



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 2026 - 9:30AM



"A SIGN"

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**

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "My Jesus, I love Thee "

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***OPENING PRAYER**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever. Into your presence we come, Lord, a few moments of quietness in a busy world that demands our attention. Breathe on us now, that we might know your presence and your power to see this day through. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS CONCERNS & JOYS

Prayers and joys are listed for up to four weeks. After that time, ongoing concerns will be included in the “Continued Prayers” section.

- 03/12 Don Ault will be heading home some time next week after spending 5 weeks at Jamestown rehab. Wonderful News!
- 03/08 Gerri Anderson’s son’s family in Ironton, OH, Kayden, is doing well and we thank you for the prayers for him and the family.
- 03/08 Pray for peace in our troubled world.
- 03/08 Steve Vitale, for good test results.
- 03/08 Lauren Dichtl and Chris Cooper share that two of their friends recently lost their grandfathers. We keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. We also give thanks and celebrate the good news of a friend who has beaten colon cancer.
- 03/08 Thank you for all of the prayers, texts, and concern for Steve’s dad. He is doing better and currently in rehab.
- 03/08 Rick Kiefer expresses his sincere gratitude to the church family for the many prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shared during Janice’s passing. Your support has brought comfort and helped greatly during this time of healing. Janice Kiefer passed away peacefully on March 4. We continue to hold Rick, their 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 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.
- 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.

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 (Jamestown)
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, 03/15 UMCOR SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, 03/16

10:00 am Crafters Group
6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 03/17

7:00 pm Lead Team

WEDNESDAY, 03/18

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, 03/19

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/20

1:00 pm Ruth Circle (*Guest Speaker: Steve Nguyen*)

SATURDAY, 03/21

9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministries

SUNDAY, 03/22

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, FRIDAY, 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."

Learn habits that help manage stress and anxiety while supporting brain health. 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, 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 22, SUNDAY, FILLING EASTER EGGS WITH CANDY

We could use your help once again to help us fill our empty eggs. They are available in the Narthex and will need to be returned bagged, by Sunday March 22 (or that week before Friday Mar. 27th)! Please note to fill them with individually wrapped candy, or stickers, tattoos or small toys. As a reminder, our Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 28 at 2:00pm. (*Inclément weather date will be Saturday April 4 at 2:00pm.*) Thank you

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

Join us at 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 26, THURSDAY, CRAFT NIGHT, 6:00-9:00PM

Ladies Fellowship Basket Follow-Up! For those who did not get to finish—or perhaps even start their basket weaving at our previous event, we will be gathering to work on them. We will meet in either the Sunday School classrooms or the old Choir Room. Please note that we will also have some Easter bisque ware pieces available for anyone who may be interested in coming to paint one. Feel free to bring a “sack supper” with you if you would like. Please let Peggy Smith or Sue Luken know if you plan to attend.

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.

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

APRIL 3, FRIDAY, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, 12:30-3:00PM

Mall Trip and more details to come. Contact Peggy Smith

APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE, 9:30AM

Join us this Easter as we celebrate the risen Christ—where hope rises and new life begins.

APRIL 20, TUESDAY, MAY/JUNE 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. All submissions should be received no later than April 20 to ensure inclusion.

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

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

MAY 31, SUNDAY, 5TH SUNDAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON, 10:30AM

We will meet in Fellowship Hall after worship, more details to come.
Contact Kym Nguyen or Pam Guynes.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 8, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 105

Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$6,236.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$2,497.33
	<u>\$8,733.33</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$380.00

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



MONTHLY LUNCH BUNCH MARCH 24, TUESDAY AT 12PM

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Reserve your seat by March 22, contact Sue Beckett

— ANNUAL — EASTER EGG HUNT

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St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 28

2:00 PM

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

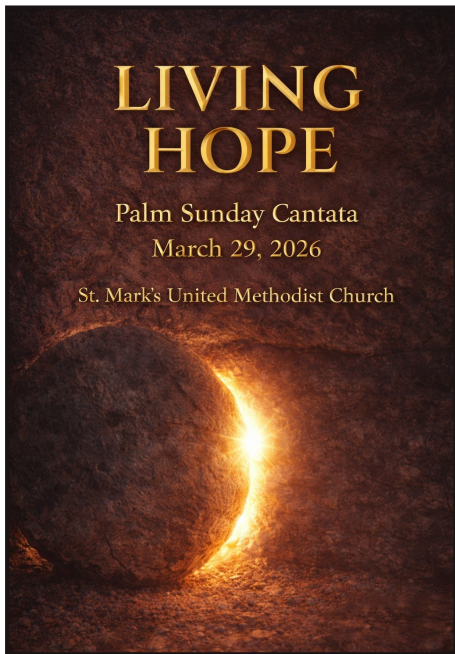
*Bring your baskets and invite a friend!
All children and families are welcome.*



LIVING HOPE

Palm Sunday Cantata
March 29, 2026

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2026 WEEKLY GROUPS:

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

We are reading a 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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