

The logo features a stylized red flame on the left, with a black crossbar extending to the right. The text "ST. MARK'S" is in a large, bold, black serif font, and "UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is in a smaller, black serif font below it.

**ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 1, 2024 - 9:30AM**

**Communion Sunday**



**Sermon: The Armor of God — *Facing Evil***

**Worship with us In-person**  
**Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at**  
**[www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](http://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

Sue Combs

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply**

Pray for your communities

**Keep God in the center of all that is.**

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**and we can trust the promise.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your words. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**



# 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."*

- 08/25 Donna Hughes is moving to Ashville, NC that will be closer to her daughter and brother. Love to St. Mark's Church.
- 08/25 Ruth Ritenbaugh as we pray for good test results.
- 08/25 Viola Pater injured her back.
- 08/25 Susan Bunte's sister as she continues the struggles with early onset dementia.
- 08/25 Roger & Betty Roark's daughter, Missy Roark and her husband Paul, who had heart surgery this week.
- 08/25 JOY! Happy 56th Anniversary to Bob & Becky Mendenhall.
- 08/25 The Prohaska Family; Linda's brother Eugene Campbell passed away this morning. We send our condolences, love, and care to all of the family and friends.
- 08/18 Pam Brockfield as she heals steadily but slowly 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 whose 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 the wife of David Brockfield's brother, Jerry.
- 07/21 Donna Hughes friend, Gail, (in Harrison) has cancer.

## **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  
Julie Dichtl

Mike Fitzpatrick  
Sharon Hamp  
Iris Jones and her family  
Cliff Klug  
Wade Lewis  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Brenda Smoot (upcoming surgery)  
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 09/01 Communion Sunday**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3  
1:00-4:00pm Celebrating Alethea LaMar 80th Birthday (Fellowship Hall)  
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

### **MONDAY, 09/02**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

### **TUESDAY, 09/03**

- 6:30 pm Ladies (Monday) Bible Study meets (In-Person)  
6:30 pm CYF meeting  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 09/04**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group  
2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 09/05**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 09/06**

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

### **SATURDAY, 09/07**

- 9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Clean Up  
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **SUNDAY, 09/08 All Church Picnic**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3  
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary  
5:00-7:00pm All Church Picnic

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 3, TUESDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (IN PERSON)**

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.

### **SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE GROUP**

We continue to "Walk off 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. **(We are not meeting on September 4th)**

**SEPTEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP RESUMES**

Our Wednesday Bible Study Group resumes, and we begin with the chapter of Acts. For more information, contact Sue McDaniel.

**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**

Please see Sue Beckett for all questions and reservations until further notice. The Lunch Bunch will meet on 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. Confirm reservations with Sue Beckett 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 25, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 133  
Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,105.84</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,803.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,114.27</u>
	<b><u>\$5,917.27</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$170.00</u>

*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*In Memory of Jim Beckett*

*Happy 80th Birthday Alethea LaMar!*

*Happy 36th Anniversary Dave & Cindy Booker (planter)*

### **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.

Hosted by her children & grandchildren.



### **ALL CHURCH PICNIC (CHURCH SHELTER)**

**SEPTEMBER 8  
5-7PM**

**WE WILL PROVIDE PULLED PORK  
and PULLED CHICKEN BBQ.  
BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT**

**Contact: Peggy Smith**



### **SEPTEMBER 27, SERVE CITY MEALS MEXICAN FIESTA THEME**

A Mexican Fiesta at Serve City! We'll be serving delicious tacos and need your help with toppings, side dishes, and desserts. Please bring your food donations by 5 PM, sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Lyn Bucalo with any questions—olé!

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