



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**April 26, 2026 - 9:30AM**



*“A Secure Future”*

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: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Handbells

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**Because of God's everlasting goodness, we offer God our thanks and praise.**

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**Because of God's care and concern for humanity, we offer God our thanks and praise.**

God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**Because of God's transforming powers and actions, we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—and we offer God our thanks and praise. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "The Church is One Foundation" UMH 545  
(vs 1,2,4,5)

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**At the starting line of this day, we call on Your name, God of grace. As we run the race You have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on Your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give You the glory. Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense or to count ourselves better than those at our side. All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Handbells  
"Thine is the Glory/Crown Him with Many Crowns"

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT  
Offertory  
Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Cherish the Cross"  
(with the Old Rugged Cross)

HYMN: "Children of Thy Heavenly Father" UMH 367

SCRIPTURE: I Peter 1:3-9  
SERMON TITLE: "A Secure Future"

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG: "Take Jesus With You" (Words are below)

**When you leave this place, Take Jesus with you. Share His love with others every day. Share His promises and all the hope it gives you. Share His joy with those you meet along the way.**

**Use the strength He gives in pain or sorrow. Learn to forgive as He forgives your sins. In your quiet time give thanks in prayers and praise His holy name and He will bless you and He will keep you until we meet you here again.**

\*POSTLUDE Sue Combs

# **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.

- 04/21 Bruce Armstrong is now located at Sanctuary Point. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- 04/19 Cindy & Gary Miller’s daughter-in-law, Laura Grossman who ran in the Boston Marathon under God’s protection, strength and stamina. Thank you.
- 04/19 Cindy Miller’s friend, Heather Miekley having breast cancer surgery Tuesday, April 22.
- 04/19 Gerri Anderson will be having a heart valve procedure on Wednesday April 29. Pray everything goes very well and that she recovers quickly.
- 04/19 Sharon Hamp fell and broke 2 ribs on Friday, April 17. She is out of the hospital now 4/21 and recovering.
- 04/19 Shirley Aydlett was in the hospital.
- 04/19 JOY! Linda Thomas is proud to announce that her granddaughter Kayla Carr will be graduating from Good Samaritan School of Nursing on April 21.
- 04/19 Cindy Ditmyer’s dad, Teddy McCullum who has Alzheimer’s and in Hospice care.
- 04/15 Please keep the Nguyen and Lewis families in prayer on the passing of Kym’s father, Wade Lewis Wed.– 4/15. May God’s presence bring comfort, His love bring warmth, and His peace surround them in the days ahead.
- 04/12 Prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery (*Wednesday*)
- 04/12 Please keep Pat Sena in your prayers following a recent fall. Pray for healing, strength, and a smooth recovery.
- 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.
- 03/23 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.
- 03/22 Belinda Peters’ former co-worker who passed away earlier this month. Please keep family and friends in prayers.

**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 (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  
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 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, 04/26**

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

## **MONDAY, 04/27**

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

## **TUESDAY, 04/28**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch

## **WEDNESDAY, 04/29**

- 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, 04/30**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## **FRIDAY, 05/01**

## **SATURDAY, 05/02**

- 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved

## **SUNDAY, 05/03 Holy Communion**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am Set up Fellowship Hall for Salad Luncheon event (volunteers)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 3, SUNDAY, HELP SETTING UP FELLOWSHIP HALL 10:30AM**

We are looking for volunteers to meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship to assist with Salad Luncheon setup (Tables and Chairs). For additional information, please contact Sue McDaniel.

### **MAY 4, MONDAY, SALAD LUNCHEON MEETING, 10:30AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for the planning meeting. Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

### **MAY 4, MONDAY, LADIES IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY, 5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We will meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner and bible study conversation. Contact Kym Nguyen for more information.

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

We are looking for used Books, Cook books, and Puzzles please. Then plan to join us for one of St. Mark's most loved traditions! Our Salad Luncheon, Crafts & used Book Sale will be held on *Thursday, May 7 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This event is sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies.* Enjoy a wonderful variety of over 50+ delicious salad selections, including favorites such as chicken salad, hot German potato salad, macaroni salad, spinach and strawberry salad, coleslaws, pineapple or strawberry pretzel Jello salads, dips, and so much

more...drinks are included! Browse a delightful selection of handcrafted items and gently used books while spending time in fellowship with friends and neighbors. We look forward to sharing a delicious meal and warm fellowship together! Save the Date! The price is \$12.00 per person. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Counter. For details 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 15, FRIDAY, RUTH CIRCLE, LUNCHEON 12:00-2:30PM**

Contact Pam Guynes for more information.

**MAY 16, SATURDAY, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES 11:00AM-1:00PM**

Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lynne Schumacker for more information.

**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 JUNE 15-17 and JULY 22-24, CYF—ARTS/ CRAFTS AND SCIENCE CAMPS**

The Awesome & Creative God that made giraffes, jellyfish and palm trees, made us in his own image. So, let's be creative and have fun at **Art Camp: June 15-17, from 1-4pm, or 6-8pm** (Split age groups 4 -7, and 8 and up.) **Monday** -Making art that reminds us that God is always with us. **Tuesday**- Making art using God's nature around us. **Wednesday**- Making wearable art and ice cream party. **THEN:** Can we connect the Bible with fun science experiments? Absolutely! **Science Camp: July 22- 24 from 6-8pm** (Ages 8 and up): **Wednesday**- Genesis 1:1-2 God's Creation, **Thursday**- Matthew 7:26-28, Jesus gives us a solid foundation, **Friday**- Matthew 4:18-22, Being a Disciple and Water games. **Both camps are free for everyone! Register for Camp by emailing [p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com), contact Peggy Smith/Sue Luken.**

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 12, 2026**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 94

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,030.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 943.72
	<b><u>\$4,973.72</u></b>

*Special—Designated Giving\** \$1,265.00

*Special—Capital Campaign^* \$ 100.00

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

*^Campaign for Restroom Improvements*

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Worship In-Person Attendance: 96

Sunday School Attendance:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$1,660.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,390.69
	<b><u>\$3,050.69</u></b>

*Special—Designated Giving\** \$155.00

*Special—Capital Campaign^* \$100.00

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

*^Campaign for Restroom Improvements*



## 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  
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## 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 May 4, 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**

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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