

October 20, 2024 - 9:30AM

Sermon Finale: The Armor of God "Prayer Changes Things..."



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 How good it is to sing praises to our God! He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds. He counts the stars and calls them each by name. How great is our God! His power is absolute, and his understanding, beyond comprehension. So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God. Offer to God that worship that belongs to Him alone!

*OPENING HYMN "What a Friend We Have" UMH 526

In Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, from everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night. Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord. You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you. Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord. You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands. Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord. Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life? Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord. This is our God, the Holy One. Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of 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 Choir Doxology Prayer of Thanksgiving			
CHOIR ANTHEM	"O Church Arise"		
*HYMN	"Sweet Hour of Prayer"	UMH 496 (vs. 1,2)	
SCRIPTURE:	Ephesians 6:18-20		
SERMON:	Armor of God: "Prayer Changes Things"	Pastor Mark	
*CLOSING HYMN	"Take Time to be Holy"	UMH 395	
*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."

- 10/16 Judy Klingel is back home from the hospital. Please pray for the Klingel family.
- 10/13 Hugh & Pam Guýnes' 2 week old granddaughter, Julie Guynes was hospitalized with RSV. She is showing signs of improvement.
- 10/13 Our hearts go out to the Parrish family as they grieve the loss of their beloved 19-year-old son and grandson, Andrew. May God surround them with comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- 10/13 Brenda began hospital rehab this week and hopes to be back soon!
- 10/13 Bill & Lynne Schumacker's son had emergency surgery for diverticulitis and is recovering.
- 10/13 Elaine Shreve is moving to Traditions at North Bend to be closer to her family. We hear the residents are Red's fans.
- 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.
- 09/24 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.

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 Ann Brabbs Kathy Bradley Patty Coyle Julie Dichtl Sharon Hamp Judy & Bob Klingel 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

<u>Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar</u> TODAY, 10/20 Laity 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
- 4:30 pm Fall Fest Trunk or Treat Event (Set up at 3:00pm)

MONDAY, 10/21

- (November Newsletter Articles due today)
- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group (Craft Room)
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 10/22

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Olive Garden for those who reserved seats)
 - 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
 - 7:00 pm SPRC (Heritage Room)

WEDNESDAY, 10/23

- 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
 - 6:30 pm Room at the Table (Zoom)
 - 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 10/24

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- FRIDAY, 10/25
 - 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 10/26

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

SUNDAY, 10/27

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
- GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- After worship Confirmation Class Gathering
 - 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Enjoy an evening filled with fun, featuring a petting zoo, live band, tasty food, and activities for all ages. <u>There are many ways to get involved</u>: 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. <u>Setup begins at 3:00 PM</u>, so come early to help out or just join us for a great time and fellowship. <u>Please note that no pets are allowed</u>, as they can make the farm animals nervous. We are excited about this year's event! Contact: Peggy Smith

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

Contact Sue Beckett for more information, all reservation have been made but you can join us at the next one!

ROOM AT THE TALBE (ZOOM) at 6:30PM

We are meeting via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month. The dates for the rest of the year are: 10/23,11/13,12/11, and 12/26. Contact Zachary Dichtl.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE:

Oct. 27, after Sunday worship—short gathering. THEN on: <u>Sundays at 9:30am</u>—Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9. <u>Sundays at 6:00pm</u>—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 4, MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY (IN PERSON)

NOVEMBER 8, POINSETTIA ORDERS DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 9, SATURDAY, 11-1, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 7PM, LEAD TEAM Q & A MEETING Contact Pastor Mark for details. NOVEMBER 15, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE

NOVEMBER 19, TUESDAY, 7PM, CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 22, SERVE CITY MEAL

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, ADVENT POTLUCK CELEBRATION & CRECHE

DECEMBER 13, OHIO MILITARY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 15, CHRISTMAS CANTATA/UGLY SWEATER/COOKIE CONTEST

DECEMBER 20, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—OCTOBER 13, 2024 Worship In-Person Attendance: 109 Sunday School Attendance: 10			
Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,802.56</u>		
Weekly In-Person Giving Weekly On-Line Giving	\$5,586.00 <u>\$ 705.41</u> \$6,291.41		
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$400.00</u>		

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



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 BEGINS! (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.

WEEKLY GROUPS

OCTOBER, MONDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1ST MON)

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

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAYS, 7:30AM, MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAYS, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE GROUP

This class is design for all levels including sitting in a chair! Go at your own pace. Contact: Ruth Ritenbaugh

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

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

OCTOBER, WEDNESDAYS, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Bell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue McDaniel for more information. Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information. ALL are welcome to come at any time!

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