



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 19, 2025 - 9:30AM



“THE PROBLEM WITH EVIL”

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**

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

***OPENING HYMN: "To God be the Glory"**

UMH 98

***OPENING PRAYER**

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. 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

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" UMH 378
(vs 1,2,3)

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 9:1-2

SERMON TITLE: "THE PROBLEM WITH EVIL"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Grace Greater than our Sin" UMH 365

*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."

- 01/12 Brockfield's friend, Rella Hadley Rev. Joe Hadley's wife), had surgery and is recovering.
- 01/12 Debbie Vitale's cousin, Kathy, for negative results and some other health concerns be resolved.
- 01/12 Cheryl Klug eye surgery success and to recovery quickly.
- 01/12 Tomie O'Sullivan thanks everyone for prayers. Her heart surgery in December was successful.
- 01/12 Dichtl family nephew, Wil who was assigned to Palisade, CA to fight fires. Please prayer for all of the people California, first responders, firefighters, and those have have lost their homes or evacuated.
- 01/05 Well wishes for Ann Brabbs who is still not feeling good.
- 01/05 Prayers for a family going through a difficult divorce.
- 01/05 For those who are first responders, nurses, doctors, police
- 01/05 Tonya & Pablo Leguina's friend, Darrell Parsons and his family. Darrell will be having his second brain surgery in less than a year due to cancerous growths. He is hoping to be accepted into a clinical trial. We are praying for his faith, strength, and hope.
- 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 Marlis Hatton as she continues her treatment journey. We pray for strength, healing and comfort during this time.

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, 1/19

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am St. Mark's Cares Meeting (Heritage Room)

MONDAY, 1/20

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

TUESDAY, 1/21

WEDNESDAY, 1/22

- 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, 1/23

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 1/24

SATURDAY, 1/25

SUNDAY, 1/26

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class (with dinner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (January 26 at 6:00PM)

Sundays at 9:30am—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 CITY SCHOOLS

We are accepting new or gently used shoes. If you don't have any shoes to donate, please consider making a monetary donation. See Jenni Hensler or Tari Randall if you have questions or would like to make a donation. We are extending the shoe drive into February since we are getting a late start.

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!

FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY, 5:30-7:30PM, ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST 2025

Spice up your Groundhog Day at our 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff Contest! Will the groundhog see its chili bowl shadow? Join us for a day of groundhog predictions and gut-busting chili creations. Whether you're here to taste, compete, or just enjoy the laughs (and maybe a little heartburn and corn bread), this is the place to be. To Enter: Sign up at the welcome counter. Prepare your chili, we recommend that you make 4-6 quarts (large crockpot). If you have specific toppings for your chili, please provide that too. (*Continued on next page*)

For those who want to attend and enjoy the chili, there is admission of \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. ALL proceeds go to support St. Mark's Missions and Outreach projects. It'll be a groundhog-ish kind of fellowship—don't miss out on the hottest event of the year! Contact Pastor Mark or Lyn Bucalo.

FEBRUARY 7, FRIDAY, 5:00PM, SERVE CITY MEALS & VOLUNTEERS

Join us as we share and spread the love with the Serve City community! This month's theme is all about LOVE, so let's dish out some heartwarming meals and sweet treats. Think cozy casseroles, pasta bakes, or soups that warm the soul. For dessert, let's go all out with heart-shaped cookies, chocolate-covered strawberries, or cupcakes with a swirl of pink and red. Whether you're bringing something savory or sweet, every bite will show someone they're cared for. Let's make this evening a celebration of kindness and connection! ♡ Contact: Lyn Bucalo or Tari Randall.

FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY, 3-5PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP-WOMEN'S BIZ EVENT

Join us for an exciting afternoon of connection, creativity, and community at our Women's Business Spotlight event! Ladies from our church and their family and friends are invited to showcase unique products, with opportunities to browse, shop, and place orders. To participate, please contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken to ensure variety—spots are filling up with amazing vendors like Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, handmade jewelry by Lyn Bucalo, and homemade candles! For everyone else, come support these incredible women while enjoying refreshments, fellowship, and inspiration. Sign up at the Welcome Center and spread the word—let's make this event a success! Contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY, SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE PANTRIES

We are collecting food for both Fairfield Food Pantry as well as St. Mark's Food Pantry.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 5, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 88

Sunday School Attendance: 0

Weekly Budget Needs \$5,320.40

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,538.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$2,189.95

\$5,728.05

Special—Designated Giving* \$552.00

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

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 12, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 103

Sunday School Attendance: 9

Weekly Budget Needs \$5,320.40

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,117.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$ 762.93

\$3,879.93

Special—Designated Giving* \$ 555.00

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

JANUARY MISSIONS: SHOE DRIVE



We are accepting new or gently used shoes. If you don't have any shoes to donate, please consider making a monetary donation. Contact Jenni Hensler or Tari Randall if you have questions or would like to make a donation. We are extending the shoe drive into February since we are getting a late start.

CHURCH EVENT: ANNUAL CHLI COOKOFF CONTEST FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY @5:30-7:30PM



Who will claim the title of "Groundhog" Chili Cookoff Champ this year?
Contact Pastor Mark or Lyn Bucalo



SERVE CITY MEALS & VOLUNTEERS: FEBRUARY 7, SUNDAY @5:00-7:30PM

Our theme is sharing and spreading LOVE.
Contact Lyn Bucalo or Tari Randall

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 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:

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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