

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to Chuck Tolzin for leading the service on December 26th when Pastor Mike was on vacation.

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Thank you to Dick Point, Jane Nelson, Loren Woltman, Ann Wright, and anyone else who helped clean the church while Randy was ill.

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Thank you to Monica Schmidt and Korrie Coombs for brainstorming a list of college students for the College Care Team.

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The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expressions of sympathy conveyed to our families in many ways. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.

Sincerely,  
Jolene, John, Julie, Dan, and families  
Mark and Kathy Fassler  
(The Family of Irvin L. Deichmann)

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I would like to thank the so many people that sent Christmas and birthday cards and prayers, especially the very nice card from all the kids who made such a beautiful card to Pastor Mike and myself. That really made my day. Also, thank you to the congregation for allowing me to help serve this church.

Thank you!  
Randy the Janitor

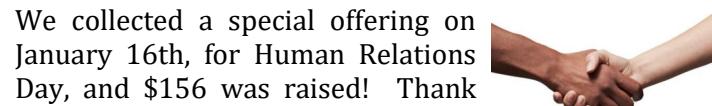
## Missions Updates

### Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Update

 \$1,005 was raised through the Alternative Christmas Gift Guide! Of this, \$460 went to Heifer International, \$215 went to Church World Service, and \$330 went to Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Thank you!

### Human Relations Day Special Offering

We collected a special offering on January 16th, for Human Relations Day, and \$156 was raised! Thank you! This money joins funds raised by other United Methodist Churches and helps "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."



A big "thank you" goes to Pastor Michael Slininger for preaching at the January 23rd service when Pastor Mike had COVID and to Chuck Tolzin, Sherry Held, and the sound technicians for their flexibility and assistance. Also, thank you for the get well cards and well-wishes for Pastor Mike.

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Thanks to friends of St. Paul's UMC for the cookies. What a treat! Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Stop again, Barb K.

Della Wolf

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Thank you to all members and friends of St Paul's United Methodist Church who give so generously to our Youth Fund. Our junior high and senior high youth all met at the American Theater on Wednesday, January 12th, to see the inspirational movie *American Underdog*. The night out was enjoyed by all. Thank you from all our youth and from Craig and Monica Schmidt and Pastor Mike.



### UMW Recognition Pins

Sunday, January 30th, at the 10:10 a.m. worship service

### UMW Executive Board

Monday, February 14th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, February 16th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle

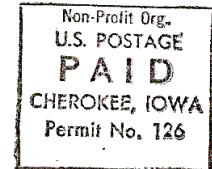
Wednesday, February 16th, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Please see the announcements section for information about donating food or waitressing for Sermons ala Carte on March 9th.



## February 2022

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1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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

**Pastor:** Mike Agnew

**Financial Secretary:** Sarah Cook

**Campus Supervisor:** Randy Kane

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Agnew

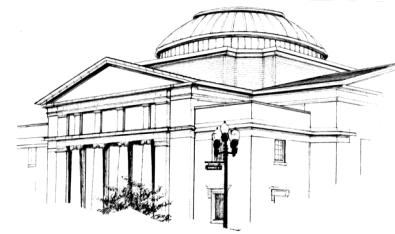
**Organists:** Betty Point, Meribeth Adams, & Sherry Held

**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 February 2022 10:10 a.m. Worship

## A Moment with Mike

As you may have heard in a recent church service, we ended the 2021 year with a surplus in our budget, thanks to many people—like you—who give generously towards the ministries of the church. Thank you for your generosity! As we enter into the second month of 2022, we feel hopeful about the difference we can make in our local community and the world through our support of the ministries of the church, including our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



In anticipation that the year would end well, our Finance Committee set the 2022 budget with a lofty goal to pay 75% of our apportionments. To give you context, in 2021, the goal was to pay 28% of our apportionments, and we were able to do that. Several years ago, our church paid all of our apportionment obligation, and we hope to return to that point again soon.

