



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 5, 2025 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



"BEING ADOPTED..."

**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 the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Search for God, and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

*OPENING HYMN: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

***OPENING PRAYER**

Life-giving God, we gather in Your presence to offer You thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done for us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been set free—free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to worship! May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us and within us, and to the Word You have for

us today. To You alone, life-giving God, belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. 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 "Just As I Am"

Hymn "Breathe On Me Breath of God" UMH 420

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON TITLE: "BEING ADOPTED"

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374

*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."

- 12/29 Continued prayers for Marlis and Tomie.
- 12/29 JOY! Shirley Aydlett is home and expected to live a long life with a fresh start into the new year.
- 12/29 Terrill Broshear's brother, Jim, who suffered a massive stroke and is in the hospital.
- 12/22 Prayers for pain relief as Steve Wuest works through Liver cancer.
- 12/22 Lauren's co-worker was in a car accident.
- 12/22 Patty Coyle's friend is having spine surgery.
- 12/20 For the Klingels as they transition into their new home.
- 12/20 Tomie O'Sullivan healing from surgery.
- 12/20 Aydlett's continued prayers.
- 12/20 Marlis Hatton as she continues her treatment journey. We pray for strength, healing and comfort during this time.
- 12/15 Belinda Peters' fiancé' who is having back surgery Dec. 20.
- 12/10 Betty Winkler passed away on December 8 in Valdosta, GA. We send our prayers of peace, love, and condolences to the family and friends of Betty.
- 12/08 Linda Thomas' granddaughter, Kayla Carr. There is another lesion that has developed on her brain.
- 12/08 Jennie Marshall's cousin Lexie Goble, 16 yr old with ovarian cancer and all the tests, surgery, and bloodwork to come.
- 12/08 Cliff Klug's procedure on December 10 for good results.
- 12/08 Jenni Hensler's cousin, Alan who is having a brain tumor removed this week.
- 12/08 Pray for world peace and for the people of Syria.
- 12/08 Shirley Aydlett recovering & healing from knee surgery that was on December 3. She is doing well.
- 12/01 Pastor Mark & Diana's daughter, Emily Walls is recovering and getting better every day but is still having some pain.
- 12/01 Pam Brockfield's cousin, Jeff Renner. His cancer has metastasized.
- 12/01 Tonya Leguina's father, Sam Davis, is healing from cataract surgery on his left eye on 12/02.
- 12/01 Cindy Ditmeyer's grandson, Lane.
- 12/01 Tomie's friends, brother in law, Butch Wheeler, brain 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
Shirley Aydlett
Ann Brabbs
Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle

Sharon Hamp
Marlis Hatton
Judy & Bob Klingel
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Tomi O'Sullivan
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Kathy Beltz (Iris daughter)
Brenda Smoot (healing)
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Freida Hawkins
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Nancy & Wade Lewis
Bob & Judy Klingel (Westover)
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum

Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)
Zedith Pottenger
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 1/05 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 5:00 pm Follow that Star Family Event

MONDAY, 1/06

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group (Craft Room)

TUESDAY, 1/07

WEDNESDAY, 1/08

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

THURSDAY, 1/09

- 11:00 am Nurture and Care meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 1/10

SATURDAY, 1/11

SUNDAY, 1/12

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am CYF Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (January 12 at 9:30AM)

Sundays at 9:30am—1/12, 2/09, and 3/09. *Sundays at 6:00pm*—1/26, 2/23, and March 23.

Students are confirmed on Easter. Dinner will be provided these nights : 1/26; 2/23; and March 23. For more info contact Peggy.

JANUARY MISSIONS: SHOE DRIVE FOR FAIRFIELD SCHOOL STUDENTS

We're collecting shoes to support Fairfield School students—more details are coming. In the meantime, we are also accepting donations of coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and socks. Please place your contributions in the Narthex bins. For more information contact Tari Randall.

JANUARY 5, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, FOLLOW THAT STAR FAMILY EVENT

Embark on a celestial quest to follow the legendary Christmas Star at St. Mark's UMC! Join us for an unforgettable Epiphany Party filled with adventure, joy, and wonder. This FREE indoor/outdoor event kicks off with a delicious complimentary dinner, followed by a magical glow-in-the-dark star hunt for children. Trade your stars for prizes and candy at the Star Store. We will hear the inspiring story of the Christmas Star that brings the season to life. Bring your family and friends—we can't wait to celebrate with you! For more information, contact Peggy Smith.

JANUARY 8, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP RESUMES

We will resume the Bible study group after the holidays on January 8, where we will continue our journey through 1 Corinthians. Come ready to study in depth into God's word together and share in fellowship as we grow in faith and understanding. Contact: Sue McDaniel

JANUARY 14, TUESDAY, 7PM, LEAD TEAMS MEETING

Contact Pastor Mark for questions or more information.

JANUARY 16, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERS

Kick off the New Year with Service! Start 2025 by making a difference! St. Mark's is teaming up with Shared Harvest on Thursday, January 16, from 12:30–2:30 PM, and we'd love for you to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back and connect with others in our community. For more details, contact Debbie Bryant, and don't forget to sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. Let's make this a year of impactful service together!

JANUARY 17, FRIDAY, 1PM, (FELLOWSHIP HALL) - RUTH CIRCLE IN 2025

Ruth's Circle in 2025 – A Year of Connection and Growth! Get ready for an exciting year with Ruth's Circle! We're a community of women coming together to share faith, friendship, and inspiration. Whether you're looking for meaningful conversations, opportunities to give back, or simply a supportive group of amazing women, Ruth's Circle is the place for you. As we welcome the new year—let's get together and be part of something truly special! Contact Pam Guynes.

JANUARY 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at O' Charley's, located at 11315 Princeton Pike, 45246 (Springdale/Tri-County area). Enjoy a variety of delicious menu options, including sandwiches, salads, and entrées. Please RSVP to Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by Sunday, January 26, to reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you there!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 97
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.40</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,103.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$453.99
	<u>\$5,556.99</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$2,165.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

CHURCH EVENT: FOLLOW THAT STAR FAMILY EVENT
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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. PLEASE NOTE: We will skip January 6 meeting. 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. We will resume January 8, 2025.

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Handbell 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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