



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 24, 2024 - 9:30AM**

**"RECEIVING THE KING"**

Christ *the*  
**KING**

**Worship with us In-person**  
**Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube 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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the "The Reign of Christ." Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Come Ye Thankful People Come" UMH 694

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good; whose steadfast love is everlasting! Let the gates of righteousness be opened that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Gracious and eternal God, Let the silent mystery of your Spirit surround, sustain and excite us. Transform our gathering to your glory, and perfect our worship for your praise. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "For the Autumn Sky"

\*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH 92  
(vs 1, 2, 4)

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1:4b-8

SERMON: "Receiving the King" Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN "We Gather Together" UMH 131

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

\*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."*

- 11/19 Prayers for Marlis Hatton
- 11/19 Iris Jones' daughter, Kathy Beltz will have surgery on November 27, Wednesday.
- 11/17 Continued prayers for Bryan as he recovers at the home of Bill and Lynne Schumacker.
- 11/17 Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Dick Davis, who passed away on November 16, 2024. May God's comfort and peace surround you during this time of loss, and may cherished memories bring you strength and solace. Visitation at 11AM followed by Services at 12PM at St. Mark's UMC.
- 11/17 My granddaughter, Abby, who is fighting an illness & near the fires in California.
- 11/17 Bill & Ana Brockfield on the death of their 26 yr old son, Christopher who was hit by a car while riding his bicycle. He is David's great nephew.
- 11/17 Tari Randall's family; her sister-in-law has passed away and we send our hearts and prayers to the family and friends.
- 11/10 Joy! We are celebrating our 65th Wedding Anniversary and would like to Thank God for such a wonderful family he has given us and also our church family of 58 years. With Love, Bill & Mary Lou Knau.
- 11/10 Scott Taylor was in a motorcycle accident.
- 11/10 Continued prayers for the Klingel's and Pastor Mark & Diana (*said goodbyes to their doggie, Daphne*)
- 11/10 Prayers for my daughters.
- 11/10 Danny Thomas. He fell hurting his replacement shoulder and leg. He will have a MRI.
- 11/10 Carol Walker, Melinda Gross' mother. She is in Christ Hospital with heart issues.
- 11/10 Jennie Marshall's 16 yr old cousin, Alexis Goebel & her parents, Jeff & Jen. Alexis had emergency surgery to remove tumors that pathology continues to test for cancer.
- 11/03 Joys and Gratitude: Eleanor McCollum and daughter Greta Smith, thanks everyone for the cards & flowers for her 100th birthday. She received 236 cards! What a blessing.
- 11/03 No words are adequate to say thank you for your cards, food, and thoughtfulness during our time of illness. Thanks for travelling the journey with us.—Pastor Bob& Judy Klingel
- 11/03 Mary Ann Elick who is having surgery on November 4.
- 11/03 Alex Robinson in the hospital for pneumonia.
- 11/03 Continued prayers for the Job interview process as we go into our third week and that all goes well.
- 11/03 Jenni Hensler's aunt and cousin on the death of their daughter and sister Karen. tumor in November.

## **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  
Sharon Hamp

Judy & Bob Klingel  
Cliff Klug  
Wade Lewis  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Kathy Beltz (Iris daughter)  
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)

### **Visitation and Memorial Services for:**

Richard (Dick) Davis

Visitation: 11AM

Services: 12PM

At St. Mark's UMC, 4601 Fairfield Avenue, Fairfield, OH 45014

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 11/24**

- 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
- 5:00 pm Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas (volunteers)
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

### **MONDAY, 11/25**

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

### **TUESDAY, 11/26**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at Rib City
- 7:00 pm SPRC meeting in Heritage Room

### **WEDNESDAY, 11/27**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 11/28 Happy Thanksgiving Day**

Offices Closed

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday**

Offices Closed

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time

### **SATURDAY, 11/30**

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

### **SUNDAY, 12/01 Advent 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
- 5:00 pm Advent Celebration & Potluck Dinner

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NOVEMBER 24, SUNDAY, 5PM, HELP DECORATE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary. Contact: Sue Luken.

