

## This Week's Schedule

Today	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
	9:15 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	10:10 a.m.	Worship/communion (sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship (Schuldt Dining Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Bible study - Ch. 5 (Feller Lounge)
Mon., 2/2	<b>9 a.m. - 12 p.m. &amp; 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open</b>	
	12 p.m.	Pastor Mike at Rotary
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Tues., 2/3	<b>9 a.m. - 12 p.m. &amp; 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
	1:30 p.m.	Mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Council (Feller Lounge)
Wed., 2/4	<b>9 a.m. - 12 p.m. &amp; 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open</b>	
	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Bulletin submissions due</b>
	10 a.m.	Communion at Heartland
	—	No Bell Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (choir room)
	7 p.m.	Young Life Club
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Thurs., 2/5	<b>9 a.m. - 12 p.m. &amp; 1 - 3 p.m. Church office open</b>	
	10 a.m.	Bible study - Ch. 5 (Feller Lounge)
Fri., 2/6	—	<b>Office closed/Pastor Mike's day off</b>
Sat., 2/7	—	Cavaliers set up for Sunday's meal (Schuldt Dining Hall)
Sun., 2/8	8:30 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	9 a.m.	Sunday School for PK-8th & adults
	9 a.m.	Bell Choir practice (sanctuary)
	10:10 a.m.	Worship/Bell Choir (sanctuary)
	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Cavaliers Soup Dinner (S. Dining Hall)
	—	No Bible study due to the Super Bowl



## Mark Your Calendars

Mon., 2/9	9:30 a.m.	UW Faith Executive Board (S. Dining Hall)
Tues., 2/10	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (S. Dining Hall)
Wed., 2/18	1:30 p.m.	Joyful Charity Circle (S. Dining Hall)
Sat., 2/21	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Schuldt Dining Hall)

# Welcome!

**February 1, 2026**  
**10:10 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

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

## Prelude and Ringing of the Bell



## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

**People:** To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord?

**People:** With speech that is gentle and words that build up.

Leader: How shall we live our faith?

**People:** With actions that bring peace and works that lift up the lowly.

Leader: Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

## Opening Prayer

\***Hymn**      "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"      No. 103

\***The Apostles' Creed**      No. 881

## Children's Time

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

**Praise Song**      "Oceans"      See screen.

**Scripture Reading**      Matthew 25:1-13

**Message**      "Ready for the Party?"

## Offering

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

## \*Offertory Prayer

**Holy Communion**      No. 13

\***Hymn**      "Fairest Lord Jesus"      No. 189

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

**Fellowship in Schuldt Dining Hall (downstairs) - All are welcome!**

## Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

**Pastor:** Mike Agnew

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Agnew

**Financial Secretary:** Sarah Cook

**Custodian:** Betty Harman

**Nursery:** Ally Timmerman

**North Greeter:** Linda Rutter

**Ushers:** The Knoben Family

**Liturgist & Children's Time:**

Linda Burkhart

**Communion Stewards:** Jim & Peggy Corrington, Kevin & Karla



Wilkie, and Neil & Jodi Phipps

**Organist/Pianist:**

Betty Point

**Bell Choir Director:**

Dusty Basteen



**Chancel Choir Director:**

Now Hiring!

**Drummer:** Kent Lundquist

**Guitarist:** Charlie Leissler

The altar arrangement is given by Darlene Woltman in memory of Loren Woltman and family.

## February 8th Worship Assistants

**Organist/Pianist:** Meribeth Adams      **Nursery:** Sign up online.

**North Greeters:** Al & Barb Henn      **Ushers:** The Knoben Family

**Liturgist & Children's Time:** Connie Hankens

**Sermon:** "A Story of Two Prayers" (Luke 18:9-14)

**Flowers:** Scott Osborn, Micki Conley, Bonni Conley, Clare Conley-Pruitt, and Fran Stoline



## Resources Available for Worship

Welcome! We are glad you're here. Assistive listening devices and children's activity bags are available in the narthex. 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.

## Nursery Available

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

## Last Week's Attendance

Worship: 119

Sunday School: 37\*

Teen Time: 10\*

\* includes adult leaders

## Lent Studies & Devotionals

**In-Person Studies:** Pastor Mike will be leading two lent studies over the book *Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion* by Adam Hamilton. One study will meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge (2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29). The second group will meet on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Feller Lounge (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31). The two groups cover the same material, and you are welcome to switch between the groups as your schedule allows. An online (Zoom) option can also be provided, if needed, by talking to Pastor Mike. If you would like to be a part of this study, please sign up in the narthex on Sunday or call the church office during the week. The cost of the book is \$25, and financial assistance is available.

**Online Study:** Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai invites you to join her 6-week Lenten study based on her book *Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*. Together, we will explore how to build beloved community in the face of division and hate. This is an online study via Zoom, and Pastor Mike will be hosting the study in Feller Lounge. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31). Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending, and also register online at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/19573540>. The cost of the book is \$13, and financial assistance is available.

**Lenten Devotionals:** Free Lenten devotionals are available on the table in the narthex, courtesy of The Society of St. Andrew, an organization that gleans fields to feed the hungry.



## 2026 UW Faith Books Available

The 2026 UW Faith books are completed, thanks to Linda Christensen. Members of UW Faith can get their copies at their circle meetings, and the Visitation Team will deliver to homebound members.

## Camp Sunday on February 22nd

Camp Sunday is February 22nd, and all five of our 2025 campers will share about their experiences. We will also have a popcorn and M&M fundraiser for those attending 2026 camps. Stay tuned!

## Plastic Bags Needed for Mat Weaving



The sleeping mat weaving group is resuming on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge, beginning February 3rd. They need **clean, flattened** plastic grocery bags to make the mats. In the storage room on the southeast corner of Feller Lounge, there are cardboard flats you can take home to contain the bags you are flattening. **Please keep Fareway sacks in one flat and all other stores' sacks in a separate flat.** When your flat is full, it can be placed on the card table in the storage room. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Parrish.

## Cavaliers Soup Dinner Next Sunday

The Cherokee Cavaliers 4-H Club is hosting a soup dinner next Sunday, February 8th, from 11 a.m.-1p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. Tickets are available from any Cavaliers member for \$7/adult or \$5/child age 2-10. (Ally Timmerman is in the club.) Tickets at the door will be \$8/adult and \$6/child age 2-10. To-go orders will also be available.



## Ash Wednesday Service



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is on Wednesday, February 18th. Join us for a service, including the imposition of ashes on your forehead or hand, that evening at 7 p.m.

## Help Needed for Sermons Ala Carte

Waitresses, salads, bars, and dish washers are needed for the Sermons Ala Carte on Wednesday, February 25th. If you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex. Salad bowls will be available in our kitchen by Sunday, February 22nd, so you won't have to worry about getting your dish back. Any type of salad or bars is fine. The main dish will be ham and noodles. For a complete schedule of Sermons Ala Carte, please see our Facebook page, the February newsletter, or the bulletin boards at either entrance.

