



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024 - 9:30AM



Sermon: "Filters: Perfection"

Worship with us In-person
Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks
And on our website at
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

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, nothing 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 "The Heart of Worship" Mark Hensler

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate.

Our God is merciful and forgiving.

Our God is faithful and trustworthy

Our God is just and good.

So come, let's worship God together.

God's praise will last forever! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH89

***OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. 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 "I Surrender All" Mark Hensler
 Offertory
 Doxology
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Chris Beiser

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:43 through 6:4

SERMON: Filters: Perfection Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH430

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

*POSTLUDE Sue Combs

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for up to 4 weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 08/18 Pam Brockfield as she heals steadily but slow from back surgery that was on Tuesday, 8/13.
- 08/18 Mark and Diana's family friend, Steve Wuest.
- 08/18 Pam Brockfield's brother in law, Jerry Wallace, who passed away this past week. Please keep family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies go out to them.
- 08/13 Prayers for Iris Jones as she recovers from Covid.
- 08/11 Mike & Dee Aiken's friend, Marti Miller is having open heart surgery August 15.
- 08/11 John and Katie Meyer's friend, Brandon, who is suffering from an undiagnosed illness.
- 08/11 John and Katie Meyer's neighbor who's husband passed away unexpectedly, August 10.
- 08/11 Prayers for good health for Lois Hill's daughter, Tari Crosby.
- 08/11 Prayers for some special people from Belinda Peters.
- 08/11 Prayers for a safe & healthy year for all kids/staff returning to school.
- 08/04 Blessed for 9 months sobriety!
- 08/04 Travel mercies for Alethea & Nicole on their way to Alaska on a cruise ship and Jennifer for her trip to Europe with her college soccer team.
- 08/04 Terrill Broshear's sister, Linda Krause, recovering from surgery on 8/07/24. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 08/04 Bud Aydlett had 2 spots removed by dermatologist 8/02.
- 08/04 Freida's great granddaughter born with cleft pallet.
- 08/01 JOY! Lyn Bucalo and family are thrilled to have a little grandson, Luca Anthony born on August 2nd.
- 07/28 Continued prayers for our nation and world.
- 07/28 Cindy Ditmyer's son, Scott who needs to feel God's presence in his life right now.
- 07/21 Family of Marion Brockfield, who passed away on July 17. She was wife of David Brockfield's brother, Jerry.
- 07/21 Donna Hughes friend Gail (in Harrison) has cancer.
- 07/21 Mary Kosman, Cory, Wayne and David.
- 07/18 Julie Dichtl is progressing and having more good days in her recovery. She is walking, talking, and playing games. She was discharged from the hospital on July 18.

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 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
Julie Dichtl

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

St. Mark's Homebound:

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

Zedith Pottenger
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)
Betty Winkler (Lives in GA 6/30/24)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 08/25

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Celebrating Freida Hawkins 100th Birthday (Fellowship Hall)
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 08/26

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 08/27

7:00 pm SPRC meeting (Heritage Room)
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 08/28

7:30 am Men's Prayer group
10:00 am Walking/Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, 08/29

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 08/30

7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 08/31

All Day Fellowship Hall (reserved)
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 09/01 Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Celebrating Alethea LaMar 80th Birthday (Fellowship Hall)
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 25, SUNDAY, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR FREIDA HAWKINS

Join us after worship, to celebrate a remarkable milestone—Freida Hawkins' 100th birthday! We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for cake, ice cream, and joyful fellowship. Come wish Freida a happy birthday and be a part of this special moment as we honor her century of life and love.

AUGUST 26, MONDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

We have resumed the Monday Night Bible Study. Join in any time as we jump back into the scriptures for spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. The study group is open to all ladies at any point in our study. There is no catch up work to do, just show up and have fellowship while we discuss the bible. Contact Kym Nguyen for more details.

AUGUST 28, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE GROUP

We continue to "Walk of Weight" each Wednesday morning where we stroll, kick and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles. This class is designed for all levels, including beginners. You can sit in a chair and work out too! No judgement and go at your pace. Contact Ruth Ritenbaugh for more details.

SEPTEMBER 1, SUNDAY, 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR ALETHEA LAMAR

An Open House Celebration! Time: 1-4pm, Where: St. Mark's UMC—Fellowship Hall in honor of Alethea LaMar's 80th birthday for cake, ice cream, and fellowship. Let's gather for a joyful time of love, laughter, and special memories. Hosted by her children & grandchildren.

SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS—ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Join us as Penny Dole leads the charge at the next All Church Workday, "August Cleanup Crusade: Church Edition." Stay tuned for more details on the tasks we will be tackling. Mark your calendars for November 2, when Kristy Theiss will take the lead as Trustee for another productive day of service.

SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for our All Church Picnic on September 8 from 5-7pm, where we'll be serving delicious pulled pork and pulled chicken BBQ along with beverages, plates, napkins, and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and don't forget your lawn chair for a cozy evening of fellowship. We look forward to gathering together for great food, games and fun! Contact Peggy Smith for more information.

SEPTEMBER 20, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE RESUMES

Ruth Circle resumes on Wednesday, September 20, at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, prayer, and shared devotion as we reconnect and support one another in faith. All women of St. Mark's are warmly invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH RESUMES AT SHOOTER'S

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, September 24, at 12 PM at Shooter's Sports Grill, 877 NW Washington Blvd, Hamilton. This casual gathering is a great way for St. Mark's family to connect each month at different local restaurants. To join in September, contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by Sunday, September 22, to reserve your spot.

SEPTEMBER 27, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY MEALS, MEXICAN FIESTA THEME

Hola, amigos! We're bringing the fiesta to Serve City with a Mexican-themed celebration! We'll be serving up delicious tacos with seasoned chicken and beef, and we need your help to complete the meal. We're looking for all the yummy taco toppings, along with Mexican-themed side dishes and desserts to make this a meal to remember. Please bring your food donations by 5 pm on Friday 9/27. Don't forget to sign up on the Narthex bulletin board and contact Lyn Bucalo if you have any questions. Let's come together to make this a joyful and tasty fiesta for everyone at Serve City—olé!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON

More details coming soon. Contact Peggy Smith for more information.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—AUGUST 11, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101
Sunday School Attendance: 8

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,105.84</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,291.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,153.12</u>
	<u>\$5,444.12</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$70.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*In Honor of Freida Hawkins—Happy 100th Birthday!
Happy Birthday Joey Specht (August 30)*



MILESTONE CELEBRATION FOR FREIDA HAWKINS' 100th BIRTHDAY!

On Sunday, AUGUST 25, after worship in Fellowship Hall. Let's come together and celebrate in honor of Freida's incredible century of life with joy, love, and fellowship. Cake and Ice Cream is provided. Contact the church office for details.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC (CHURCH SHELTER)

**SEPTEMBER 8
5-7PM**

**WE WILL PROVIDE PULLED PORK
and PULLED CHICKEN BBQ.
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.**

Contact: Peggy Smith

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF ALETHEA LAMAR'S 80th BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 1, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 1-4PM

An Open House Celebration for Alethea LaMar's 80th Birthday in Fellowship Hall (1-4pm) for cake, ice cream, and fellowship. Let's gather for a joyful time of love, laughter, and special memories.

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