ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 2026 - 9:30 AM

"Anger Management: Slow Down"

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 the opening prayer, please complete a card and it will be collected 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: "Open Our Eyes Lord"
(Media Team: The Faith We Sing 2026)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Come with your questions, come with your awe!
For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.
Come with your energy, come with your weariness!
For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.
Come with your sadness, come with your joy!
For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King" UMH 61

*OPENING PRAYER
God of our hearts…here we are! We've come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us. We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love. You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. 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: "The Artist"

HYMN: "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 16:32
SERMON TITLE: Pastor Mark Gregory
"Anger Management: Slow Down"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: Sue Combs

Lyrics to (Take Jesus With You)

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.

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.

10/11 Marta Hollinger's dear friend, Pepsi Wroot who is experiencing severe health issues and is now in Hamilton Hospice Center. Pray for peace and comfort for her family and loved ones during this difficult time.

10/06 Prayers for Don Ault who is in ICU at Hamilton/Kettering with pneumonia. He is doing okay.

10/05 Happy Birthday to Sharon Hoefelmeyer (October 3)

10/05 Lois Hill is recovering at Jamestown, RM 402 where she is receiving rehab after a fall that caused several fractures in her pelvis. She is doing as well as can be expected. Please keep Lois in your prayers for healing, renewed strength, and brighter days ahead. May she feel surrounded by God's love & the caring support of her St. Mark's family.

09/29 It is with sadness that we share the passing of two beloved, longtime members of our St. Mark's family, Roy Brown and Eleanor McCollum, who both entered their eternal rest on September 29, 2026. Please keep their families and loved ones in your hearts and prayers. May God surround them with comfort and peace in the days ahead.

09/27 JOY! Don Kemen has returned home as of September 26.

09/27 JOY! Happy Birthday to Hannah Hensler!

09/27 Sharon Hamp's grandson, Cameron Healy, who is in UC hospital with chest pain.

09/27 Susan Bunte's friend, Nathan, his cancer has returned and is hoping to receive a liver transplant.

09/27 Patty Coyle's grandson, Alex who is having hand seizures.

09/27 Will Nguyen, who completely tore his Achilles tendon. He is in a boot, non-weight bearing for 6 months. Pray for healing as he navigates how to get around with his residency.

09/27 Nick Yakimow who has brain cancer.

09/27 For the Money Family with the passing of Carla Money.

09/20 Mike and Dianne Aiken become great grandparents to Amelia, born September 19 to Zach and Samantha Chasteen.

09/20 Longtime friends of the Nguyen's, Michael Brankamp, a 22 yr old Lakota West graduate who had a brain aneurysm last week. He is in a medically induced coma down at UC hospital.

09/20 Shirley Aydlett's Georgia Family. Her cousin's husband passed away.

09/20 Dwight & Karen Clendenin with health issues.

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
Arvilla Brinkmeyer
Helen Brown
Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle
Shirley Grant
Kayla Goodman
Sharon Hamp
Lois Hill
Anne Hennen
Iris Jones & Family
Cliff Klug
Don Kemen
Mary Lou Knau
June Niederman
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)
Zedith Pottenger (Storypoint)
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte (Jamestown)
Peggy Wyatt

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
  GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:45 am St. Mark's Cares meeting (Community Room)
- 4:00 pm Fallfest Trunk or Treat (Updated event time is 4:00-530pm)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
- ***November Newsletter Submission Deadline***
- 10:00 am Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall - Mike Fitzpatrick will lead)
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
- 12:00 pm Lasagna Love

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
- 9:00 am Ladies Fellowship - Rookwood Factory Tour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 Third Grade Bible Sunday
- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
  GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
Please join us in celebrating and honoring Pastor Mark for his faithfulness, leadership, service, and dedication to St. Mark's. Throughout the month of October, we invite you to share your love, encouragement, and prayers. If you feel inclined, special love offerings to show our gratitude and support can be placed in the marked box in the Narthex at the Welcome Center. If using a check, please make out to Mark Gregory and (Not the church). Thank you for sharing your appreciation!

