, and healing.

Continued Prayers: Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates, L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call 513.844.1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory
All service Men & Women
Our World, Nation, and Communities
First Responders
United Methodist Church
Prayer & Bible Study Groups
For the sick and/or homeless
Don Ault
Shirley & Bud Aydlett
Ann Brabbs
Arvilla Brinkmeyer
Helen Brown
Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle
Sharon Hamp

Lois Hill
Iris Jones Family
Cliff Klug
Don Kemen
Mary Lou Knau
Kym Nguyen
Tomie O'Sullivan
Belinda Peters
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Brenda Smoot
Elaine Shreve
Parkside Residents
Ken Weedman

St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
Freida Hawkins (Doverwood)
Bob Klingel (Westover)
Nancy & Wade Lewis (Berkeley)
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum
Pat Pitman (Alois Alzheimer Center)

Zedith Pottenger (Storypoint)
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Peggy Wyatt

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 01/011

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 01/12

10:00am Crafters Group
6:00 pm Ladies Group Study (In-person, Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, 01/13

12:30pm Shared Harvest

WEDNESDAY, 01/14

7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group
2:00 pm Bible Study Group

THURSDAY, 01/15

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 01/16

1:00 pm Ruth Circle (guest speaker)

SATURDAY, 01/17

Fellowship Hall Reserved (10AM-9PM)
Healing Center Training Day

SUNDAY, 01/18

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 2026 MISSION: FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOLS

We are collecting slightly used & new shoes and brand new (in package) undergarments. *Most needed shoe sizes are: (Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for girls or boys). Mostly needed new undergarments are: Children's 4T, 5-6, 7-8, and 10-12 girls or boys.* We can also do the shopping for you if you would like to donate money or a gift card. Thank you for supporting the students at Fairfield City Schools. Contact Jenni Hensler and Tari Randall for more information.

JANUARY 13, TUESDAY, SHARED HARVEST 12:30-2:30PM

Sign up on Narthex bulletin board. Contact Debbie Bryant.

JANUARY 16, FRIDAY, RUTH CIRCLE 1:00-2:00PM

We will have a Special presentation and Guest Speaker. Contact Pam Guynes.

JANUARY 17, SATURDAY, HEALING CENTER TRAINING DAY, (TIME TBD)

More details coming soon. Contact Cindy Miller.

JANUARY 19, MONDAY, CYF ICE SKATING/PIZZA/GAMES/FUN, 1:00PM-5:30PM

We will meet at church at 1:00PM for a pizza party, then drive to Miami University for skating. All kids Sunday School age and older are invited. Cost is \$8.00 for skating. Contact Peggy Smith for information.

JANUARY 20, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM

We will meet at LaRosa's located at 5130 Camelot Drive (Fairfield). Reserve your seat with Sue Beckett by January 18, Sunday.

JANUARY 24, SATURDAY, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES 9:00-11:00AM

Sign up on Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lynne Schumacker

FEBRUARY 8, SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION

We will be collecting Dollar Tree Dinners and give to Fairfield Food Pantry as well as our SMUMC Little Pantry. More details to come. Contact Tari Randall, Kym Nguyen, Jenni Hensler.

FEBRUARY 13, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY 5:00-7:00PM

We will be serving the residents at Serve City. The theme is Big Easy Cajun Meals. Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lyn Bucalo, Jenni Hensler or Tari Randall

FEBRUARY 17, TUESDAY, SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER 5:00-7:00PM

Join us as we fellowship and fun as we ready ourselves for the solemn season of Lent. Pancakes with all the toppings, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Juice. DINE IN or Carry Out. Sign up so that we can plan accordingly. Contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

FEBRUARY 18,WHAT's ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT ALL ABOUT (Children's Ministry)

Contact Peggy Smith.

FEBRUARY 18, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 28, LADIES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT, 10AM-2PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

On Saturday, our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr Suzanne Allen will be the keynote speaker for our morning retreat. Light morning snack and lunch provided. For details, please contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

PICKING UP GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2026

Like in years passed, we are not assigning new Giving Envelopes for everyone. We are recycling the envelope inventory that we already have. The dates and the account numbers on the envelopes have been blacked out. Please feel free to take a box for usage in 2026. The boxes will be available in the Narthex until the end of January. If you have any questions, please see Penny Dole or Carol Gering.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 4, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 106

Sunday School Attendance:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,796.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 932.48
	<u>\$5,728.58</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$ 660.00

**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

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We will be collecting slightly used & new shoes and brand new (in package) undergarments or please consider making a monetary donation.
Contact Jenni Hensler or Tari Randall if you have questions or would like to make a donation.



2026 WEEKLY GROUPS:

MONDAY's, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)

We have a new book and will resume our discussions on Monday, **January 12, 2026, meeting in person** and sharing a meal at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kym Nguyen for more details.

WEDNESDAY's, 7:30AM, MEN's PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP (RESUMES JAN. 7)

This group is more than just a time of prayer—it's also a space for encouragement, support, and fellowship. Contact Jeff Gering for more information.

WEDNESDAY's, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP (RESUMES JANUARY 7)

We are reading in the book of 2nd Timothy with lots of discussions. Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS: (RESUMES JANUARY 21)

Handbell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs and then Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information.

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