



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**October 13, 2024 - 9:30AM**

**Sermon: The Armor of God**  
*"Sword of the Spirit"*



**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**  
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**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**

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH 191

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, take this  
Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

"Faith Is Like a Child"

Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Like a Deer with I worship You"

\*HYMN

"Thy Word Is A Lamp"

UMH 601

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 6:17

SERMON:

"Armor of God: Sword of the Spirit" Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

UMH 600

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

UMH 431

\*POSTLUDE

Sue Combs

*Pastor Appreciation Day*

*Sunday, October 13, 2024*

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

# 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."*

- 10/08 Charlene Miller will be having procedure.
- 10/06 JOY! Tomie's brand new great-grandson arrived on Wednesday, October 2nd.
- 10/06 Doug Geize will have surgery to have a problematic kidney removed.
- 10/06 Emily Walls is scheduled to have surgery for her thyroid tumor in November.
- 10/06 Shirley Aydlett's sister and her family.
- 10/06 Roy & Helen Brown's daughter Melody, who's husband unexpectedly passed away on October 2. We send our deepest sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength.
- 10/06 Kathy Bradley is recovering well at Jamestown Rehab.
- 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 NO broken bones, please keep her in prayers.
- 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.

09/15 Jenni Hensler's cousin, Karen, who is began chemo and radiation treatments on 9/09 for cancer.

09/15 Gale Price recovering from surgery on 9/09 for pancreatic 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 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)  
Sharon Hamp  
Iris Jones and her family  
Cliff Klug  
Wade Lewis  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Brenda Smoot (healing)  
Debbie Vitale (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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 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)

### **MONDAY, 10/14**

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

### **TUESDAY, 10/15**

- 7:00 pm      Boy Scout Troop 960
- 7:00 pm      Finance Meeting and Administrative Board (Combined)

### **WEDNESDAY, 10/16**

- 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, 10/17**

- 12:30 pm     Shared Harvest
- 7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 10/18**

- 1:00 pm      Ruth Circle (Guest Speaker)

### **SATURDAY, 10/19**

- 9:00 am      St. Mark's Cares Meeting (Fringe Coffee House)
- 7:00 pm      New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **SUNDAY, 10/20**

- 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
- 4:30 pm      Fall Fest Trunk or Treat Event (Set up at 3:00pm)

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

Join us for a Youth and Family outing to Niederman Farm! Admission includes all-day access to activities like the corn maze, wagon rides, animal exhibits, and more. If any youth need transportation, sign up at the Welcome Center to arrange a ticket and group ride; meet at the church at 1:45 pm. Seniors (65+) can purchase discounted tickets for \$10 at the gate with ID. We hope to see you there! Contact Sue Luken for more information.

**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 and to reserve your spot at the table by **Oct. 15!**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE:**

Oct. 27, after Sunday worship—short gathering; *Sundays at 9:30am*—Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9. *Sundays at 6:00pm*—Nov. 24, Dec. 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, and March 23. Students are confirmed on Easter. Contact Peggy Smith.

**NOVEMBER 2, SATURDAY, 9AM, ALL CHUCH WORKDAY—NOOKS & CRANNIES!**

"November Cleanup with Kristy Theiss as the Lead Trustee while we clean up all of the "Nooks and Crannies" around the church finishing up the year. More details coming on the tasks we will be shining up for another productive day of service.

**NOVEMBER 3, ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & COMMUNION**

**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—OCTOBER 6, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 95  
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,802.56</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,598.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,592.47</u>
	<b><u>\$7,190.57</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$520.00

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

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Happy Birthday Sue Mullen! —Your loving husband*



### **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

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGIN! (See inside bulletin for details)**



Confirmation marks a deeply significant journey, where our youth take the faith passed down to them by important adults and make it truly their own. It is a time of exploration, reflection, and affirmation of their beliefs. We are excited to begin the 2024/25 classes and walk alongside them on this meaningful path.

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