



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026 - 9:30AM



"The Pepsi Challenge"

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: "Festive Peal"

Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and abundant in power, with wisdom beyond our understanding.

It is God who numbers all the stars and gives each of them a name yet bends and heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also, with you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 154
(verses 1,2,3, and 6)

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, I praise you because your unfailing love never ends! By your mercies I have been kept from complete destruction. Great is your faithfulness; your mercies begin afresh each day. You are my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in you. You are unfailingly good to those whose hope is in you, to those who seek you. Teach me to wait quietly for your salvation. Help me to submit to your yoke of discipline. Let me sit alone in silence beneath your demands. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In the Garden"

Handbell Choir

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.

- 05/11 Patricia "Pat" Pitman passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 87. Funeral services will be private. Please keep Pat's family and loved ones in your prayers during this time of loss. May God surround them with His peace, comfort, and loving care.
- 05/10 Elaine Shreve's oldest son, Chris in PA as he is recovering from a long illness.
- 05/10 Prayers for a friend's mother as she recovers from a liver transplant. May God grant her strength, comfort, and continued healing.
- 05/10 For a young mother and her son seeking safety, peace, and a new beginning.
- 05/10 Debbie Vitale's friends, sister Holly, who is gravely ill.
- 05/10 Tomie O'Sullivan was in Mercy hospital and now in rehab.
- 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.

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
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, 05/17

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

MONDAY, 05/18

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

TUESDAY, 05/19

7:00 pm Lead Team

WEDNESDAY, 05/20

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, 05/21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/22

SATURDAY, 05/23

SUNDAY, 05/24 GRADUATION SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
1:00 pm New Covenant (Fellowship Hall from 1-4pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us following worship at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for our 5th Sunday Potluck! The meat will be provided — just bring a side dish, casserole, or dessert to share. It's a wonderful chance to slow down, enjoy good food, and spend time together around the table and to connect as a church family. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can plan for the meal. Contact Pam Guynes or Cindy Booker.

JUNE MISSIONS

Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting items for our church Little Pantry and Birthday Kits for Fairfield Food Pantry. These donations help provide everyday necessities and special birthday celebrations for families in our community. Donations may be placed in the designated collection area and please label accordingly. Thank you for helping us share kindness, care, and encouragement with others through these ministries.

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.**

HAVE ANY OLD T-SHIRTS? ART CAMP COULD USE THEM

Art Camp is looking for donations of old t-shirts. Any color, in any shape, any size, any design or printing. They will be cut into strips for weaving. Please drop into marked box in the narthex.

JUNE 15, 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

Grab your favorite Hat, Tee and/or Tie and let's honor the men who have guided, supported, and shaped us. Let's celebrate with fun and styles.

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

We will meet in Fellowship Hall after service.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MAY 10, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 125
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,950.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 910.51
	<u>\$6,860.51</u>

*Special—Designated Giving** \$2,258.00
Special—Capital Campaign^ \$1,170.00

**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs
^Campaign for Restroom Improvements*

5th Sunday POTLUCK

Everyone
brings
something.
Everyone
belongs.

Food. Fellowship. Community.

LET'S DO LIFE TOGETHER!



MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED.

Please bring a side dish, casserole, or dessert to share!



**JOIN US FOLLOWING
WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM.**



**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE
SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.**
Thank you!

Come hungry. Leave encouraged. ♥



Summer Camp FOR KIDS & YOUTH



Art Camp

JUNE 15-17

1-4 PM or 6-8 PM

Ages 4-7 & 8+

Both camps are FREE for everyone! ♥



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or Sue Luken

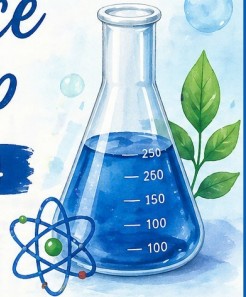
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