OCTOBER 18, SUNDAY, FALLFEST TRUNK or TREAT, 4:00-5:30PM
Sign up at the Welcome counter so we get an idea who is coming. Decorate your cars and pass out candy. For more information, contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

OCTOBER 23, FRIDAY, LASAGNA LOVE, 12:00-5:00PM
Sign up at the Welcome Counter. Volunteers to donate food, prepare, deliver and donate ingredients. For more details, contact Cindy Miller.

OCTOBER 24, SATURDAY, LADIES FELLOWSHIP @ ROOKWOOD FACTORY 9:00AM
Ladies Fellowship Rookwood Pottery Factory Tour will be October 24, Saturday. We will meet at SMUMC at 9am and carpool to the factory. The cost is $15.00, contact Sue Luken

OCTOBER 25, 3rd GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY, 9:30AM DURING WORSHIP SERVICE
If you have a 3rd grader, please let Peggy know so that we have Bibles for all of the children.

OCTOBER 27, TUESDAY, LUNCH BUNCH, 12:00-2:00PM
Enjoy a friendly time of food, conversation, and fellowship where everyone is welcome! We are going to Snow's Lakeside Tavern located at 4344 Dryridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252. For more information and to reserve your seat by October 25, contact Sue Beckett.

NOVEMBER 1, YOUTH STUDY WITH PEGGY, 9:30AM (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)
Grow in faith, ask big questions, and connect with friends! Join Peggy for our monthly youth study group during Sunday worship. Save the dates: 11/01/26,12/06/26, 1/03/2027, 2/07/27, 3/07/27, 4/04/27, and 5/02/27.

NOVEMBER 8, SUNDAY, POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE
Help make our sanctuary beautiful for the Christmas season by ordering a poinsettia! Each plant comes in a 6.5-inch pot with 5–7 blooms and costs $10. These festive flowers will bring warmth and beauty to our worship space as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Orders are due Sunday, November 8. Contact the office for more information. Order forms will be available October 25

NOVEMBER 15, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, 6:00PM
Youth, come join the fun! Connect with friends and enjoy an evening just for you at Youth Fellowship from 6-7pm. Contact Peggy for details.

NOVEMBER 17, CHURCH CONFERENCE 7:15PM

NOVEMBER 21, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES, 9:00AM

NOVEMBER 29, 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK, 10:30AM

WEEKLY GROUPS & MINISTRIES

MONDAYS, LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP, 6:30PM
We gather in person on the first Monday of each month and Zoom weekly. Contact Kym Nguyen.

WEDNESDAYS, MEN'S PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP, 7:30AM
Prayer, encouragement, support & fellowship. Contact Jeff Gering.

WEDNESDAYS, BIBLE STUDY GROUP, 2-3PM
Everyone is welcome, even if you have never come before. Contact Sue McDaniel.

WEDNESDAYS, MUSIC REHEARSALS, 6:30-9:00PM
Bell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser.

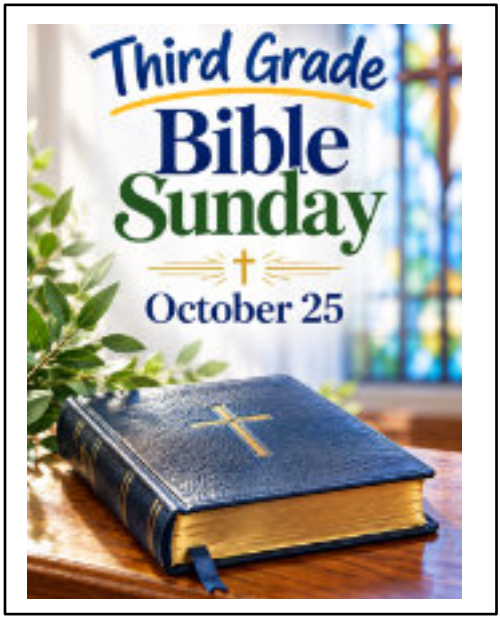
RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Worship In-Person Attendance: 83 *(Sunday School Attendance: 1)*

Weekly Budget Needs	$6,554.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	$3,550.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	$1,218.76
	$4,768.76

Special—Designated Giving* $525.00
Special—Capital Campaign^ $300.00
**Designated Giving cannot be used for Budget Needs*
^Campaign for Restroom Improvements



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