

## Thank You Notes

Steve Martin would like to thank the congregation for their prayers as he recovers from illness.

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 Julia Meinking would like to thank the congregation for the cards, phone calls, prayers, visits, and plants. She is getting along okay and appreciates your support.

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 Thank you to everyone who volunteers at church, from our sound technicians, greeters, acolytes, liturgists, children's time presenters, altar flower donors, teachers, Charlie Leissler who helps with the praise songs, Sue Paulsen who straightens the pews each week, those who provide snacks for fellowship time and help with meals, those who change the table decorations each season, those who chair or serve on committees, Carolyn VanAmberg who is our membership secretary, and everyone else who has a part in keeping St. Paul's running smoothly. We appreciate you!

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 Thank you to all of St. Paul's staff for your hard work throughout the year. We appreciate you all! Our dedicated staff includes Sarah Cook, Randy Kane, Betty Point, Meribeth Adams, Sherry Held, Becky Lickiss, Dusty Wright, Nicole Hoskinson, Whitney Robinson, Miranda Cook, Mandy Christensen, Jennifer Agnew, and Pastor Mike Agnew.

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 Thank you to the anonymous couple who purchased gift cards to thank our Sunday School, Teen Time, and confirmation teachers. How kind!

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers. I don't get out often, so I appreciate hearing from members of the church. I especially enjoyed the plate of cookies that was delivered! Thank you!

~Glenda Skadeland

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 Dear friends,

Thank you for the plate full of goodies. Happy new year!

Your Friend,  
 Dennis Bahr



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 Thank you to everyone who planned, baked, and purchased cookies and to those who assembled and delivered plates of cookies to our homebound friends.

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 Thank you to the adult class and everyone else who helped with the soup and sandwich meal after the children's Christmas program.

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 Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts for our family. We are grateful for your kindness and hospitality and hope that you and your loved ones had a peaceful Christmas season.

Pastor Mike, Jennifer,  
 and Ava Agnew

## 2021 Poinsettias

Thank you to our campus supervisor, Randy Kane, for arranging and watering the poinsettias.



## Jan. 2022 UMW Buzz

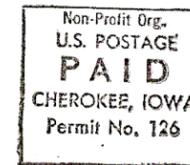
**Executive Board Meeting**  
 Monday, January 10th, at 9:30 a.m.  
 Schuldt Dining Hall

**Joy Circle**  
 Wednesday, January 19th, at 9:30 a.m.  
 Schuldt Dining Hall

**Charity Circle**  
 No January meeting.



## January 2022



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### St. Paul's UMC's Staff

**Pastor:** Mike Agnew  
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**Organists:** Betty Point, Meribeth Adams, & Sherry Held  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Becky Lickiss  
**Bell Choir Director:** Dusty Wright  
**Nursery Attendants:** Nicole Hoskinson, Whitney Robinson, Miranda Cook, and Mandy Christensen





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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

January 2022

10:10 a.m. Worship

## A Moment with Mike

Time flies, doesn't it? It seems like just yesterday it was summer, but here we are, already in the new year! As we begin 2022, many people are thinking about new year's resolutions. Whether or not you make any resolutions, I would like you to consider what it means for you to be more like Christ this year. Why? If faith is a journey, and we are all moving along the journey, as I preached in the fall, then we should be continually growing in our faith. Spiritual growth is not all about beliefs and head knowledge, however. It is about being more and more like Christ as we go through life. It is a gradual process, but ideally, you can look back on your life and say that you are more like Christ than you were several years ago, and hopefully you will be more like Christ several years from now than you are today. In order to keep growing, you have to start somewhere. So take a moment to take stock of your spiritual life. What is one thing you can focus on in 2022 to be more like Christ? Perhaps it is picking up a spiritual habit, like prayer or Bible reading. Perhaps it is living according to one of the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) that you haven't considered before. Whatever it is, I would encourage you to think about it and take one step towards Christ this year and every year. As you do, St. Paul's United Methodist Church will be here to help you in your journey.