What are apportionments? They are a way that we can work together with other United Methodist congregations around the world to make a bigger impact than we ever could alone. Each year, the United Methodist Church determines how much we should pay in apportionments, based on some statistical information about our local church. This is done for each United Methodist church, so each church is apportioned a certain amount. As United Methodists, we agree to do what we can to pay these apportionments to help make a difference in the world globally, while also remaining committed to helping out people in our own neighborhood through local missions.

Our apportionment funds are broken down into seven different funds of mission and ministry. The World Service Fund is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, financing Christian missions around the world. This fund helps to build new churches, prepares clergy and lay leaders, increases the number of young clergy, and pays missionary salaries. The Ministerial Education Fund is our way of helping men and women answer the call to ministry by providing financial support for recruiting and educating new pastors. The Episcopal Fund helps pay for our bishops' salaries, office and travel expenses, pension, and health-benefit coverage. The Black College Fund helps support the eleven U.S. historically black colleges and universities related to the church. These eleven institutions play an essential role in shaping diverse young leaders for the church and world. It also extends important educational opportunities to underserved and first-generation college students who might not be able to pursue a degree otherwise. The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund allows United Methodists to share a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical organizations. The Africa University Fund supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa. Africa University provides higher education, enriched with Christian values, for men and women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow. Last, but not least, the General Administration Fund finances church activities that are administrative in nature, such as our General Conference. A denomination of churches as connected as ours will need to be able to finance that cooperation, and this fund helps accomplish that.



There is more detail that could be given, but this is a brief synopsis of what we do with apportionments. I believe it is vitally important for the church to make a difference both locally and globally, and our apportionments help us accomplish the global aspect of that. Thank you for what you do! You are making a difference!

God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew



## Finance Notes

### 2022 Pledge Update

	2022	2021	2020
General fund	\$132,604	\$104,746	\$135,362
Capital improvements	21,203		
Next generation fund	15,349		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,156</b>	<b>\$133,916</b>	<b>\$163,395</b>

Thank you so much for your generosity in closing out 2021 and your pledged giving for 2022. We are excited for the ministry possibilities this year and hope you are too!

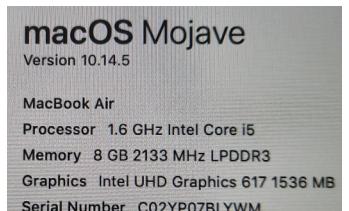
### From the Finance Committee

Great things continue at St. Paul's!!! Thanks to St. Paul's staff working hard to keep expenses down, favorable news pertaining to our general insurance premium, a successful application to the payroll protection program, and the transfer for appropriate dedicated funds, it still appeared we would close 2021 somewhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000 in the red. Then, the unexpected happened. Three anonymous gifts totaling \$15,000 were received between Christmas and New Year's. What a wonderful gesture on the part of these individuals! St. Paul's did close the year on a positive note, for the year's pledges, gifts and the PPP application exceeded the budget by \$4,100. Expenses ended \$13,000 less than budgeted. The excess funds will go a long way towards the 2022 ambitious budget.

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your generous support and concern, giving the church the ability to carry on St. Paul's ministry in a manner that we can all be proud of.

*Thank You!*

## Computer, Monitor, and Keyboard for Sale



St. Paul's has a gold MacBook Air, an Apple monitor, and an Apple keyboard for sale. These items are available as a set, not individually. The Apple monitor is approximately 26" (diagonal). Bids will be accepted through February 14th from members, regular attenders, and their immediate family, with priority given to members. To submit a bid, please call the church office at 225-3955, or email cherokeespumc@gmail.com. An increase of at least \$25 from the previous bid is required to place a new bid. Please see the pictures to the right for details, or stop by the church office if you'd like to see the items in person.



Apple Monitor



13" gold MacBook Air

Apple Keyboard

Purchased 9/5/2019

## Local Resources

### Early Head Start

Mid-Sioux Opportunity's Early Head Start is currently taking applications for their FREE family support and resource program. Early Head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of three. For more information on this free, home-based program, call (800) 859-2025.

