

 **ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 1, 2026 - 9:30AM**

**Holy Communion**



## **"A CROWN OF THORNS"**

Worship with us in-person or online. Live-Streaming on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks) and on YouTube  
SMUMC Website <https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

**Welcome! We're so glad you're here!**

To help us stay connected, please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew and pass it along. When it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place and 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: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
(*The Faith We Sing, Pg 2071*)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent **towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**  
Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,  
**pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**  
Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,  
**whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"      UMH 295  
(*vs. 1,2,3*)

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Jesus, come and save us, we are but dust, we are like ashes, but you can touch our unclean souls. Jesus, come and forgive us, our hearts are heavy, our burdens are great, cleanse us with the water of life. Jesus, come and heal us, restore our sight, teach us truth, speak to us words that bring us wholeness. Jesus, touches us with your heart of love, cleanse us with the water of life, restore our sight that we may see, teach us truth that we may lead Godly lives. 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: "Raise Your Hands"

HYMN: "Jesus Paid it All"  
*(Worship and Song 3100)*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:27-29  
SERMON TITLE: "A Crown of Thorns"

Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross"

UMH 504

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG:  
"There's Something About that Name"

UMH 171

\*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."

- 02/22 Don and Cheryl Kemen thanks everyone for cards, thoughts, and prayers on the passing of Don's mother, Billy. We really appreciated everything.
- 02/22 Hannah (Hensler) has arrived safely home after traveling concerns due to weather and airport delays and shutdowns.
- 02/22 Gerri Anderson's son's family in Ironton, OH for a crisis with Kayden, 18 year old adopted son.
- 02/22 Larry Creach having prostate biopsy.
- 02/22 Lauren Dichtl's friend's grandfather is in hospice.
- 02/22 John Vejvoda who is battling cancer.
- 02/22 Bruce Armstrong recovering at Jamestown after surgery to repair a leaky heart valve.
- 02/22 Steve Nguyen's dad was taken to the hospital on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in Tampa. Still there waiting for test results and next steps.
- 02/18 Edith Davis has been released from rehab and has returned home to Story Point. Please continue prayers for healing.
- 02/15 With caring hearts, we lovingly lift up Ruth Ritenbaugh in prayer following the passing of her sister, Sandy. May she be held close in God's love, and may God grant her strength for each day while surrounding her with abiding love.
- 02/15 We ask you to hold Fran Frazee and her family in prayer as she enters hospice care. May she be wrapped in God's peace and upheld by love and gentle care.
- 02/15 Becky Hamblin's friend Bev, who is having health issues.
- 02/15 As we lovingly remember Freida Hawkins, we ask that you keep her family and friends in your prayers, trusting that God's grace and peace will sustain them and surround them with comfort, strength, and quiet assurance in the days ahead.
- 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.
- 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 Iris Jones is working through eye issues.

**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, 03/01 Holy Communion**

9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

### **MONDAY, 03/02**

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

### **TUESDAY, 03/03**

### **WEDNESDAY, 03/04**

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, 03/05**

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 03/06**

### **SATURDAY, 03/07**

### **SUNDAY, 03/08 SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MARCH 10, TUESDAY, MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE**

If you have a 'Thank You' notice, announcement, upcoming event, or church gathering you would like included in the upcoming newsletter, please notify the church office as soon as possible. *All submissions should be received no later than March 10 to ensure inclusion.*

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

More details coming soon and sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome counter, contact Cindy Miller.

### **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**

Contact Pam Guynes

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

Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board, contact Lynne Schumacker

### **MARCH 24, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM**

Join us at the Roosters located at 12120 Springfield Pike, 45246. Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! Reserve your seat by March 22 and for more information contact Sue Beckett.

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

Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and Easter celebration for the whole family! Easter Egg Hunts by Age Group, sweet treats & snacks with family fellowship & fun. Contact: Peggy Smith.

**MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY and CANTATA**

Join us for Palm Sunday as we begin the service with a joyful Palm Procession around the sanctuary. Live palms will be available, and all are warmly invited to join the procession as we celebrate together. During worship, we will also enjoy a beautiful Cantata titled "Living Hope", a meaningful musical reflection on the promise of Easter.

**MARCH 29, SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY POT LUCK, 10:30 (TENTATIVELY)**

More details to come.

**APRIL 2, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00-8:00PM**



## MONTHLY LUNCH BUNCH MARCH 24, TUESDAY AT 12PM

Join us at Roosters, 12120 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246  
Reserve your seat by March 22, contact Sue Beckett

*Happy Birthday Shirley!*

Today's altar flowers are in birthday  
celebration for Shirley Grant.



— ANNUAL —  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

*Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and Easter  
celebration for the whole family!*

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 28  
2:00 PM

- Easter Egg Hunts by Age Group
- Sweet Treats & Snacks
- Family Fellowship & Fun

*Bring your baskets and invite a friend!  
All children and families are welcome.*



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### **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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