



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 2026 - 9:30AM



“Something Special”

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"

UMH 328

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory
and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

We sing praises, indeed! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "America the Beautiful"**

UMH 696

***OPENING PRAYER**

On this day of memory, we gather to sing and to pray, we remember the past and look to the future. On this day when the guns once fell silent, we come before you God, seeking Your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror, we come before you God, praying with all our hearts: God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Help us to find the path that leads to the peaceable kingdom. Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.

In this time of story, song, and prayer, may we be recommitted to being people of peace, true peace. May we catch a vision of how the world could live together. And so, we echo the old prayers, make us channels of Your peace. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GRADUATE SUNDAY
Honoring: Zachary Dichtl, Will Nguyen, and Gunnar Marshall
(Please see the insert for more details, and join us after worship for cake and fellowship in the Community Room)

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT
Offertory
Doxology

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Filled with the Power"

HYMN: "Breathe On Me Breath of God" UMH 420

SCRIPTURE: I Peter 2:4-10
SERMON TITLE: "Something Special" Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Spirit Song" UMH 347

*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.

- 05/17 We lift up Donna and her family following the passing of her husband, Bruce Armstrong, on May 14 after a long illness. While he will be deeply missed, we give thanks that he is now at peace. May God surround Donna and all who loved Bruce with comfort and loving care in the days ahead. Services will be: Visitation 10am followed by Memorial service at 11am at St. Mark’s UMC, Pastor Mark presiding.
- 05/17 Marta Hollinger’s daughter, Gina, as she recovers from a broken ankle. May God grant her patience, endurance, and quick healing.
- 05/17 We lift up the family and friends of Jenny Angst, a 53-year-old wife and mother who passed away on Friday, May 15. May God surround all who loved her with comfort, courage, grace, and support during this difficult time.
- 05/17 Hugh & Pam Guynes niece, Kristi Flannery, as she undergoes an ablation procedure. May all go smoothly, may the medical team be guided with wisdom and care, and may Kristi experience a quick and peaceful recovery surrounded by God’s relief and healing presence.
- 05/17 Kayla Goodman’s friend, Jamie Morton, as she undergoes surgery to remove cancer. May God guide the hands of the medical team, bring health and strength during this time, and surround Jamie and her loved ones with peace, hope, and healing grace.
- 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 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.

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 (Sanctuary Point)

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, 05/24 GRADUATION SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am Graduate Celebration w/cake in Community room
- 1:00 pm New Covenant (Fellowship Hall from 1-4pm)

MONDAY, 05/25 Memorial Day

- 10:00 am Crafts Group

TUESDAY, 05/26

- 12:00 am Lunch Bunch

WEDNESDAY, 05/27

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 6:00 pm Choir Dinner thank you (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, 05/28

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/29

SATURDAY, 05/30

SUNDAY, 05/31

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am Fifth Sunday Potluck Meal (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! Our next gathering will be Outback Steakhouse location: 11700 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, 45224
Reserve your seat by May 24— Sue Beckett.

MAY 27, WEDNESDAY, "THANK YOU CHOIR DINNER" 6:00-9:00PM

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special evening of fellowship and appreciation. Whether you were a tech person, participated in cantatas, narrators, choir member, soloist, instrumentalist, bell ringer, or helped in any way through music ministry, we would love to celebrate and thank you for sharing your gifts and talents.

MAY 27-30, 2026 WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF UMC

The 57th session of the West Ohio Conference will be held May 27- 30 at Capital University in Bexley. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will preside. The theme for this year's session is "Abundant Grace," based on the scripture from Matthew 14:13-21.

MAY 31, SUNDAY, 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON, 10:30AM

Join us following worship in Fellowship Hall. 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 at the welcome counter so we can plan accordingly.*** Contact Pam Guynes or Cindy Booker.

JUNE 4, PICKLEBALL WITH THE PASTOR, HARBIN PARK, 6:30PM

Grab your paddle and join us as pickleball season gets underway! We'll meet at Harbin Park for an evening of fun, laughter, fellowship, and friendly games. All skill levels are welcome.

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 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. Easy-to-serve, ready-to-share items are appreciated. Every contribution makes a difference. Sign up sheets on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Tari Randall/Jenni Hensler

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 17, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 90

Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,003.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 735.18
	\$3,738.18

*Special—Designated Giving** \$305.00

Special—Capital Campaign^ \$190.00

**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. ♥



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JUNE 15-17

1-4 PM or 6-8 PM

Ages 4-7 & 8+

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