



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026 - 9:30AM



"What Do We Believe?"

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**

Come, let us gather in the presence of the One who did not turn away from the path of sacrifice.

We come to worship Jesus, who knew the cost and still walked forward in love.

He spoke honestly of suffering, death, and loss—yet trusted fully in God's promise of new life.

We come with open hearts, ready to follow where Christ leads.

Come, let us worship the One whose suffering brings salvation and whose faithfulness changes the world.

Let us worship God together. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

UMH 156

***OPENING PRAYER**

Risen Christ, we gather in Your presence, seeking the peace You offer. Breathe Your Holy Spirit into us—quiet our hearts, renew our faith, and restore our hope. Send us out as Your people, forgiven, strengthened, and ready to serve. May our worship today honor You and shape us for the work You call us to do. In Your holy 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: "Cornerstone"

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:21 and 20:17-19, John 20:19-23
SERMON TITLE: "What DO WE BELIEVE?" Mike Fitzpatrick

*CLOSING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*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."

- 01/21 Debbie Vital is home from hospital stay having diverticulitis and other medical issues.
- 01/20 Bud Aydlett is home with Hospice care. Bud turned 92 yrs old today.
- 01/18 Edith Davis fell and broke her wrist and is at Bethesda Butler hospital.
- 01/18 Sue Beckett recovering from Covid
- 01/18 Flo Moore had a fall on Jan 7 and is now home recovering.
- 01/18 Shirley Aydlett is home and continues treatment for wound care.
- 01/18 Jeff Gering is home from overnight hospital visit and tests.
- 01/18 Anne McWilliams is now home and recovering from hospital stay.
- 01/18 Iris Jones is recovering from the flu & still working through eye issues.
- 01/18 Kym Nguyen is recovering from back surgery on Jan. 15 and is now home resting and healing. We pray for comfort, a quick recovery, lasting restoration, and wholeness.
- 01/18 For Pastor Mark, as he has completed his treatments and continues to rest. We pray for ongoing healing, renewed strength, and continued well-being.
- 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.
- 01/06 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.

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
Shirley Grant

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, 01/25

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

MONDAY, 01/26

- 10:00am Crafters Group
6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (zoom)

TUESDAY, 01/27

WEDNESDAY, 01/28

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

THURSDAY, 01/29

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 01/30

SATURDAY, 01/31

SUNDAY, 02/01 Communion

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO 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.

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 BIG EASY CAJUN THEME, 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 24, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM

Contact Sue Beckett for details.

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. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. We will be filling purses for a ministry outreach with more details coming soon. Please contact 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 18, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 68

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,554.12</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	<u>\$5,491.00</u>
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 930.41</u>
	<u>\$6,421.41</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$150.00

**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:

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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