### Head Start

If you have a child between the ages of three and four years old, you may qualify for the FREE Head Start or Child Development Program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. For more information on this free preschool program, please call (800) 859-2025.



### 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.-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.

## Staff Spotlight

St. Paul's UMC has one full-time staff member and twelve part-time staff members. We are highlighting a few each month for you to get to know them better.



Dusty Wright started working for the church in the fall of 2021 and serves as our Bell Choir director. She graduated from the University of South Dakota in May of 2021 and is the 5th grade and high school band director down at Ridge View High School in Holstein.

A fun fact about Dusty is that she was actually a member of St. Paul's bell choir when she was in High School.



Betty Point started working for the church in 1976 and serves as one of our organists/pianists, normally on the first and third Sundays, and is also the Chancel Choir accompanist.



Meribeth Adams started working for the church in 2012 and serves as one of our organists/pianists, normally on the second Sunday of the month. She loves music, is a member of our Bell Choir, and taught piano lessons for 9 years. After retiring from teaching 33 years at Cherokee Community Schools, Meribeth also served as St. Paul's administrative assistant from 2015-2021.

## Music Ministry

### Bell Choir Schedule

Bell Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will perform on Sunday, February 13th, during the 10:10 a.m. worship service. New members are always welcome!



### Chancel Choir Schedule

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will sing during the worship services on Sunday, February 6th, and Sunday, February 20th, at 10:10 a.m. New members are always welcome!



## Church Family News

### Bridal Brunch



A come and go bridal brunch for Kayli Burnside, bride-elect of Nolan Sampson, will be held in the church dining room on Saturday, February 26th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please join us in this opportunity to meet Kayli and welcome her into the Sampson family!

The couple is registered at Home Anthology and Cherokee General Store.

### In Sympathy

**Mike Bechtel**, 71, passed away peacefully at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on January 2nd. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on January 6th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Mike is the brother of Denise Green and Dan (Sue) Bechtel.

**David Lee Deedrick**, 90, of Waukee and formerly of Cherokee passed away on January 8th at Mercy One Johnston Hospice Care. Visitation was held on January 12th at the Boothby Funeral Home, and a funeral service was held on January 13th at Boothby Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date in Oak Hill Cemetery. David is the husband of Janice Deedrick and the father of Linda (Duane) Christensen.

**Donna Conley**, 90, of Cherokee passed away on January 10th at The Gardens Assisted Living. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

**Curtis A. Stover**, 61, of Fort Dodge, passed away on January 16th at the Paula J. Baber Hospice Home in Fort Dodge, following a two-and-a-half-year battle with colon cancer. Visitation was held at Northfield Church of Christ on January 20th. A service honoring Curtis' life was held on January 21st at Northfield Church of Christ. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Rockwell City. Curtis is the husband of Laura (Brundeen) Stover, a former youth leader at St. Paul's UMC.

**Nancy Ann Leonard**, 69, of Cherokee passed away on January 22nd. A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date in the spring.



## Worship Notes

### Attendance

Sunday	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen Time
1/2	59	N/A	1/5	N/A	N/A
1/9	113	29	1/12	7	11
1/16	83	30	1/19	N/A	5
1/23	92	30	1/26	N/A	6

Sunday School, Confirmation, and Teen Time numbers include the teachers.