### **NOVEMBER 26, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH AT RIB CITY**

Join us at Rib City, located at 746 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton. As we gather, enjoy a variety of menu options, including sandwiches, salads, and, of course, their famous ribs! Please have your reservations in by Sunday, November 24. Contact Sue Beckett (513)-856-8873 to reserve seat.

### **NOV MISSIONS: PARKSIDE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15**

The Parkside Giving Tree is up and ready for you to select your name tags with recipient wish list. **All wrapped gifts are due by December 15**; for questions, contact Jenni Hensler.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (November 24 at 6:00pm)**

Sundays at 9:30am—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.

### **NOVEMBER 28 & 29, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

## DECEMBER, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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

Join our church family as we begin the season of Advent. We'll provide the main dish and drinks; please bring a dish to share. A program and crèche dedication will follow dinner. Contact Peggy Smith for more details and reservations.

### DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY, 2PM, CYF EVENT TO GHCT's "WINTER WONDERETTES"

CYF Ministries invites everyone to enjoy *GHCT's production of Winter Wonderettes*, directed by Sue Combs & Chris Beiser. For questions contact Sue Luken.

### DECEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM, ROOM AT THE TABLE (ZOOM)

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

### DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY, 7:30PM, OHIO MILITARY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us as St. Mark's welcomes the Ohio Military Band for an evening holiday concert. Mark Hensler has been the director of the group for 30 years. The band will be joined by Sue Combs, St. Mark's Handbell Choir, Chris Beiser and other guest to perform. Start off your holiday season with festive music we all love. Find out more about the band on their website at <https://ohiomilitaryband.com> or their Facebook page. (Free admission)

### DECEMBER 14, SATURDAY, 1-3PM, SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Bring your favorite potluck/covered dish to share, and get ready for an evening filled with great food, music, and community! We're thrilled to have Chris Beiser serenading us with his incredible vocals, accompanied by the talented Sue Combs on piano. Don't miss out on this wonderful celebration! Please let Shirley Aydlett know if you plan to attend.

### DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS CANTATA/UGLY SWEATER/COOKIE DIVA

We have an action packed day beginning with St. Mark's Cantata, "One Incredible Moment" during service followed by our fun 'Ugly Sweater & Cookie Diva' contests. Details coming.

### DECEMBER 20, FRIDAY, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Join us for our Christmas Luncheon! Bring a small white elephant gift (around \$1) and a covered dish to share. For more details, contact Pam Guynes.

### DECEMBER 24, TUESDAY, 10:30PM, CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

### DECEMBER 25, HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 102

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,802.56</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,261.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$2,221.27</u>
	<b><u>\$6,482.27</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	\$ 410.00
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

In Memory of Jami Hamblin  
(From the Nguyen and Hamblin Families)

### **CYF—ADVENT CELEBRATION FAMILY EVENT DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY @5-7PM**

Join our church family as we begin the season of Advent. The main dish and drinks are provided. We ask you to bring a dish to share.

Program and dedication at the Crèche to follow dinner.

Contact Peggy Smith.



December 8, 2024 @ 2:00pm



### **CYF—FAMILY EVENT "WINTER WONDERETTES" DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY @2:00PM**

November 10 is the deadline to reserve/pay for your seat to the GHCT theatre. The show is directed by Sue Combs and Chris Beiser.

For more details, contact Sue Luken.

### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on DECEMBER 12, THURS. @7:30PM**



The Ohio Military Band will be returning with Mark Hensler directing, joined by St. Mark's Handbells (Sue Combs), and special guest Chris Beiser.

### **WEEKLY GROUPS:**

#### **MONDAY's, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY's, 7:30AM, MEN's PRAYER GROUP**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY's, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

We have finished Romans and are working our way through Corinthians. There is no reading required ahead of time and attendance is not taken. Just come when you can. All are welcome. Contact Sue McDaniel.

#### **WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:**

*Bell Choir* at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs 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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