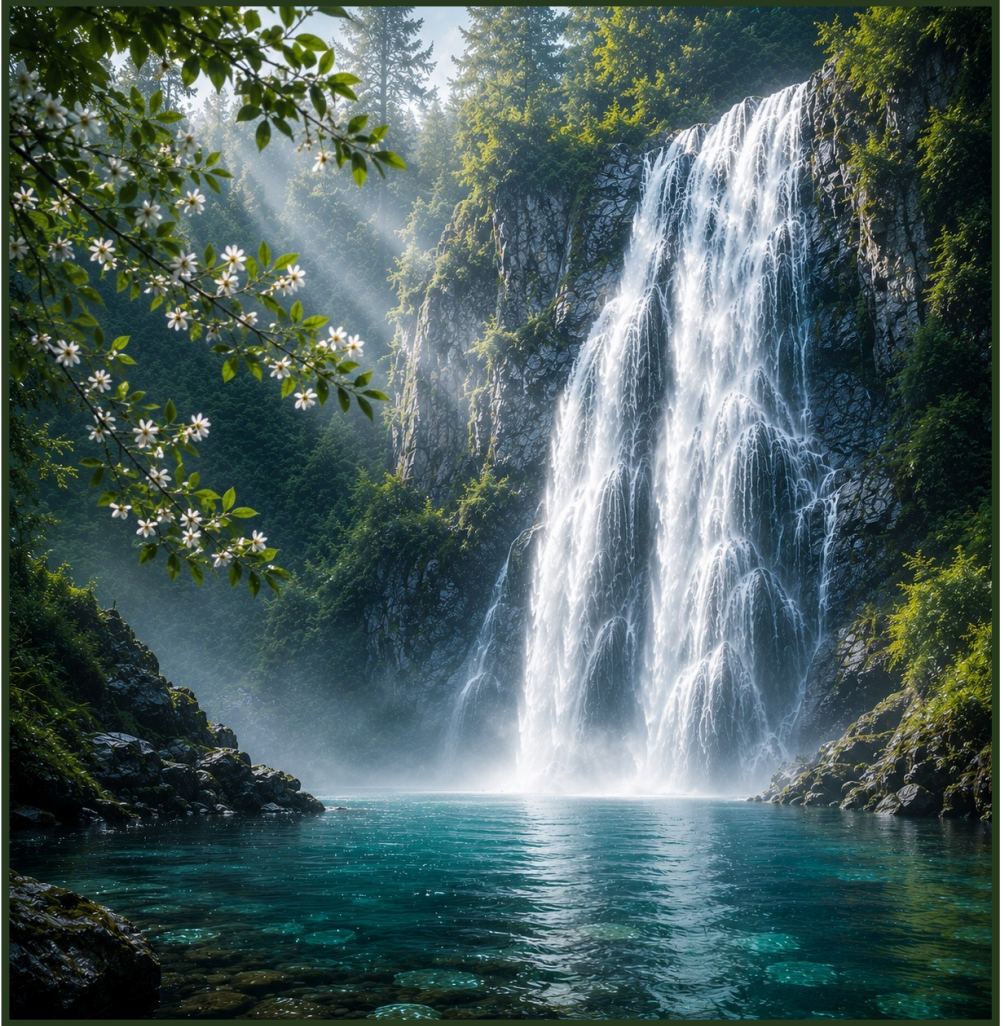




ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 10, 2026 - 9:30AM



“Be Holy”

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: Surely the Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world filled with violence and war,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

In a world filled with hunger and greed,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, joy of the universe, it is your awesome love that brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response, which hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty.

As we worship you, please do not give us the blessings we want but the ones we most need. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though such truth might be most uncomfortable, and confront us with your holy beauty that will often cause us pain before it brings healing. Through Christ Jesus your joyful Son. 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: "Yahweh"

HYMN: "Take Time to be Holy"

UMH 395

SCRIPTURE: I Peter 1:13-25
SERMON TITLE: "Be Holy"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus the Very Thought of You" UMH 175

*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.

