



### 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On May 23rd, we honored this group of high school graduates: (Left to Right) Evan Appleby, Rebecca Cowan, Carson Jenness, Trinity Coombs, Cole Timmerman, Brooklynn Schlenger, Cody Ludwig, and Hanna Ludwig. We are so proud of all of them!

### PRAYERS FOR PAUL BURCH

Please lift up Paul Burch in prayer. Paul was seriously injured in a truck-train accident about three miles west of Le Mars on Thursday, June 17th. The accident happened on Hwy. 3 around 1:15 in the afternoon. Paul was driving a semi with a gravel dump trailer. He was coming down a hill heading eastbound and collided with a train that was going northbound. Paul was airlifted to Mercy Hospital in Sioux City where he is in serious condition.

### ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS

Our chancel choir will practice Wednesday, June 30th, at 7:00 p.m. We're going to be singing at our service on Sunday, July 4th, for Pastor Mike and his family. Thanks!  
-Sherry Held

### FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

If you're able to provide refreshments in August, for our fellowship coffees after church, please call Betty Point at 225-3211. Thanks so much!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

This year's Vacation Bible School was held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, with over 50 children in attendance! Linda Appleby, Linda Burkhart, and Sherry Held volunteered from St. Paul's, and some of the children who attended were from our church family. Vacation Bible School concluded on June 18th with a 30-minute program where the children sang some songs and shared what they had learned during the week. If you're on Facebook and would like to see some pictures and videos from this year's Vacation Bible School, you can find them on the Memorial Presbyterian Church's page.

### CHURCH CAMPS

Summer church camps have started at Okoboji! There are full week camps, half week camps, day camps, and even family camps! Check out this website for details: [www.okobojicamp.com](http://www.okobojicamp.com). Register online at [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps). Remember, our St. Paul's Missions Committee will pay 50% of each camper's registration fee!

### JULY 4TH SERVICE

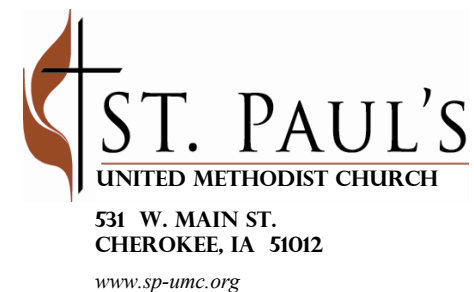
Pastor Mike Agnew will be leading his first service at St. Paul's on July 4th. We hope many of you will be in attendance to welcome Pastor Mike and his family to Cherokee. Please wear your name tags that are hanging in the narthex so Pastor Mike can start connecting names with faces. Thanks a lot!

### CONTACT INFORMATION

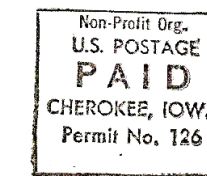
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### July 2021 UMW Buzz

### MINUTES FROM CHARITY CIRCLE'S MEETING

Ten members of Charity Circle met in the Schuldt Dining Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th. Jeanine Schroder is now coming to Charity Circle from the night circle. Mary Jo Carnine opened the meeting with the theme of caring and doing good for others, and we recited the UMW pledge. The minutes of our May meeting were approved as read, and we have \$147.00 in our treasury. Bonita LaFave and Betty Bilney served as hostesses. Sharon Benink gave the program which was entitled "Learning in Community." It was from the UMW program book. Joys and concerns were shared. Our next meeting will be September 15th.

### Upcoming UMW Fall Events:

- September 16 at 6:00 p.m. - UMW Fall Fling (Hostess is Grace Circle; Devotions is Charity Circle)
- October 2 - UMW Statewide Conference to be Hosted by St. Paul's
- October 20 - Assemble Ingathering Kits at our Meeting
- November 2 - Election Day Luncheon

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Brett and Korriane James and all of their family. Korriane's grandfather, Charles Aguirre, 86, passed away on June 2, 2021. Mr. Aguirre is under the care of Oakdale Mortuary in Glendora, California. No public services are scheduled at this time.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Dustin and Jessica Wieland on the birth of their son. Brady Jon Wieland was born at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on Monday, May 31st, at 12:38 p.m. Brady weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. He was welcomed home by his brother Benjamin. Brady's very proud grandparents are Will and Sarah Cook of Cherokee, Kenny and Melanie Petersen of Correctionville, and Denny and Jan Wieland of Aurelia.

