



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 6, 2024 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



Sermon: "The Armor of God—Protect Your Head"

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

Fanfare for Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

Happy are those who find their strength in you.

Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57
(vs 1-5)

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, take this song and fill it with Your presence.

Let it bring a word of hope to weary care-full hearts.

Take this song and fill it, Lord. Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take my life and fill it with Your praises.

Let me speak a word of peace that Jesus brings in me.

Take this life and fill it, Lord. Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take this place and fill it with Your blessing.

Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing.

Take this place and fill it, Lord. Fill it with Your praise.

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

BELL CHOIR "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:17

SERMON: "Armor of God: Protect Your Head" Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UMH 431

*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."

- 10/01 Kathy Bradley had a fall and is at rehab recovering.
10/01 A friend that hopes for good test results and outcomes this month.
09/29 JOY! Proud Grandparents Hugh & Pam Guynes welcomes their new grandbaby, Julie Ashley Guynes who was born today at 2:37AM to Jeff & Jamie Guynes.
09/29 Gerri Anderson recovering from foot surgery on October 4.
09/29 Viola Pater for safe travels to Florida for the winter season.
09/29 Debbie Vitale fell down the stairs and has broken bones, please pray for her healing.
09/29 For the Valine Family and the tragic loss of their son and my good friend Andy.
09/29 Pam Brockfield's sister, Judi Morress who is in rehab at Christ hospital recovering from a broken hip but doing very well.
09/22 Brenda Smoot continues to heal at home.
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.
09/20 Iris Jones' daughter, Kathy is in the hospital with medical 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
Kathy Bradley (recovering from fall)
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 (healing)
Debbie Vitale (recovering from fall)
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, 10/06 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
New Covenant Church Charge conference

MONDAY, 10/07

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

TUESDAY, 10/08

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board

WEDNESDAY, 10/09

- 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, 10/10

- 10:30 am Nominations Meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/11

SATURDAY, 10/12

- 9:00 am NAMI 5K Walk/Run
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 10/13 Pastor Appreciation Day/Third Grade Bible Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
Pastor Appreciation Presentation
Third Grade Bible Sunday Presentation
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
- 2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Pick'in and Activities (Niederman Farm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! There is 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! We will have a small presentation on Sunday, October 13 .

OCTOBER 10, THURSDAY, 10:30AM, NOMINATIONS MEETING

For more details contact Pastor Mark.

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, 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.

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

We will have a special guest speaker Rhonda Benson from NAMI, who will bring a message of hope and healing that is for anyone navigating the challenges of grief. Contact Pam Guynes for more information.

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

OCTOBER 22 , TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at OLIVE GARDEN

Contact Sue Beckett for more information that is coming soon.

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

NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN: For more information contact Peggy Smith.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 106
Sunday School Attendance: 9

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,105.84</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,207.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 505.37
	<u>\$2,712.37</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	\$600.00

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

Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 13, 2024

*But you can show your gratitude the whole month of October!



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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