- 05/03 Linda Thomas' granddaughter, Kayla Carr for healing.
- 05/03 Bart, who is recovering from cancer treatments in Berea, KY
- 04/29 Anne Hennen has been moved to Sanctuary Point (Hamilton Ave) for follow-up nursing care and rehab.
- 04/26 Sharon Hamp is home recovering
- 04/26 Shirley Aydlett is now back home, after being in hospital.
- 04/26 Pray for a family member who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 04/26 Kym Nguyen thanks everyone for all of the cards, texts, flowers, calls and prayers in the passing of my dad. It truly meant so much to my family.
- 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 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 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.

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 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, 05/10 Mother's Day/Hat Day Service**

**Today, we have flower stems available for each woman as we honor and celebrate all women this Mother's Day.*

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

12:00 pm New Covenant reserved Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 05/11

10:00 am Crafts Group

6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 05/12

WEDNESDAY, 05/13

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, 05/14

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/15

12:00 pm Ruth Circle Luncheon (last meeting until September)

SATURDAY, 05/16

11:30 am Matthew 25 Ministries (note the time change)

SUNDAY, 05/17

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALAD LUNCHEON A SUCCESS!!!

We had 159 people attend the luncheon! Thank you to everyone who cooked, served, bussed tables, cleaned up, came to eat, and invited a friend. This wonderful event truly could not have happened without everyone working together. Thank you again for all your help and support—until next year!

MAY 15, FRIDAY, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON 12:00-2:30PM

The main dish will be provided—please bring a covered dish or side to share. Join us for this final gathering before our summer break as we enjoy fellowship together. Ruth Circle will resume in September. Contact Pam Guynes for details.

MAY 16, SATURDAY, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES 11:30AM-1:30PM

Please NOTE TIME CHANGED from 11—1 to 11:30—1:30 and sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lynne Schumacker for more information.

MAY 24, GRADUATION SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP

We have 2 graduates this year: Gunnar Marshall graduating from Fairfield HS and Zach Dichtl is graduating from Purdue with his PhD. Contact Peggy Smith if there are other graduates.

MAY 26, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH 12:00-2:00PM

Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! Next place that we are going to is Outback Steakhouse location: 11700 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, 45224 Reserve your seat by May 24— Sue Beckett.

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 MISSIONS

Throughout the month of June we will be collecting for our church Little Pantry and B-day Kits.

JUNE 13, HEALING CENTER 9AM-12PM

Contact Cindy Miller for details and sign up at the Narthex bulletin board.

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, contact Peggy Smith/Sue Luken.**

JUNE 14, MONDAY, LADIES IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY, 5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

We will meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner and bible study conversation. Please remember to bring something to eat with you. Contact Kym Nguyen for more information.

JUNE 19, SERVE CITY "PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE"

We invite you to create and donate picnic-themed meals and items to bless others in our community. Get creative with your favorite summer dishes—fresh, simple, and made with care. Easy-to-serve, ready-to-share items are appreciated. Every contribution makes a meaningful difference. Sign up sheets will be at the Narthex bulletin board soon. Contact Tari Randall/Jenni Hensler/Lyn Bucalo

JUNE 21, HAT, TIE, TEE FOR FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 28, SUNDAY, ST MARKS CARES MEETING, 10:30AM

We will meet in Fellowship Hall after service.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 26, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 97

Sunday School Attendance: 1

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,872.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 545.14
	<u>\$5,417.24</u>

*Special—Designated Giving** \$685.00

Special—Capital Campaign^ \$1,150.00

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

^Campaign for Restroom Improvements



God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face
And so, he gave us mothers.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown
Without providing for his own
The outstretched arms of mothers.

He could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray
Or kiss all of our hurts away
And so, he sent us mothers.

And when our childhood days began
He needed someone to take command
That's why he placed our tiny hands
Securely in our mother's.

From youth to adulthood, we arrived
We set our goals for which we strive
Our moms were there to help us thrive
Pillars of strength...our rocks...our mothers.

God is with us every moment
HE surely knows our every need
So, HE gave us moms to be his helpers
Such precious gifts indeed!

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