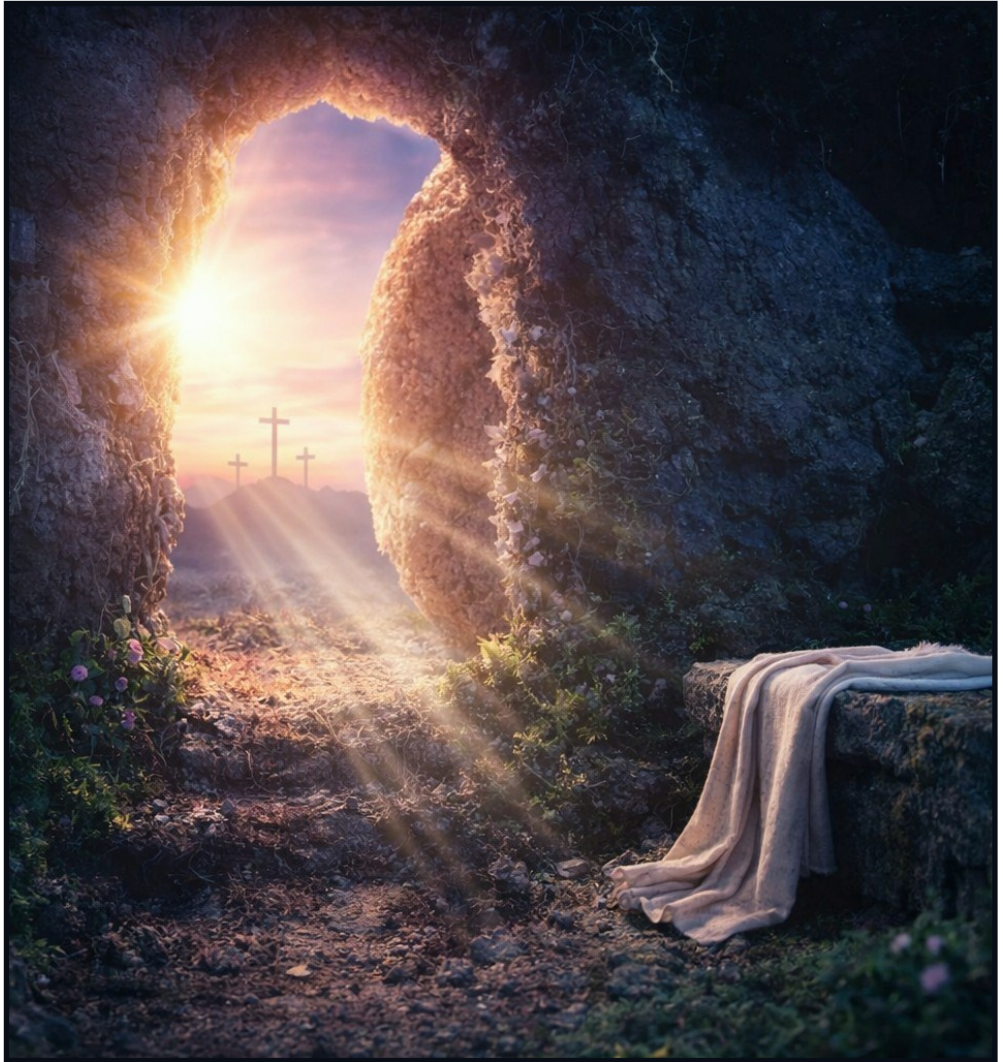




ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2026 - 9:30AM



"THE HARD PART OF EASTER"

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**

The stone is rolled away, grave clothes neatly folded, no more the smell of death, behold the empty tomb!

Halleluia! (He is risen!)

Rejoice! Scripture has been fulfilled, the sting of death is gone, the victory has been won, behold the risen Christ!

Halleluia! (He is risen!)

Rejoice! The curtain's torn in two, our God invites us in, Christ's sacrifice enough to wash away our sins!

Halleluia! (He is risen!) Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to You; creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ Your Son. Even when we turned away from You, You never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, Your Word Incarnate made Flesh. Born of Mary, He shares our life. Eating with sinners, He welcomes us. Leading His followers, He guides us. Dying on the cross, He rescues us. Risen from the dead, He gives new life. Most resilient God, Source of all that is eternally raised up, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus. Amen!

PRAYER 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.