### Greeters

- 2/6 Lee Ann Christensen (north)  
Tim & Kim Wych (west)  
2/13 John & Kay O'Connor (north)  
Moonie & Andrea Munson (west)  
2/20 Jeff & Patti Blum (north)  
Linda Struck (west)  
2/27 Ervina Scott (north)  
Curt & Kristal Phillips (west)

### Acolytes

- 2/6 Brock Kannegieter & Roman Thill  
2/13 Kyle Waldner  
2/20 Logan Robinson  
2/27 Needed

### Liturgists

- 2/6 Monica & Craig Schmidt  
2/13 Betty Point  
2/20 Kent Lundquist  
2/27 Linda Rutter



### Children's Time

- 2/6 Monica & Craig Schmidt  
2/13 Camp Sunday  
2/20 Korrie Coombs  
2/27 Amy Stief



### Altar Flowers for February

Don Witcombe

### Nursery Attendants

- 2/6 Mandy Christensen  
2/13 Nicole Hoskinson  
2/20 Whitney Robinson  
2/27 Mandy Christensen

### Nursery Available

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have a staffed nursery available for infants through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary.



### Volunteer Drummer Needed

We are looking for a drummer to play the praise song with Pastor Mike, Charlie Leisler, and the pianist during worship. You would not have to bring your drum set, as Pastor Mike has one you could play. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Mike.



### New Paraments

The green paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpits) were purchased with undesignated memorials.



### Current Sermon Series

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

- 1/30 "Working with Your Hands: Bezalel & Oholiab"  
2/6 "Dealing with Difficult Men: Abigail"  
2/20 "The Women Who Made Christianity Possible"  
2/27 "A Ministry of Encouragement: Barnabas"



Pastor Mike's sermons are broadcast on KCHE 92.1 on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via your favorite podcast app. Our full worship services are available live via YouTube and via a link from our website ([cherokeemethodist.com](http://cherokeemethodist.com)). Once YouTube has published the service (usually Sunday evening), we also share the recorded version on our Facebook page.

### Altar Flower Sign-Up

If you would like to donate altar flowers in 2022, the sign-up is on the table in the narthex. If you want to donate but your special day has already been reserved by someone else, it is okay to have more than one arrangement per week.



## Announcements & Updates

### Camp Sunday



Did you know the United Methodist Church has two camps in Iowa? Find out more on St. Paul's Camp Sunday, which will be held on February 13th. A guest speaker from Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center will be here with more information. A few camp books are already available in the church office, on the table in the narthex, and on the table outside the office. You can also find the camp schedule for both Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods at <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>. The Missions Committee is pleased to announce that it will be paying 75% per camp for St. Paul's children and youth. If money is still a hindrance for you, an application to apply for a campership is available in the office. The Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries feels strongly that everyone who wants to attend camp can do so and that no camper will ever be turned away because their family can't afford to pay. They provide campership funds to individuals who need them most, based on the individual's and family's needs.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 2nd, as we will be having an Ash Wednesday service, including the imposition of ashes, at 7:00 p.m. The



Chancel Choir has graciously agreed move their practice time to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the service. Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance that marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent.

### Sermons ala Carte



Sermons ala Carte are a series of ecumenical services held for six weeks during the Lenten season at the Memorial Presbyterian Church

(127 E Willow Street). Area pastors take turns leading the service, and congregations prepare lunches to follow the service. This weekly series begins on Wednesday, March 2nd, from 12-1 p.m. and will continue on Wednesdays through April 6th. Pastor Mike will preach on March 9th, and our church will need to provide waitresses/waiters, nine salads, and five pans of bars. Each salad will need to serve 8-10 people. If you are able to help by working or preparing food, please let Jeff or Patti Blum know by calling (712) 225-2606. For those providing food, please drop it off at the Presbyterian Church before 11:30 a.m. on March 9th.

### Book Recommendations

 During his sermon on January 23rd, our guest preacher, Pastor Michael Slininger, recommended the following books:

- *Uncomfortable: The Awkward and Essential Challenge of Christian Community* by Brett McCracken
- *It's Not What You Think: Why Christianity is About So Much More Than Going to Heaven When You Die* by Jefferson Bethke
- *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton

We have ordered these books for the church library and will have them available as soon as they arrive and are processed.

### Newsletter Folders Needed

We currently mail 200 newsletters via bulk mail and email another 200+. Jennifer is looking for some assistance for folding, taping, and labeling the March newsletters. If you are able to help, please meet in the church library at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24th.



