



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2026 - 9:30AM



## *"Your Word"*

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: "Like a River Glorious"

Handbells

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is faithful in every promise and steadfast in every word.

**We gather to worship the God whose truth never changes.**

God speaks with clarity and mercy, calling us into lives of trust and obedience.

**We come to listen, to learn, and to be shaped.**

Let us worship the One whose Word stands firm forever.

**We worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" UMH 384**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord God, You speak truth and call us to live by Your faithful Word. As we gather in Your presence this morning, open our hearts to Your voice, and shape our words with Your Spirit. Help us to speak with honesty and integrity, letting our "yes" be yes and our "no" be no, so that our lives reflect Your steadfast love. Fill us now with Your peace and wisdom that we may worship You in truth and in spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Handbells

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH 496

SCRIPTURE: James 5:12

SERMON TITLE: "Your Word"

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

UMH 514

\*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."

- 02/15 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.
- 02/11 We share the news that Debbie Hale-White's mother passed away on February 10. We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Debbie and her family during this time of loss. May they be gently upheld in God's abiding love and strengthened by the care and prayers of those around them.
- 02/08 Rick Kiefer's wife, Janis, transitions to in home hospice care.
- 02/08 Jenni Hensler's cousin, Kayren, who is in the hospital.
- 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 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 working through eye issues.
- 01/11 For a student who attempted to end her life.
- 01/11 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](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 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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 02/15**

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

### **MONDAY, 02/16**

10:00am Crafters Group  
5:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 02/17**

5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Lead Team

### **WEDNESDAY, 02/18 ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group  
2:00 pm Bible Study Group  
6:00 pm CYF-What is Ash Wednesday and Lent about?  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### **THURSDAY, 02/19**

11:00 am *Visitation for Freida Hawkins*  
1:00 pm *Funeral Service for Freida Hawkins*  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 02/20**

1:00 pm Ruth Circle

### **SATURDAY, 02/21**

### **SUNDAY, 02/22**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

We will have a special presentation and guest speaker. Contact Pam Guynes.

### **EXTENDED THRU FEB. 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 THRU FEBRUARY 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 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.

**MARCH 13, FRIDAY, LASAGNA LOVE, 12:00-5:00PM**

**MARCH 15, UMCOR SUNDAY**

This special offering supports the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), allowing 100% of designated gifts to go directly to disaster response, humanitarian aid, and global ministries of hope. Thank you for your generous support as we join together to serve those in need around the world.

**MARCH 20, RUTH CIRCLE, 1:00-2:30PM**

**MARCH 21, SATURDAY, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES 9:00-11:00AM**

**MARCH 28, SATURDAY, ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, 2:00-4:00PM**

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 93

Sunday School Attendance: 2

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs     | \$6,554.12               |
| Weekly In-Person Giving | \$3,065.00               |
| Weekly On-Line Giving   | \$1,642.47               |
|                         | <b><u>\$4,707.47</u></b> |

Special—Designated Giving\*

\$395.00

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



**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 will start a new book in a couple weeks titled: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. Discussions on Mondays via Zoom. **Our next in-person meeting will be on March 2, 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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