



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026 - 9:30AM



"THE NAILS"

Worship with us in-person or online. Live-Streaming on Facebook at 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**

After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Spirit as our guide and companion along the way. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Come Christians Join to Sing" UMH 158**

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. 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 "Feel the Nails"

Chris Beiser

Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM: "O, The Blood"

HYMN: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

UMH 294

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:13-14

SERMON TITLE: "**The Nails**"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" UMH 371

*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."

- 03/04 Janice Kiefer passed away peacefully March 4. We keep Rick and the Kiefer family and friends in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.
- 03/02 The Flannery family during this time of loss following the passing of their 42-year-old nephew and father, Jake.
- 03/02 Becky Mendenhall for good test results this week.
- 03/02 Shelby Cavender who fell and sprained her ankle 3/01. She will need to see an orthopedic doctor later this week.
- 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. 17th 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.

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
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, 03/08 SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR**

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

MONDAY, 03/09

10:00 am Salad Luncheon meeting
5:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 03/10

Newsletter Submission Due for March/April

WEDNESDAY, 03/11

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, 03/12

11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/13

12:00 pm Lasagna Love

SATURDAY, 03/14

SUNDAY, 03/15 UMCOR SUNDAY

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 8, SUNDAY, YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT, 5:30-8:00PM

We have a movie night "Jesus Christ Superstar" with snacks this evening. Contact Peggy Smith.

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

Steve Nguyen will be presenting the Ruth Circle program this month. His topic will be:

"The Serotonin Habits Against Dementia: Gut Health, Sleep, and Stillness."

We would love to have a great turnout, so this program is open to anyone who would like to attend — including men. Guests are welcome to arrive after the business meeting, around 1:30 pm. 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 DESSERTS, 10:30 (TENTATIVELY)

More details to come.

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

MAY 7, THURSDAY, SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS 11:00AM-1:30PM

Save the Date! More details to come, contact Sue McDaniel.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 92
Sunday School Attendance: 2

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,389.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 739.27
	<u>\$3,128.27</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$526.32
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 1, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 98
Sunday School Attendance: 2

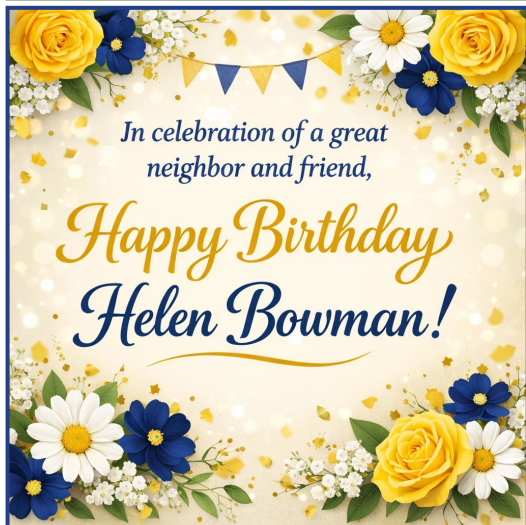
Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,807.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 762.62
	<u>\$5,569.72</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$735.00
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*



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



UMCOR SUNDAY

Sunday, March 15, 2026

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.



2026 WEEKLY GROUPS:

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

We begin reading our new book 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 April 6, with a shared meal at 5:30pm. 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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