

The logo features a stylized red flame or leaf shape on the left, partially overlapping a black cross symbol.

ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 8, 2026 - 9:30AM



"Tomorrow"

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: "To God be the Glory"**

UMH 98

***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: "To God Alone"

HYMN: "Love Lifted Me"
(from Worship and Song 3101)

UMH 369

SCRIPTURE: James 4:13-17
SERMON TITLE: "Tomorrow"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH 382

*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."

- 02/04 Memorial services for **Freida Hawkins** will be held at St. Mark's UMC on February 19. Visitation will take place from 11:00am to 1:00pm, followed by the funeral service at 1:00pm. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and ask that you keep them in your prayers.
- 02/04 Don and Cheryl Kemen's mother, Billy, who was 104 years old passed away on February 4. May her family and friends be surrounded with comfort and peace, and we ask that you keep them in your prayers. The funeral services are on February 17, 2026 at St. John Neumann Church, 12191 Mill Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240.
- 02/01 Rick Kiefer's wife, Janis, being cared for by in home hospice.
- 02/01 Shirley Grant is currently facing breast cancer and surgery is not an option at this time. Currently, she will be undergoing further testing to determine the next steps for treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 02/01 Don Ault treated for colon cancer & heart issues and currently dealing with CDIFF.
- 02/01 Debbie Hale White's mother recovering from surgery at hospital.
- 01/27 Peggy Smith recovering from Covid.
- 01/24 We share with sadness that two beloved members of our St. Mark's family, Bud Aydlett passed away on January 24, 2026 and Freida Hawkins passed away on January 23, 2026. 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.
- 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 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 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 a student who attempted to end her life.
- 01/07 Anne Hennen is back home recovering.

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
Anne Hennen

Iris Jones Family
Cliff Klug
Don Kemen
Janice Kiefer
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, 02/08 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 (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, 02/09

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

TUESDAY, 02/10

WEDNESDAY, 02/11

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group
2:00 pm Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 02/12

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 02/13

- 5:00 pm Serve City (meals & serving residents)

SATURDAY, 02/14 Happy Valentine's Day

- 6:00 pm New Covenant Babysit Night (until 10pm)

SUNDAY, 02/15

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 8, SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION (MEAL IN A BAG)

We will be collecting items for our "Meal in a Bag" project to support the Fairfield Food Pantry and the SMUMC Little Pantry. You'll find an example Meal in a Bag kit and recipe ideas displayed at the Welcome Counter to guide your shopping. Simply choose a recipe and purchase the canned or boxed ingredients needed to complete the meal. Please contact Tari Randall, Kym Nguyen, or Jenni Hensler for more information and questions.

EXTENDED 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 13, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY BIG LOVE VALENTINE'S THEME, 5:00-7:00PM

Our Serve City evening will center around a "Big Love" Valentine's theme, as we provide the residents with warm, comforting meals. Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Also if you would like to send a valentine to the residents, please give to Lyn or put in office mailbox. 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 at welcome center so that we can plan accordingly. Contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

FEBRUARY 18, WHAT'S ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT ALL ABOUT, 6PM (CYF)

Children are invited to join us as we spend time together learning about Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent. This will be a special opportunity to ask questions, explore the season, and grow in understanding as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please 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 and turn in by February 22:

- 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. Sign up at the welcome center and for more information, please contact Sue Luken.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 73

Sunday School Attendance: 0

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,554.12</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	<u>\$9,160.10</u>
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 227.62</u>
	<u>\$9,387.72</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$1,540.00

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

*February Altar Flowers:
1-Happy 14th Birthday Lauren! Love, your family*



ST. MARK'S UMC
SOUPER BOWL
2026

FEBRUARY 8
TACKLING HUNGER
ONE CAN AT A TIME!

Help us tackle hunger by supporting local food pantries as part of our Souper Bowl Sunday event!

Bring non-perishable food donations to St. Mark's by February 8.

- Canned Soup & Stew
- Canned Vegetables & Fruit
- Peanut Butter, Pasta, Rice
- Other Non-Perishable Foods

Let's team up to tackle hunger in our community and support local families in need. Every can counts!
Questions? Contact Tari Randall, Kym Nguyen, or Jenni Hensler.



Ladies Fellowship Retreat

Saturday, February 28
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen
District Superintendent



Faith in Action: Purse Outreach
Donate gently used purses & personal care items
Turn in by February 22

\$10 per person
Includes breakfast & lunch

Sign up at the Welcome Center
Contact Sue Luken

2026 WEEKLY GROUPS:

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

We have begun a new book & continue our discussions on Mondays via Zoom . **Our next in-person meeting will be on February 9, with a shared meal at 5:30 pm.** Contact Kym Nguyen for more details.

WEDNESDAYS, 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.

WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are reading and discussing the book of Hebrews. Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

WEDNESDAYS, 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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