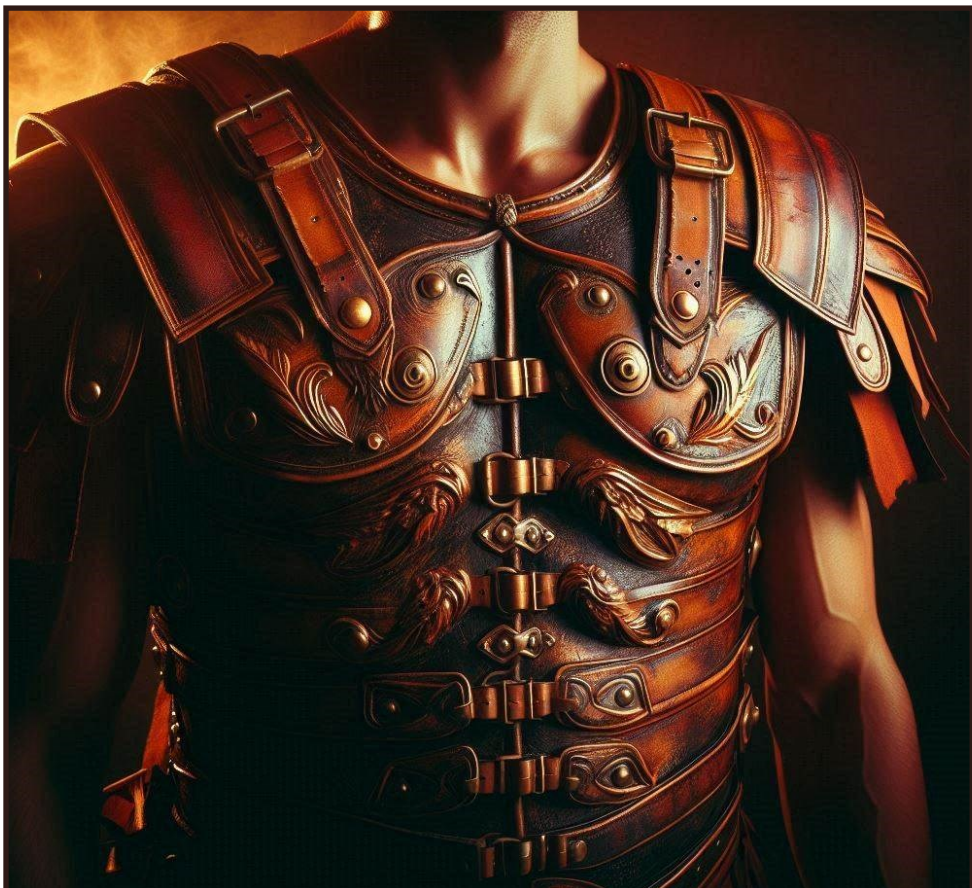


The logo features a stylized red flame on the left, with a black crossbar extending to the right. The text "ST. MARK'S" is in a large, bold, black serif font, and "UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is in a smaller, black serif font below it.

ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2024 - 9:30AM



Sermon: The Armor of God —*Righteousness*

**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 complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew. Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship!

Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Completed prayer 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

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How great is our God! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond our comprehension.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

The Lord delights in those who honour him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Praise the Lord! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Onward Christian Soldiers" UMH 575

*OPENING PRAYER

God for everything there is a time, and time is now our most precious commodity. Our clocks are always running. From birth to death: during times of joy and sorrow: work and play: business and pleasure: speech and silence: worship and church activities: tick, tock, tick, tock. We are like Martha, with our long to-do lists. Slow us down Lord, and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needful, that we be still before you and know that you are God. 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."

