



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 23, 2024, 9:30am**

*Sermon Title: "In the Garden: Where It All Starts"*



Worship with us In-person and Live-stream



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## **WELCOME! We are glad you are here.**

*Please sign the Attendance Pad in your pew and pass it along. Return it to its original place when finished, noting those present with you. Greet one another after the worship service! Please offer a warm welcome to those who are visitors.*

*For prayer requests, find Prayer Cards in the pew racks. Completed cards will be collected during the opening hymn and shared during our prayer time.*

*An \* invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit.*

*Congregation responses are in **bold print** and projected.*

## **WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE:

Sue Combs

\*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

"Take Time to be Holy"

UMH 395

\*OPENING PRAYER

**We thank you, God, for drawing us to this time and place  
and for allowing us to be still and to receive your gift of  
life in Christ. Whether we have heard the news many  
times over, or are this day listening with brand new  
ears, surprise us with your justice and righteousness,  
that our lives might turn in the right direction; startle us  
with your goodness and mercy, that we might receive  
your empowering forgiveness; stagger us with your hope  
and peace, that our eyes will remain wide open as we  
leave this place, wondering what you will be doing this  
week in our world and in us. This we pray in the name of  
your Messiah. 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHRIS BEISER

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:15-17

SERMON:

Pastor Mark

**"In the Garden: Where It All Starts"**

\*CLOSING HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour"

UMH 397

\*BENEDICTION:

\*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE

Sue Combs

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## ***Joys/Concerns***

*If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."*

- 06/19 Jim Jones was released from the hospital after spending a few days there for an infection in his foot.
- 06/16 Dianne Aiken's niece, Jodi Seeley, in the sudden death of her husband, Brian, who has children who are 18, 16, and 5 years old. They are in need of many prayers.
- 06/16 Bill & Julie Dichtl's son, Zachary, who is having problems with a neighbor.
- 06/16 Julie Dichtl's sister, Lynne, for positive medical tests results.
- 06/16 Debbie Vitale for healing with severe back pain.
- 06/16 Ruth Stanifer's son, Brandon, and daughter, Kristina, are both having health issues.
- 06/09 Gerri Anderson had foot surgery on June 7 and will have several weeks of recovery.
- 06/05 JOY! Virginia Shaw is back at home and is doing well!
- 06/02 JOY! Paul Schutte is back home.
- 06/02 Family of Kyle Kennedy, who passed away on May 29. Kyle is the father of David and Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law.
- 06/02 Lauren Leyrer's friend, Shelby; her father has stage 4 cancer.
- 06/02 Elaine Shreve's brother, Richard Beers, who is in Hospice care.
- 05/26 Jeff Gering for a second opinion on his shoulder nerve pain.
- 05/26 For the family members and friends of the US Missionaries in Haiti who were slain.
- 05/26 Mike Aiken with the removal of cancer near his ear.
- 05/19 JOY! June Niederman's granddaughter, Melody Johnson, graduated from Asbury Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree, and now plans to work toward getting her PHD. On June 3, she will begin her job as Director of Youth and Children at Lindenwald Community Church. Occasionally, she will deliver the sermon.
- 05/19 David & Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law's father, Kyle Kennedy, in the hospital & not doing well.
- 05/19 Prayers for strength & guidance for Mike Anderson & Tim Dutey in raising their 3 adopted special needs boys.
- 05/19 Prayers for a family who recently lost their son.
- 05/19 Prayers for a friend fighting cancer.
- 05/19 Prayers for a friend who recently lost her brother-in-law to cancer
- 05/12 Ann Brabbs continues to recover from home and feeling so much better to receive visitors now. We continue to pray for Ann's recovery.
- 05/12 Our heart-felt condolences and prayers for Jean Cottrill's family and friends. Jean passed away on Wed., May 8
- 05/12 Roy Brown for preparatory tests for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement. (TAVR).

## **Continuing Prayers**

Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates. Contact Lyn at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) or call the office (513) 844-1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory  
All service Men & Women  
Our Country  
First Responders  
United Methodist Church  
Prayer & Bible Study Groups  
For the sick and/or homeless  
Don Ault  
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)  
Ann Brabbs  
Patty Coyle  
Mike Fitzpatrick  
Jeff Gering

### **St. Mark's Homebound:**

Freida Hawkins  
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community  
Nancy & Wade Lewis  
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)  
Eleanor McCollum  
Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)

Sharon Hamp  
Iris Jones  
Cliff Klug  
Wade Lewis  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Eugene Campbell—lung cancer  
(Linda Prohaska's brother)  
Parkside Residents  
Brenda Smoot

Zedith Pottenger  
Jean Stivers  
Virginia Shaw  
Paul Schutte  
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)  
Betty Winkler