God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew

## Upcoming Sermon Series



**Unsung Heroes: Stories of People Who Changed the World from Behind the Scenes**

Many of us grew up learning some of the most well-known stories of the Bible. We are quite familiar with the main characters, like Noah, Abraham, David, and others, but is there more going on behind the scenes in some of these stories? Join us as we take a look at some of the movers and shakers of history whom we barely hear about, because they worked behind the scenes.

- 1/9 "Do the Next Right Thing: The Women Who Saved Moses"
- 1/16 "Giving Up the Kingship: Jonathan"
- 1/23 "Taking Matters Into Her Own Hands: Rebekah"
- 1/30 "Working with Your Hands: Bezalel & Oholiab"
- 2/6 "Dealing with Difficult Men: Abigail"
- 2/13 Camp Sunday
- 2/20 "The Women Who Made Christianity Possible"
- 2/27 "A Ministry of Encouragement: Barnabas"

Sermons are broadcast on KCHE 92.1 on Sundays around 8:45 a.m. and are also available via your favorite podcast app. Our full worship services are available live via a link from our website ([cherokeemethodist.com](http://cherokeemethodist.com)) and via YouTube. Once YouTube has published the service (usually Sunday evening or Monday), we also post them on our Facebook page.



## Children's Christmas Program on December 19th

Thank you to the Sunday School kids, Nicole Hoskinson, and all of the Sunday School teachers for their work on the children's Christmas program.



## Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas

Thank you to all the great volunteers!

November 29, 2021



## Church Family News

### Baptism & New Member

Bailey Patricia Gaydo was baptized and joined St. Paul's UMC on Sunday, December 12th. Bailey is the daughter of Timothy & Jennifer Gaydo and the granddaughter of Darrel & Sue Paulsen. Welcome, and congratulations, Bailey!



Pastor Mike, Darrel & Sue Paulsen (grandparents), Bailey Gaydo, Timothy & Jennifer Gaydo (parents)

### Happy Anniversary!



Jack and Mary Jo Poggenklass celebrated their 50th anniversary on Monday, December 27th. Congratulations!

### Congratulations, Graduates!

Clare and Frances Conley both graduated from Iowa State University in December. Clare graduated from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural education and minors in animal science and agronomy as well as a biology endorsement. She will be an agriculture and science teacher and the FFA advisor at Dowling High School. Fran graduated from the Ivy College of Business with a Master of Business Administration in supply chain management after receiving her Bachelor of Science in agronomy in May. She will be working for AgCertain. Fran and Clare are the daughters of Bonni Conley and the granddaughters of Micki Conley.



Fran Clare

## With Sympathy and Prayers

**David P. Bennett**, 93, of Cherokee passed away on December 8th at the Heartland Care Center in Marcus. Visitation was held on December 12th at the Boothby Funeral Home, with a funeral service held on December 13th, also at Boothby Funeral Home. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery at Anthon, Iowa. Our sympathy goes to his son-in-law, Jeff Fiedler, and their family.

**Richard L. Grosshauser**, 88, of rural Paullina, passed away on December 16th at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. A private family graveside service was held on December 21st at Prairie View Cemetery in Paullina. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. John Lutheran Church in Germantown. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Marilyn Brubaker, and their family. Sympathy cards may be sent in care of Marilyn's daughter, Julie Poulsen, at 134 SE Willow Run Lane, Ankeny, IA 50021 (Attn. Marilyn Brubaker).

**Ardis LaRae (Cipperley) Jensen**, 84, of Iowa Park, Texas, passed away on December 25th. A family visitation will be held on December 30th at Dutton Funeral in Iowa Park. Funeral services will be held on December 31st at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. Our sympathy goes to her daughter, Donna (David) Lucas, and their family.

**Irvin L. Deichmann**, 87, of Marcus passed away on December 26th at his home. Visitation was held on December 29th at Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus. Funeral services will be held on December 30th at Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus. Burial with military honors will follow at Marcus Amherst Cemetery. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Jolene, and their family.

## Computer Sale

We anticipate having one of our office computers, a monitor, and a keyboard for sale in the near future. Please see the pictures below for details, and stay tuned to upcoming bulletins for more information.

