

This Week's Schedule

Today



8:30 a.m. Praise band practice (sanctuary)
 9:15 a.m. IA vs. ISU VBS fundraiser (narthex)
 9:30 a.m. Worship/communion (sanctuary)
 10:30 a.m. IA vs. ISU VBS fundraiser (narthex)
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/snacks (Sch. Dining Hall)

Mon., 9/7

Office Closed for Labor Day

7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)

Tues., 9/8

Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.

10 a.m. Cherokee County Ministerial Assoc. (Church of Christ)
 1:30 p.m. Mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
 2:30 p.m. Pastor Mike at Ch. Co. Prevention C.
 5:30 p.m. Outreach & Connections Team (Feller)

Wed., 9/9

Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.

9 a.m. **Bulletin submissions due**
 6:30 p.m. Grace Circle (Schuldt Dining Hall)
 Hostess: Darlene Woltman; Program: Judy Grienke-Miller
 Program: pg. 117, *Call to Prayer & Self-Denial 2026 & The Future is Now - Invest in our Children* (offering)
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir resumes (choir room)
 New members are welcome!
 7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)



Thurs., 9/10

Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.

1:30-2:30p.m. Pastor Mike in online DCOM meeting
 7-8 p.m. Pastor Mike in online DCOM meeting

Fri., 9/11

No office hours and Pastor Mike's day off.

Schuldt Dining Hall will be decorated for a shower.
 9:30 a.m. Pastor Mike at Chamber Coffee

Sat., 9/12

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Schuldt Dining Hall in use
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Come and go bridal shower for Kaitlin Wilkerson, bride elect of Tony Hunt (Schuldt Dining Hall)



Sun., 9/13

9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Class resume
 9:15 a.m. Praise band practice (sanctuary)
 10 a.m. IA vs. ISU VBS fundraiser (narthex)
 10:10 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)
 11:15 a.m. IA vs. ISU VBS fundraiser (narthex)
 11:15 a.m. Fellowship/snacks (Sch. Dining Hall)



Welcome!

September 6, 2026

9:30 a.m.



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Follow us on Facebook for the most current news. Worship services are available on YouTube and our Facebook page. Sermons are available on KCHE at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays and by podcast.

Order of Worship

* Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand in praise of God.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let your light shine!

People: **Let your hearts be glad!**

Leader: God is faithful to us and rules in love.

People: **Then, let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer

*Praise Song "Glory to God Forever" Please see screen.

*The Apostles' Creed No. 881

Special Music "I Can Only Imagine" Linda Christensen
Betty Point, accompanist

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 463

Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1-5; 3:14-22

Message "Messages to the Church"

Offering See insert for online options.

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

*Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion No. 13

*Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580

*Benediction

Postlude

Fellowship and Snacks Schuldt Dining Hall (downstairs)



Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

Pastor: Mike Agnew

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Agnew

Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook

Custodian: Betty Harman

Nursery: unstaffed until 9/13

North Greeter: Denise Green

Liturgist & Children's Time:

Deb Samuelson

Ushers: Shelley Lenz, Gigi Boothby,
and Kent & Nicci Lundquist

Communion Stewards: Curt and Kristal Phillips, Linda Rutter,
Gigi Boothby, and Neil and Jodi Phipps

Fellowship: Bob & Peg Parker and Darrel & Sue Paulsen

Bell Choir Director:

Dusty Basten

Chancel Choir Director:

Kathy Brandt

Drummers: Kent Lundquist

Kyle Basten

Guitarist: Charlie Leissler

Organist/Pianist:

Betty Point



The altar arrangement is given by Scott Osborn and Marla Conley in honor of Amy (Osborn) Halls's 40th birthday and Kobi Carlene Halls's 5th birthday.

September 13th Worship Assistants (10:10 a.m.)

Organist/Pianist: Chris Andersen

North Greeters: Jim & Peggy Corrington

Liturgist: Bonni Conley

Children's Time: Bonni Conley & Sandy Peters

Nursery Attendant: Needed

Ushers: Five needed. Sign up in the narthex.

Flowers: Mike & Deb Samuelson

Sermon: "The Lion is the Lamb" (Revelation 4-5)



Resources Available for Worship

Welcome! We are glad you're here. Assistive listening devices and children's activity bags are available in the narthex (room at back of sanctuary). Please inquire at the sound booth if you would like to try an assistive listening device. If your child needs a changing table, one is available in the bathroom under the west entrance staircase and in the nursery. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Last Week's Attendance: 82



Volunteer sign-ups are on the table in the narthex (room at back of sanctuary) if you'd like to assist with worship.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



Third graders from our congregation will receive their own Bibles on Sunday, September 27th! If you would like your third grader to receive a Bible, please contact the church office. If you have a child older than 3rd grade who hasn't received a Bible, let us know that as well. If you aren't available on September 27th, just let us know, as we'd be happy to save a Bible for your child. As of September 2nd, we have four kids receiving Bibles.

Nursery Attendants Needed

Nursery attendants (upper high school through adult) are needed to provide nursery service during worship, beginning next Sunday, September 13th. If you are interested in providing this service and haven't before, please talk to Pastor Mike. If you have been a nursery attendant in recent years, the online sign-up is active with this year's dates. A stipend of \$25/Sunday is available, or this can also be done as a volunteer for silver cord hours.

