



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 29, 2024 - 9:30AM



Sermon: "The Armor of God—Shield of Faith"

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

Give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

*OPENING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers "

UMH 710

*OPENING PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Into your presence we come, Lord a few moments of quietness in a busy world that demands our attention. Breathe on us now that we might know your presence and your power to see this day though. 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."

- 09/27 Viola Pater is doing better and thank you for the prayers
- 09/24 Mike Fitzpatrick is doing great in his recovery process and has been cleared for light exercise and driving.
- 09/22 Dave & Pam Brockfield's friend Charles Bidlak is at Ohio State for stage 4 cancer.
- 09/22 Shane & Brooke Becker daughter Alice having a fever.
- 09/22 Donna Hughes is settled in her new home. Thank you for the prayers.
- 09/22 Brenda Smoot continues to heal at Doverwood Rehab and hopes to be home some time next week.
- 09/20 Iris Jones' daughter, Kathy is in the hospital with medical issues.
- 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.
- 09/08 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.
- 09/01 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 Susan Bunte's sister as she continues the struggles with early onset dementia.

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 (healing)
Bob & Sharon Hamp
Iris Jones and her family
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Brenda Smoot (rehab and healing)
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)

100 Cards and Notes for Eleanor McCollum who turns 100 years old on October 25, 2024! Happy Birthday Eleanor!

The McCollum Family asks for your help in sending a card or note to Eleanor to celebrate her 100th birthday. Our goal is 100 cards to give her to celebrate a life of faith, love, selfless giving and serving the needs of others. She is doing great and is excited about hearing from us.

Send cards or notes to:

*Eleanor McCollum
C/O Greta Smith
988 Symmes Road
Fairfield, OH 45014*

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, 09/30

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

TUESDAY, 10/01

- 6:30 pm CYF Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
- 7:00 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY, 10/02

- 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, 10/03

- 10:00 am Small Group Study
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/04

- 7:00 pm Ladies Fellowship Fall Craft Event
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 10/05

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

SUNDAY, 10/06 Communion Sunday

- 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 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. If using a check, please make out to Mark Gregory and (**Not** the church). 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 10, THURSDAY, 10:30AM, NOMINATIONS MEETING

More details coming, see Pastor Mark.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON: Contact Peggy Smith for information.

OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY, 9AM, NAMI 5K RUN/WALK

Step up to accept the challenge and become a catalyst for change through your commitment to mental health awareness. Together, we can raise funds for NAMI's mission and let individuals know they are not alone. Location: Fitton Center for Creative Arts, 101 S. Monument Ave, Hamilton, 45011. For donations go to <https://www.namiwalks.org/>

OCTOBER 13, 3RD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY & PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

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 17 , THURSDAY, 12:30PM, SHARED HARVEST (volunteer)

St. Mark's has a volunteer opportunity with Shared Harvest. Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Debbie Bryant for details.

COTOPER 18, FRIDAY, 1-2:30PM, RUTH CIRCLE

We will have a special guest speaker from NAMI. More information will be coming soon. Contact Pam Guynes.

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

Enjoy an evening filled with fun, featuring a petting zoo, tasty food, and activities for all ages. *There are many ways to get involved:* decorate your car and hand out candy to the kids, dress up and share treats, donate individually wrapped candy, help serve food to our guests, or direct traffic. Setup begins at 3:00 PM, so come early to help out or just join us for a great time and fellowship. Please note that no pets are allowed, as they can make the farm animals nervous. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you! Contact: Peggy Smith

NOVEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 7PM, LEAD TEAM Q & A MEETING

More details coming soon, see Pastor Mark

NOVEMBER 19, TUESDAY, 7PM, CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

More details coming soon, see Pastor Mark

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 104
Sunday School Attendance: 10

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,105.84</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$7,061.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,365.94</u>
	<u>\$8,426.94</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$560.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

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.
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, petting zoo, treats, and more. How will you decorate your car this year? For details: Peggy Smith

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