Apple Monitor  
(approximately 26" diagonal)  
Apple Keyboard

13" gold MacBook Air  
Purchased 9/5/2019



## Worship Notes

### Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen Time
11/28	120	10	12/1	9	12
12/5	130	40	12/8	10	8
12/12	148	35	12/15	N/A	N/A
12/19	204	57	12/22	N/A	N/A
12/21	19	N/A	12/29	N/A	N/A
12/24 5:30 p.m.	203	N/A			
12/24 7:30 p.m.	36	N/A			
12/26	52	N/A			

### Greeters

- 1/2 Marla Conley and Scott Osborn
- 1/9 Bob and Peg Parker
- 1/16 Dean and Glenda Parrish
- 1/23 Jerri Hunt and Tony Hunt
- 1/30 Dan and Barb Kratz

### Acolytes

- 1/9 Brock Kannegieter and Brody Cowan
- 1/16 Brock Kannegieter and Kyle Waldner
- 1/23 Logan Robinson
- 1/30 Brooklyn Stubbe & Sophie Scherbring

### Liturgists

- 1/2 Kristal Phillips
- 1/9 Peggy Corrington
- 1/16 Jerri Hunt
- 1/23 Chuck Tolzin
- 1/30 Barb Kratz



### Children's Time

- 1/2 Roni Timmerman
- 1/9 Linda Burkhart
- 1/16 Bruce Dagle
- 1/23 Ervina Scott
- 1/30 Kim Wych



### Flowers

- 1/9 Lowell & Sharon Bennink
- Flowers are needed for all other Sundays in January.

### Nursery Attendants

- 1/2 Nicole Hoskinson
- 1/9 Whitney Robinson
- 1/16 Miranda Cook
- 1/23 Nicole Hoskinson
- 1/30 Whitney Robinson



### Altar Flower Sign-Up



If you would like to donate altar flowers in 2022, the sign-up is on the table in the narthex.

### Nursery Available

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! We're also excited to announce that the nursery has reopened and is available for infants through 2nd graders. The nursery is located in the first classroom on the west (closest to the sanctuary) side of the 2nd floor of the education wing. Nicole Hoskinson, Whitney Robinson, Miranda Cook, and Mandy Christensen will be taking turns, and **new helpers are welcome**. The pay is \$25/worship service. If you'd like to help, please contact Pastor Mike first, as background checks are required for the safety of the children.



### Advent Paraments

The beautiful Advent paraments were purchased with memorials given for Nancy Knapp.



### New Bible Stand

When we couldn't find a stand at church for the Bible, our campus supervisor, Randy Kane, and a friend of his made us one. Thank you!



## Announcements & Updates

### Temporary Change of Church Office Hours



Pastor Mike will be taking vacation days December 25th-January 1st. If you have an emergency during this time, such as the death of a loved one or a hospitalization, please call his cell phone at (563) 506-7412. Jennifer will be taking Friday, December 31st, off but will be in the office for regular hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. (8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)

### Winter Weather Plans

With winter's arrival, we want you to be aware of the plan for any church office or worship service cancellations. When the Cherokee Community School District has a late start, early out, or no school day due to weather, Jennifer will take that time off to be home with Ava. Pastor Mike will either work in the office or at home, depending on the severity of the weather. You can always call him on his cell phone at (563) 506-7412 if you have an urgent need. Sunday morning worship service cancellations will be communicated via our Facebook page, website, KCHE radio, KTIV, and KCAU. Stay safe!



### The Upper Room Devotionals

We received our shipment of January/February *The Upper Room* devotionals, and they are available for pick-up on the table in the narthex.

### College Care Team



We are considering starting a College Care Team that would send cards and care packages to college students in our congregation. If you would like to be a part of this group, please talk to Pastor Mike or Jennifer.

### Homebound Mailing

Beginning December 28th, we will be mailing *Home Touch*, a weekly devotion and activity sheet, to our homebound members and friends. If you would like to receive this new mailing, please contact Jennifer in the church office.



### Visitation Team

The Visitation Team will meet on Tuesday, January 4th, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library.

### Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program



The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) may be able to help you pay for your winter heating bill. The Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2022. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information, or call (712) 225-3322 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at our church on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Their room can be found by entering through the northeast door (dance studio entrance) and going down the stairs.

### Thanksgiving Dinner Update

The net proceeds from the Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by the adult class on Commitment Sunday, were \$530.18. Thank you to the volunteers who helped and to those who donated.

### Update from the Finance Committee

As of December 10<sup>th</sup>, the following amounts have been pledged for St. Paul's 2022 year. It is encouraging to see our church once again coming together when looking at the previous year.

Funds	2021 Pledges	2022 Pledges
General Fund	\$104,746	\$126,239
Capital Funds	\$17,033	\$18,273
Next Generation	\$12,137	\$13,087

As we prepare to close 2021, it is important to share with you the financial condition of our church. Coming off a strong 2020 finish, the first half of 2021 proved to be very trying. With church attendance down, so was giving and the beginning of a deficit. Thankfully, the second half of the year proved to be a turning point for St. Paul's. Attendance started to increase as well as giving. Today, the deficit still exists, however to a lesser extent. Our church has overcome this in the past, thanks to our members who have generously given to overcome the shortfalls. We prayerfully ask for your kind support again.

The Finance Committee will meet in early January to review the closing of 2021. As our church continues to strengthen, we pray our church family will share their blessings with St. Paul's. For that, we say, "THANK YOU!"



## Missions Announcements & Updates

### Mitten Tree Update

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for those in need. You were all very generous!



### Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Alternative Christmas Gift Guide missions. As of December 21st, \$905 has been donated!

### Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing Update

Many thanks to everyone who either donated their time to set up and take down equipment, ring bells, or donated money for our November/December 2021 Bell Ringing at Fareway, Bomgaars, and Hy-Vee stores. We received \$6,350, with 90% of this money staying in Cherokee County. This money will go to help those with emergency needs with food, clothing, partial utility and partial rent assistance, school supplies, natural disasters, and fires. Sometimes, this is the only help available for a person or family, showing them that someone cares to help them start afresh. Every penny counts, along with caring people helping people. Thank you all again for supporting The Salvation Army, Cherokee County.



~Mary Jo Carnine, Service Extension Chairperson

### Missions Committee Meeting

The Missions Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11th, in Schuldt Dining Hall.

### Midwest/Southeast Tornado Relief Offering

We took a special offering on December 19th for UMCOR U.S. disaster response and recovery to benefit those in Kentucky and other states who were impacted by tornados. \$395 was collected. Thank you!

### Iowa Tornado Relief Offering

Our Christmas Eve offering went to assist those affected by the December tornados and derecho in Iowa. \$355 was raised. Thank you for helping our neighbors!

### Human Relations Day Special Offering

We will be collecting a special offering on Sunday, January 16th, for Human Relations Day. On this Sunday, "we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle, because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential."

Information from: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article>

## Music Ministry

### Bell Choir and Chancel Choir Schedule

Bell Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and will perform on Sunday, January 9th, at 10:10 a.m. Chancel Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and will sing in church on Sunday, January 2nd, and Sunday, January 16th, at 10:10 a.m. New members are always welcome in either group!

## Christian Education

### Children's Choir

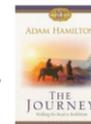
The Children's Choir includes PK-5th graders and practices during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. They will sing during the worship services on January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th.

### Holiday Schedule Changes

We will **not** have children's Sunday School or adult class on January 2nd. The next confirmation session will be on January 5th, but Teen Time will **not** meet on January 5th. Their next meeting will be January 12th at Craig & Monica Schmidt's (409 Centennial Drive).

### Advent Study Update

We had 20 people participate in our two Advent studies that discussed the Christmas story and the book, *The Journey*. Stay tuned for more small group opportunities.



### Ski Trip for 7th-12th Graders



Linda Burkhart is helping to organize a ski trip to Mt. Kato in Minnesota for St. Paul's 7th-12th grade students. We will need drivers. If you are interested in spending a fun Saturday in February with some great kids, please give Linda a call! Otherwise, stay tuned for updates!