Holstein UMC Invitations

Holstein UMC has invited us to a mission event on September 12th and a prayer retreat on October 17th. For more information, please see our Facebook page or the bulletin boards at the west and north entrances.

Online Giving Options



St. Paul's United Methodist Church
@SPUMC-Cherokee



venmo

- 1) Scan the QR code (above).
- 2) Text the amount to (712) 882-7149.
- 3) <https://stpaulsunitedmethodistchurch4833.breezechms.com/give/online>
- 4) Venmo (above right)

IA vs. ISU Snack Mix Fundraiser for VBS

Today and next Sunday, September 13, 2026

prior to and following the worship service



There will be two tables in the narthex, one decorated for the University of Iowa and one decorated for Iowa State University. Touchdown snack mix will be available to purchase before and after worship as a fundraiser for our 2027 VBS. When purchasing the snack mix, place your money at the table of your choice to see which team's table raises the most money for the kids.

Fall Schedule Resumes Next Sunday, Sept. 13

Sunday School and Adult Class at 9 a.m.

Worship at 10:10 a.m.



Invitational postcards for fall worship, Sunday School, and Teen Time are available on the narthex table. Take a few, and invite some friends!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BRIDAL SHOWER

HONORING

Kaitlin Wilkerson
BRIDE ELECT OF TONY HUNT

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
12
2026

10AM-NOON
COME & GO

ST PAUL'S
METHODIST
CHURCH
CHEROKEE, IA

PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE RECIPE TO SHARE WITH THE BRIDE

RSVP BY TEXT TO DEB AT: 712-229-3915

Registry info:



UMC History Tour

The North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archive and History 2026 Convocation will be held in Dubuque October 5-8. This event includes presentations, visits to local sites, and a road trip all related to the history of the UMC in the region. Sites include Saint Luke's UMC, Galeana UMC, Platteville UMC, First UMC (Mineral Point), Linden UMC, The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, and a guided boat tour on the Mississippi. Stop by the office for details.

Election Day Luncheon Planning Meeting

If you've helped with the Election Day Luncheon in the past or would like to help this year, you are invited to a planning meeting on Monday, September 14th, at 9:45 a.m. in Schuldts Dining Hall. If you want to help but aren't able to attend, please talk to Linda Christensen.

Music Update (Date Change for Bell Choir)

Chancel Choir resumes Sept. 9th. Bell Choir resumes Sept. 16th.

Teen Time (High School Youth Group) Schedule

Meetings from 6:30-8 p.m. at Craig & Monica's (409 Centennial Dr.)

9/16	11/4 (Fareway/CAP)	12/16	2/17	4/21
10/21	11/18 (Hy-Vee/Trinity)	1/20	3/17	

Sunday School Teachers & Assistants Needed



Children's Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Miranda Cook, Steph Rochleau, Heidi Gerstandt, Pastor Mike, or the office. A background check is required, for the safety of the children, but that can easily be completed online by Pastor Mike.

September Newsletter Available

September newsletters have been emailed out and posted on our Facebook page and website. If you want a printed version, copies are available in the stacker on the table in the narthex and in the stacker on the table outside the office.



College/Military Addresses Needed



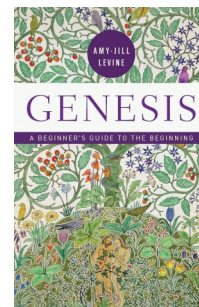
Are you a member of our congregation who is in college or stationed elsewhere for the military? Our College/Military Care Team would love to send you letters and care packages. To participate, please send the office your name, college/military address, name of school, year in school, and area of study. Our first mailing has already gone out, and we will be sending a care package in mid-September.

The Upper Room Devotionals

September/October issues of *The Upper Room* daily devotional are available on the table in the narthex and on the table outside the office. Help yourself!

Fall Small Group Studies

Pastor Mike will be offering two small group studies over the book *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning* by Amy-Jill Levine. The Sunday study will meet at 5 p.m. on September 20 and 27, October 4 and 11, and November 1 and 15. The Monday study will meet at 10:30 a.m. on September 21 and 28 and October 5, 12, 19, and 26. Both studies cover the same material, and you are welcome to switch between groups as your schedule allows. A Zoom (online) option is also available by contacting Pastor Mike. The cost of the study is \$22/person, but financial assistance is available, if needed. Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday, or call the office during the week (M-Th.; 9-12 & 1-3). Books are also available in the narthex and in the office.



Ingathering Funds Needed



Monetary donations are needed to help pay for supplies and postage for the 100 school kits our congregation will donate for Ingathering in November. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UMC, and write "Ingathering" on the memo.

Sam's Club Gift Cards Needed

Children's Sunday School is requesting Sam's Club gift cards to purchase snacks and drinks for this year. If you can help, please place the gift cards in the offering plate, in the mailbox (north triple doors at the education entrance), or in the office.



Save the Dates

Fall Missions Dinner

October 25

Stay tuned for a salad and bars sign-up.

Food & Funds Drive

Oct. 25 - Nov. 15