## **ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
TODAY, 06/23 (Reds Game Day Church Event)**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
- 1:40 pm Reds Game Church Event (this is game time)

### **MONDAY, 06/24**

- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study Group (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 06/25**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at Back Porch
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 06/26**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Walk/Exercise Class

### **THURSDAY, 06/27**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 06/28**

- 5:00pm Serve City Meals & Volunteering (Theme: Grilling & Picnic foods)
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-Face Prayers (Choir Room)

### **SATURDAY, 06/29**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

### **SUNDAY, 06/30**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JUNE 25, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at THE BACK PORCH (FULL)**

This month, we are having lunch at The Back Porch in West Chester. Address is 9626 Princeton Glendale Road, West Chester 45011. *No more reservation accepted, we are filled up.* For questions, contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

### **JUNE 28, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY**

We are planning a "Grill-out/Picnic" theme for the food donations. We will provide and grill the burgers and take to Serve City with plans to serve around 50 people. We are looking for food donations such as potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, buns, drinks, desserts, and anything that is picnic food related. Sign-up sheet is on Narthex bulletin board. Please bring in your meals and goodies, to St. Mark's kitchen by 5 PM. This will give us time to pack the car and drive to the location. Any sized contribution is also appreciated. Contact Lyn Bucalo or Tari Randall.

### **JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

### **JULY 9, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST**

We are planning another volunteer opportunity at Shared Harvest Foodbank. We will be packing boxes for distribution to those in need within our community. This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand and make a meaningful impact. A sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex bulletin board. For more information, please contact Debbie Bryant. We look forward to seeing you.

**JULY 13, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS-ALL CHURCH WORKDAY**

The Helping Hands—Church Workday is scheduled with Matt Snyder as the lead Trustee contact for the church workday. Dates to Note: Sept ember 7 with Penny Dole and November 2 with Kristy Theiss as Trustee Leads.

**JULY 19, FRIDAY, 1-5PM, LASAGNA LOVE—HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED**

Help Feed Families in Need with Lasagna Love at St. Mark’s Kitchen! Back by popular demand, join us in the church kitchen to make a difference. We will prepare 15 lasagnas to support the Lasagna Love backlog in our area. Please sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter to donate lasagna ingredients, volunteer to help make lasagna’s, or to deliver these meals. Your support is invaluable! Thank you from Cindy Miller, St. Mark’s Cares, Lasagna Love, and the families we feed.

**JULY 17 & AUGUST 14, CHURCH DISCUSSION/MEETING—LEAD TEAM**

Join Pastor Mark to discuss options for the organization of a UMC church: one being a traditional structure and the other is a ‘Lead Team.’ This is an opportunity to present information about a lead team structure to the congregation in order to get input. The dates are: July 17 at 7PM (In-person) and August 14 at 7PM (Zoom).

**ROOM AT THE TABLE AND TRUSTEES NOTE:**

In keeping with our goal of making St. Mark’s welcoming & inclusive place for all to worship, The Room at the Table committee , in conjunction with the Trustees, has placed boxes containing feminine hygiene products in each of the restrooms. These supplies are placed either on the counter or on the back of the toilet and are intended for anyone who might need them. If you have questions, please contact a Room at the Table Committee member: Susan & Elizabeth Bunte, Bill, Julie or Zac Dichtl, Jim & Shirley Howell, Missy Lamar, Tonya Leguina, Sue Luken, Kyle Robinson, John & Peggy Smith.

**MEDIA VOLUNTEER**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with the media area in the back of the sanctuary. Another option, would be to have 2 people alternate weeks. Please contact Pastor Mark for information, and NO experience is needed.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JUNE 16, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 106  
Sunday School Attendance: 9

Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,432.20
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,397.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 377.62
	<b><u>\$3,774.62</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$761.00  
*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*One for: Kristy Theiss's Birthday Love, Mom*  
*One for: Debbie Vitale's Birthday Love, her Family*

### **Reds Game Church Event! SUN., June 23, 1:40PM (GAME TIME)** **Cincinnati Reds VS Boston Red Sox (At Stadium)**



Those going to St. Mark's Church event at the Ballpark (Cincinnati) *Children under 3 years old are free, sitting on lap.* We have SECTION 414 is reserved. This is a great time for fellowship, fun memories, and friendship! Contact Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory for details. Transportation information will be forthcoming. Let's play Ball!



### **JUNE 28** **SERVE CITY—SIZZLIN' SUMMER** **GRILLIN' & PICNIC THEMED** **DINNER**

On June 28, St. Mark's will serve about 50 people in need. We are looking for food donations that are Picnic themed | meals, sides, desserts, drinks, etc. Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board.

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