



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 01, 2026 - 9:30AM



"What Do We Believe?"

Worship with us In-person

Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at

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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.”

- 01/27 Peggy Smith recovering from Covid.
- 01/23 We share with sadness that two beloved members of our St. Mark’s family, Bud Aydlett and Freida Hawkins, passed away on Friday, January 23. Their lives were a gift to our congregation, and they will be deeply missed. We give thanks for their faithful presence among us and hold their loved ones in prayer during this time of loss. More details coming for Freida Hawkins services.
- 01/21 Debbie Vital is home from hospital stay having diverticulitis and other medical issues.
- 01/18 Edith Davis is at Birchwood care facility for rehab after breaking her wrist a week ago.
- 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 and on the move again from 3 day hospital stay.
- 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.

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 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
Ken Weedman
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
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, 02/01

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

MONDAY, 02/02

10:00am Crafters Group
5:30 pm Ladies Group Study (In person—Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, 02/03

WEDNESDAY, 02/04

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

THURSDAY, 02/05

10:00am Small Group bible study
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 02/06

SATURDAY, 02/07

SUNDAY, 02/08 SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION & OUR LIL PANTRY

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

FEBRUARY 8, SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION

We will be collecting Dollar Tree Dinners and canned goods for the Fairfield Food Pantry, as well as for our SMUMC Little Pantry. "Dollar Tree Dinners," are simple, creative meals made entirely from Dollar Tree ingredients—often for under \$5 per meal—such as Chicken and Dumplings, 5-Can Chili, and easy "meal-in-a-bag" options. These affordable meal kits help provide practical support to neighbors facing food insecurity. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Tari Randall, Kym Nguyen, or 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, Kym Nguyen, 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

Join us at the Shooters in Hamilton, 877 NW Washington Blvd, 45013. Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! Reserve your seat by February 22 and for more information contact Sue Beckett.

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

On Saturday, our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen, will serve as the keynote speaker for our morning retreat. As part of this special day together, we will be filling purses for a ministry outreach. We are inviting the women of our church — and the congregation as a whole — to donate gently used purses or tote bags. There is no need to purchase new ones; we simply ask that they be clean and in good condition. We are also collecting items to fill the purses. Donations are welcome from the entire congregation in the following categories:

- General bathing, grooming, and dental products
- A variety of hair care products (considering all hair types)
- Feminine hygiene products

The cost to attend the retreat is just \$10 per person, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, and dessert. For more information, please contact Sue Luken.

JANUARY 2026 MISSIONS: FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL

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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