



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 22, 2024 - 9:30AM



Sermon: "The Armor of God—Proper Footwear..."

**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**

Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

He is the one who keeps every promise forever, who gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath their loads.

The Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529
(vs 1-4)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with clouds when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. 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

CHOIR ANTHEM "Mighty God, Loving Savior"

HYMN "It Is Well With My Soul" UMH 377
(vs 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:15

SERMON: "Armor of God: Proper Footwear..." Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN "Pass It On" UMH 572

*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."

- 09/15 Brenda has moved to Doverwood Rehab and continues to heal from her surgery.
- 09/15 Debbie Vitale who is going through some health issues.
- 09/15 Josh Resendez has a skull fracture and brain bleed.
- 09/15 Carol Carothers, family friend who is in Hospice care.
- 09/15 Prayers for Jay Wright, Martha Wright's son, is in need of a living kidney transplant.
- 09/15 Joe Streit's recovery. He has been in the hospital for 14 days with numerous medical issues.
- 09/15 Iris Jones' daughter, Kathy Jones is at Bethesda NE for lung & back issues.
- 09/15 My niece, Lizzy, who is going through difficult times.
- 09/15 Continue to pray for Terrill Broshear's mother Viola Pater.
- 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 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 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 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 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 (recovering)
Sharon Hamp
Bob Hamp (recovering)
Iris Jones and her family
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Brenda Smoot (recovering)
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, 09/22

- 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
- 1:00-5:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved

MONDAY, 09/23

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

TUESDAY, 09/24

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at Shooter's
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
- 7:00 pm SPRC (Heritage Room)

WEDNESDAY, 09/25

- 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, 09/26

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 09/27

- 5:00 pm Serve City Meals
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 09/28

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

SUNDAY, 09/29

- 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

WEEKLY GROUPS

SEPTEMBER, MONDAY, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Shooter's Sports Grill, 877 NW Washington Blvd, Hamilton. Confirm reservations TODAY with Sue Beckett 513-856-8873 to reserve your spot.

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

We'll be serving up tacos and sides but we need your help with desserts such as brownies, cookies or a Mexican-themed treat (Ex Cinnamon chips, Churros, key lime bars, Snickerdoodles, Mexican wedding cookie, and more). Please bring your food donations by 5 pm and sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact : Lyn Bucalo.

SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 6, OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's shower the Gregory's with our thanks and gratitude that they are at St. Mark's! Beginning on Sunday, September 29, there will be a small basket at the Welcome Center in the narthex to collect our cards and well wishes. Thank you for sharing your appreciation!

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 ACITVITES

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.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 100

Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,105.84

Weekly In-Person Giving \$2,716.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,043.58

\$3,759.58

Special—Designated Giving* \$160.00

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



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



PUMPKIN PICK'IN AND ACTIVITIES at NIEDERMAN FARMS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2-5PM

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. See inside bulletin for the details.



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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