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# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 18, 2026 - 9:30AM**



**"Not Done with Us Yet"**

Worship with us In-person

Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at

[www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](https://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**

We come this day, precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

**With You is the fountain of life: in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

**With You is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

**With You is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"**

UMH 451

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and we thank You for the joy that You bring into our lives. Lord, we recognize that You are present in both our celebrations and our struggles, and You have the power to transform our situations. We ask You to listen to our prayers and meet us in our needs. Help us to trust in Your timing, to believe that You are working for our good, and to rejoice in the blessings You provide. Fill us with the joy of knowing that Your presence is always near, and may we share that joy with others, bringing Your light into the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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: "All That I Am"

HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH 723

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11  
SERMON TITLE: "Not Done with Us Yet!" Pastor Alfred

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH 568

\*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.”

- 01/15 Kym Nguyen is recovering from back surgery on Jan. 15. We pray for comfort, a quick recovery, lasting restoration, and wholeness.
- 01/14 For Pastor Mark, who has completed his treatments. We pray for continued healing, strength, and renewed health.
- 01/11 For the family and friends of Dr. Fixler, who passed away at the age of 100 years old. May we remember with gratitude his life and service as a member of the Ohio Military Band.
- 01/11 For a student who attempted to end her life.
- 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 Aydtlett 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 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 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 Aydtlett 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](mailto: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 Aydllett  
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 01/18**

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

### **MONDAY, 01/19**

10:00am Crafters Group  
1:00 pm CYF Ice Skating Fun and Pizza  
6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 01/20**

12:00pm Lunch Bunch  
7:00 pm Lead Team

### **WEDNESDAY, 01/21**

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

### **THURSDAY, 01/22**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 01/23**

### **SATURDAY, 01/24**

9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministries

### **SUNDAY, 01/25**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3  
10:30am St. Mark's Cares meeting (Heritage Room)

## **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 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 20, FRIDAY, RUTH CIRCLE 1:00-2:00PM**

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

**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 11, 2026**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 93

Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,251.99
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 782.47
	<b><u>\$3,034.46</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$1,525.00

*\*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 begun a new book with discussions on Mondays via Zoom. Our next in-person meeting will be on February 2, with a shared meal at 5:30 pm. Contact Kym Nguyen or Sue McDaniel for more details.

#### **WEDNESDAY's, 7:30AM, MEN's PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP**

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**

We are reading and discussing the book of Titus. 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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