### College Care Team Update

 Our newly created College Care Team, consisting of Darlene Woltman, Meribeth Adams, and Jennifer Agnew, will be sending monthly cards, small gifts, and a once a semester larger package to around 20 college students. Stay tuned to the bulletins for ways you can help with this ministry, as we will soon be asking the congregation to assist us by donating certain items for the care packages. A sign-up and additional information will be available in upcoming months.

### HomeTouch Update

We are currently mailing *HomeTouch*, a weekly devotion and activity page, to 19 homebound members and friends of St. Paul's UMC. Please let Jennifer know if you or a friend would like to be added to the list.

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| Tues., 2/1   | 9:30 a.m.      | Visitation Team (library)                                      |
| Thurs., 2/10 | 10:30 a.m.     | History Committee (library)                                    |
| Sun., 2/13   | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Cavaliers 4-H Club's Soup and Salad Meal (Schuldt Dining Hall) |
| Wed., 2/23   | 10:00 a.m.     | The Gardens Bible study  |

## Announcements & Updates

### "Iowa Leading the Way" Tour with District Superintendent, Rev. Ronald Carlson

As a follow-up to Bishop Laurie's Epiphany address and the Appointive Cabinet's leadership initiative born out of their work in the "Leading Now and Into the Future" series, the District Superintendents and the Ministry Directors will visit each district on an "Iowa Leading the Way" tour. These will be held at select locations from January 29th-February 28th, including here at St. Paul's. The final event will be virtual and offered as a Zoom meeting. These conference-wide conversations are for laity and clergy of the conference and will speak to Vision 2032, the Cabinet statement of November 2021, and reiterate there is a home in the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church for all. The meeting at St. Paul's UMC will be held on Sunday, February 13th, from 3-5 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, other locations, or to access the Zoom option, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/news>.

### Scholarship Information

 The church has received information on several scholarship opportunities for those attending college. For more information, please visit <https://iumf.org/scholarships> and [iaumc.org](https://iaumc.org) (Directories/Districts/Camp Clear Lake District/CCL Stouffer Trust). You can also contact Jennifer in the office to have the links emailed to you.

### 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 and warm!

### New Rug for Nursery

With the nursery reopened during our Sunday worship services, Randy Kane, our campus supervisor, ordered this new, blue rug for the kids' play area.



## 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 February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th.

### Drivers Needed for Youth Ski Trip to Mt. Kato, MN February 26th



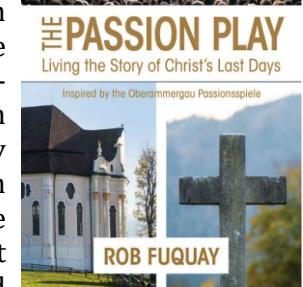
St. Paul's youth groups (grades 7-12) are going on a ski trip to Mt. Kato, Minnesota, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 26th. Please call the church office if you are interested in going, so we can send you the necessary forms to complete as well as informational sheets. We will need to have your names and forms into the office by February 14th, so we have time to line up drivers. If you have questions, please text Linda Burkhart at (712) 229-9226, or call the church office at (712) 225-3955.

### Confirmation Sunday

 This year's Confirmation Sunday will be April 24th.

### Upcoming Lent Study

Jesus' Passion story is presented each Lent in countless churches every year. One play presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Germany, may be one of the longest-running performances of all. Staged every ten years since 1634, the play makes an impact not only on the villagers who portray the characters but on all who see it as well. In his new book and study, author and pastor Rob Fuquay follows the Biblical story of the Passion and how it has been experienced through the centuries against the backdrop of this amazing play. This video-based study will meet for six weeks. One group will meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m., starting March 6th, and the second group with meet Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting March 3rd. Please sign up by March 13th by contacting the office or by signing up on the clipboard in the narthex on Sunday. The cost of the book is \$11.64, but financial assistance is available, if needed.



ROB FUQUAY