- 03/29 Beth Zimmerman’s cousin, facing medical concerns. Prayers for God’s healing presence, wisdom for the medical team, and comfort and peace for them and their family.
- 03/29 Mike & Dee Aiken’s and Sue, a good friend who passed away from a stroke.
- 03/22 Denny Mullen had a little fall and is doing good now with a bruise.
- 03/23 JOY! Congratulations to the Nguyen Family on a healthy baby boy. Asher James Duc Nguyen was born on March 23 at 8:14pm, weighing 8lbs, 5oz and 20.8 inches.
- 03/22 More JOYS! Steve & Kym Nguyen are so proud to announce that their son, Will has matched to his #1 choice for residency! He is off to Augusta, GA for the next 3 years.
- 03/22 Kym Nguyen’s mother was admitted to the hospital 3/18/26 dealing with multiple, serious medical issues and is now septic. We continue to keep her in our prayers.
- 03/22 Steve Nguyen’s father — thank you for your continued prayers. Please keep the family in your prayers as they consider next steps for memory care.
- 03/22 Mark Hensler’s good friend and mentor Russ, is in the hospital.
- 03/22 Jenni Hensler’s aunt who fell and broke her shoulder and also for neighbor, Ken who is recovering from surgery.
- 03/22 Belinda Peters’ former co-worker who passed away earlier this month. Please keep family and friends in prayers.
- 03/22 Mike Aiken’s eye appointment went well, and we are grateful to share that his transplant was successful.
- 03/22 Danny Thomas for a full quick recovery from knee surgery 3/20/26.
- 03/22 Melanie Hanson will have heart valve surgery.
- 03/22 In memory of and happy Heavenly birthday to Cindy Dichtl.
- 03/22 Julie Dichtl’s sister, Lynne Nickens, is having heart and blood pressure issues.
- 03/18 Linda Prohaska as she undergoes a lengthy recovery for a broken wrist.
- 03/15 Elaine Shreve’s son, Christopher, in PA is facing serious abdominal surgery.
- 03/15 Marta Hollinger's 100 year old stepmother-in-law, Mary Kring, as she transitions from living alone to assisted living facility.
- 03/15 Tari Wolf is having health issues.
- 03/15 Peg Wyatt needs prayers.
- 03/12 Don Ault will be heading home sometime next week after spending 5 weeks at Jamestown rehab. Wonderful News!
- 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.

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 Kernen
Mary Lou Knau
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, 04/05 Easter Sunday

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

MONDAY, 04/06

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

TUESDAY, 04/07

WEDNESDAY, 04/08

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

THURSDAY, 04/09

10:00 am Small group bible study
11:00 am Nurture & Care Meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 04/10

SATURDAY, 04/011

SUNDAY, 04/12

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
10:30 am St. Mark's Cares Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 17, RUTH CIRCLE, 1:00-2:30PM

Contact Pam Guynes for more information.

APRIL 17, SERVE CITY, 5:00PM

This month our theme is "Springtime Bites & Delights" There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for foods, desserts, and volunteering to serve the residents.

APRIL 20, MONDAY, SHARED HARVEST 12:30-2:30PM

Join us, as we come together to volunteer at Shared Harvest! This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand, support our community, and share God's love through service. Contact Debbie Bryant. We'd love to have you join us! Sign up sheet is on Narthex Bulletin board.

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.

APRIL 28, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM

Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! We are going to Quaker Steak & Lube location: 3737 Stonecreek Blvd. (Colerain) Reserve your seat by April 26 and for more information contact Sue Beckett.

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

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

MAY 10, SUNDAY, MOTHER'S DAY/HAT DAY SERVICE

Wear your favorite hat in celebration of Mother's Day. Flowers will be available to all women at the Sanctuary entrance.

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.

JUNE 15-17, CYF—ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP, 1:00-4:00PM or 6:00-8:00PM

The CYF (Children, Youth and Family Ministry) has decided to offer a new adventure this summer instead of our yearly VBS! From Monday June 15-Wednesday June 17 we will be having an "Arts & Craft Camp". We will offer two different times; 1:00-4:00pm or 6:00 - 8:00pm. We will be announcing the exact projects when we get a little closer, so for now please "Save the Dates" and spread the word to your friends and family. We are excited about this new venture, and we hope that you will support us as we try a new way to connect with our young people to share Gods love with them! We also envision offering a second "Camp" involving teaching the basic fundamentals of a sport for 3 days in July, dates TBD. So be watching for more information to come in the near future!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 29, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 175

Sunday School Attendance: 10

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,554.12</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	<u>\$1,697.00</u>
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 865.37</u>
	<u>\$2,562.37</u>

*Special—Designated Giving** *\$265.00*

Special—Capital Campaign^ *\$1,700.00*

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

^Campaign for Restroom Improvements

ALTAR FLOWERS:

In Memory of Norma Jean Cottrill with love from Sue Cottrill

Annual Spring Salad Luncheon & Crafts

Sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies

May 7, 2026 (Thursday)
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

\$12
per person

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
4601 Fairfield Ave. • Fairfield, OH

Mother's Day & Hat Day Service

May 10, 2026



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 in 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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