## THANK YOU FROM MARCI BROWN

I would like to thank my church family for all their prayers and encouragement over the past several months. Some sent cards, some sent letters, some sent positive energy, and I loved it all! Only a few more weekly chemotherapy treatments left then on to radiation! Thank you to such a wonderful church community for all your support!

-Marci Brown

## THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, thoughts, and prayers while I have been laid up. All have been much appreciated.

-Priscilla Bainbridge

## THANKS FROM LOREN WOLTMAN

My many, many thanks to all our family, church family, friends, and neighbors for all the calls, cards, and food. Whatever you did, it was greatly appreciated! My back surgery went well, and I'm improving every day. Thanks again!

-Loren Woltman



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
July 2021

## A MOMENT WITH MIKE

Greetings, St. Paul's United Methodist Church! I want to begin this article by thanking all of you for the care and hospitality you have shown us leading up to our move to Cherokee. Many of you have reached out by email, text, or by sending a card, and many of you helped us in one way or another to find a house. As I write this article, we are a little over a week away from moving to town, and our house is getting filled with boxes as we finish up our packing. We look forward to having the move behind us and meeting you all.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your next pastor, and I look forward to working together with you in ministry. After I arrive, my top priorities will include getting to know as many of you as I can and learning about the rich heritage of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. In the coming weeks, we will have opportunities for you to sign up to visit with me, so we can get to know one another. When you sign up, you will be able to select your time and whether you prefer the visit to be in your home, at church, or in another location. If you prefer a group setting, I will have "coffee with the pastor" gatherings twice a month in the fellowship hall, during which I will meet with groups of up to ten people at a time. Wherever and however we meet, in addition to getting to know your story, I will ask the following two questions: "what is your greatest hope for our church" and "what do you hope will never change about our church."

In addition to getting to know you, a top priority will be to work with our committees as we formulate our expectations and goals for the church, based on the C.A.T. survey.

Some of these goals have already been identified, but we will be in conversation in the coming months as we seek to flesh out how we can accomplish them. As we do this, my visits with you will be very helpful, for it is only by getting to know who we are now as a church that we can know what we should do moving forward.

This has been a rough year and a half, no doubt. Now that the pandemic is nearly over, the time has come for us to look at what it means for us to be the presence of Christ for our community and world, now and in the future. We must do this while remaining true to who we are as a church. I am fully aware that I am joining you all in a journey that started for this congregation many generations before us and continues today. What a privilege to work together! My promise to you is that I will do my best as your pastor to lead and work alongside you as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

God bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew

## PASTOR MIKE AGNEW

Parts of this article appeared in the April issue of the newsletter, but I thought you might appreciate having a little refresher on Pastor Mike and his family before actually getting to meet them in July.

Bishop Laurie Haller and her appointive cabinet announced in March that Reverend Michael Agnew would be appointed to St. Paul's United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2021. Mike is currently appointed to Harlan UMC in the Southwest District.

Pastor Mike was born and raised in Hamburg, Iowa, and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Management Information Systems. While in college, he was a ministry intern serving Burr Oak and Skidmore United Methodist Churches. After college, he served Sheridan, Grant City, and Denver United Methodist Churches in Missouri and Mt. Beulah United Methodist Church in Kentucky during seminary. He received his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and is an ordained elder. In the Iowa Annual Conference, he has served Eagle Grove United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church of Wilton, and currently pastors at Monroe Chapel and Harlan First United Methodist Churches. Mike has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 17 years, and they have a ten-year-old daughter named Ava. His favorite parts of pastoring are preaching and leading worship, and he enjoys running, music, and watching superhero movies. Pastor Mike, Jennifer, and Ava look forward to becoming a part of this community and making Cherokee their new home.

## UPDATE ON STEVE FASSLER

Steve Fassler is battling pancreatic cancer, and he and his family would really appreciate prayers. If you'd like to let Steve know that you're thinking of him, here is his address:

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## UPDATE ON LOUIE HAUSMANN

Please keep Louie Hausmann in your prayers. Louie and his granddaughters were riding their bicycles together earlier this month, and he had an accident. Somehow Louie landed on his shoulder and back and ended up with four broken bones. He spent some time in the Ames hospital following his accident, but Sheree and Louie are home now and his pain is finally under control. Louie is resting, and he's glad to be back in Cherokee.