- 09/12 Bob Hamp is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
- 09/08 Our amazing pianist, Sue Combs is working through the healing of her wrist.
- 09/08 Jenni Hensler's cousin, Karen, who is beginning chemo and radiation treatments on 9/09 for cancer.
- 09/08 Gale Price had surgery on 9/09 for pancreatic cancer.
- 09/08 Mary Begley's friend, Daphne Jones had a sudden medical emergency.
- 09/08 Mike Fitzpatrick had surgery on 9/09 and is recovering well but continue to keep him in your prayers and thoughts.
- 09/08 Brenda Smoot had heart surgery (Aortic valve) on 9/05 and is recovering, continue to keep her in your prayers.
- 09/01 Don & Marilyn Stewart's daughter, Amy in prayer as she recovering from neck surgery that was on 9/03.
- 09/01 Donna Armstrong's daughter's father is being treated in ICU after having a fall.
- 08/25 Donna Hughes has moved to Ashville, NC and is close to her daughter and brother. St. Mark's will miss you Donna and blessings to you as you travel and get settled in.
- 08/25 Viola Pater injured her back.
- 08/25 Susan Bunte's sister as she continues the struggles with early onset dementia.
- 08/25 Missy Roark-Paul had heart surgery last week. She is the daughter of Roger and Betty Roark.
- 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.
- 08/11 Mike & Dee Aiken's friend, Marti Miller, is recovering from open-heart surgery August 15 and is doing better.
- 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.

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 (surgery recovery)
Sharon Hamp
Bob Hamp (surgery recovery)
Iris Jones and her family
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Brenda Smoot (surgery recovery)
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, 09/15

- 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

MONDAY, 09/16

Newsletter submissions for October due

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group (Craft Room)
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 09/17

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 09/18

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 10:00 am Walk & Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 09/19

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 09/20

- 1:00 pm Ruth's Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 09/21

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

SUNDAY, 09/22

- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Please bring your food donations by 5 pm and sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact : Lyn Bucalo.

OCTOBER 4, FRIDAY, 7-9PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP FALL CRAFTS

Let's get crafty this fall for our Ladies Fellowship Night to make a beautiful fall candleholder and/or a rustic pumpkin log slice—both an adorable decoration that captures the essence of autumn. The cost is minimal just \$10 and this includes tasty sweets, treats and drinks. Contact : Sue Luken for more details.

OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY, 2-5PM, PUMPKIN PATCH PICK'IN AND ACTIVITES

Join us for a Youth and Family outing to Niederman Farm! Purchase tickets online for \$15 (save \$4 vs. gate price) at niedermanfamilyfarm.com. Admission includes all-day access to activities like a 4-acre corn maze, wagon rides, kids' play areas, animals exhibits, duck races, tug-o-war, life size chess, lil'sprouts, and much more. *If any Youth want to attend but their family is unable to accompany them, we got ya covered. Just sign up at the Welcome Center, and we'll arrange a ticket & group transportation, meet at the church at 1:45 pm.* Seniors (65+) can buy discounted tickets for \$10 at the gate with ID. We hope to see you there! Contact : Sue Luken

OCTOBER 20 , SUNDAY, 4:30-6:00PM, FALLFEST TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

More details coming soon. Contact : Peggy Smith

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON: Contact Peggy Smith for information.

WEEKLY GROUPS

SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

This group is open to all women, at any time, as we unpack each chapter for spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. Contact : Kym Nguyen.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 7:30AM, MEN's PRAYER GROUP

Join us in the prayer room each week. Contact : Jeff Gering

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE GROUP

This class is design for all levels as we "Walk off Weight" each week where we stroll, kick and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles. You can sit in a chair and work out too! No judgement and go at your pace. Contact : Ruth Ritenbaugh

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join at any time with readings and discussion in the book of Romans. Contact Sue McDaniel.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 100

Sunday School Attendance: 6

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| Weekly Budget Needs | <u>\$6,105.84</u> |
| Weekly In-Person Giving | \$4,438.10 |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>\$1,225.68</u> |
| | <u>\$5,663.78</u> |
| Special—Designated Giving* | <u>\$150.00</u> |
| <i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i> | |

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*Happy 63rd Anniversary Denny & Sue Mullen
Happy 92nd Birthday Edith Davis*



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 5PM, sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Lyn Bucalo with any questions—olé!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 4
7-9PM**

**LET'S GET
CRAFTY THIS
FALL!**

Contact:
Sue Luken



ANNUAL FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT OCTOBER 20, 4:30-6PM

Join us for our annual Fall Fest Trunk or Treat event! Get ready for a fun-filled evening with festive decorations, treats, and more. How will you decorate your car this year?
For details: Peggy Smith



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