

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to Stan DeRoo, Carolyn VanAmberg, Sarah Cook, Monica Schmidt, and Barb Kratz who helped us gather information for year-end reports.



Thank you to Chuck and Julie Tolzin for donating the coffee pot for meetings and for Pastor Mike to use in the office.

Thank you to Meribeth Adams for donating a love seat for the 3rd-6th grade Sunday School room and to Mark and Becky Scherbring for hauling away the old one.

Thank you to Jeanne Blackstone for mending the flags at church and to Don Blackstone for putting them back on display.

Thank you to the Audit Committee, which includes Karen Aduddell, Rich Cook, and Marci Brown, for completing the audit and to Stan DeRoo for assisting them.

Thank you to Connie Hankens for the items for Fellowship time and for the cards.

Thank you to Jeff Blum for cleaning for the church in the interim time between custodians.

Thank you to the volunteers who help fold, tape, and label the newsletters. This great group (plus Pastor Mike and Glenda Parrish) helped last month.



Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards and let me know you were thinking of me. I received 76 cards and appreciate it very much.

Alyce Hirschman

Thank you for all the cards and calls from the church family. I am feeling much better.

Norma Fox

Blessings and thank you for sending love and comforting words to me and my family at the time of my husband's (Richard Grosshauser) death in December.

Marilyn Brubaker

Thank you so much for the care package! I'm on my way to Florida, and the snacks came in handy!

Thanks again,  
Trevor Lundquist

Many thanks to everyone who sent me get well cards, said prayers for my healing, called me, and for Pastor Mike's visits. I'm now at Accura Healthcare for rehab. Soon, I hope I will be back at church.

Blessings to all,  
Mary Jo Carnine

Thank you to the church for sending me a Valentine's Day card and chocolate!

JD Fiedler  
University of Northern IA

I would like to give thanks for the care package and the kind words sent to me! It means a lot and is very much appreciated!

Thanks,  
JD Fiedler

In our time of sorrow, we would like to thank you for all your prayers and concerns with Dennis' passing.

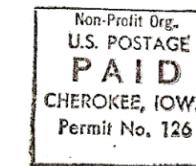
God Bless!  
Phyllis Parrott

Dear friends and Rev. Mike,  
Thank you for helping me get out of the elevator and up and down the steps on Sunday.

Your friend,  
Dennis Bahr

A big "thank you" to our family, church family, and friends for all the calls, cards, plants, and concerns for my health. I am doing better and working to get my strength back. Thanks again for everything!

Loren Woltman



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Palm/  
Passion  
Sunday**

**April 10th  
10:10 a.m.**

The children will help with the palm parade.

*Do this in remembrance of me*



**Maundy/Holy  
Thursday**

**April 14th  
7:00 p.m.**

We will partake in holy communion, and the Chancel Choir will sing.



**Good  
Friday**

**April 15th  
7:00 p.m.**

We will focus on Jesus' death on the cross.



**Easter Sunday  
April 17th**

8 a.m. Youth-led Worship  
8:45-9:45 a.m. Brunch in  
Schuldt Dining Hall  
10:10 a.m. Worship

Our special offering will benefit Ukrainian refugees.



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

9 a.m. Sunday School

April 2022

10:10 a.m. Worship

## St. Paul's UMC

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Mike Agnew

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**Bell Choir Director:**  
Dusty Wright

**Nursery Attendants:**  
Nicole Hoskinson  
Whitney Robinson  
Mandy Christensen  
Miranda Cook

## A Moment with Mike

Believe it or not, we are charging ahead into spring! We have been pretty fortunate this year with a mild winter, although we do hope that this drought comes to an end soon. As we enter into this new season, we are also continuing in our season of Lent, which will bring us to the celebration of Easter. I do hope you will be able to join us, either in person or online, during our special Holy Week services. Holy Week starts off with our Palm Sunday service, during which palm branches will be available for all to wave as we sing our processional hymn. Later in the week, we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. and a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. On Easter, we will have an early service at 8 a.m., brunch at 8:45 a.m., and our second service at 10:10 a.m.

What is Maundy Thursday? This is a special worship service that focuses on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples, the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet, and the institution of the sacrament of communion. The word *maundy* comes from the Latin word for commandment, referring to Jesus' instructions at the Last Supper.

What is Good Friday? This is another special worship service that focuses on Jesus' trial, suffering, and death on the cross. We call this day "good" because through his suffering, death, and resurrection, God's love and salvation are revealed to us most clearly. It is only good in the sense that it looks ahead to the resurrection and the good news of the Gospel.

There is a lot that took place during the last week of Jesus' life, and it is difficult to take it all in with Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship alone. Therefore, I hope you can partake in these extra services to experience together all that happened in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew

## April Sermon Plans

April 3	5th Sunday of Lent	"The Rich Man and Lazarus" (Luke 16:19-31)
April 10	Palm Sunday	"Not Your Typical Parade" (Luke 19:28-40)
April 14	Maundy Thursday	"Not Just Any Meal" (Matthew 26:17-29)
April 15	Good Friday	"Good' Friday"
April 17	Easter	"Resurrection and Renewal" (Matthew 28:1-10 and John 21:15-19)
April 24	Confirmation Sunday	"Confirm Your Faith" (2 Peter 1:3-11)

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 at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays via YouTube and via a link from our website (cherokeemethodist.com). Once YouTube has published the service (usually Sunday evening or Monday), we also share the recorded version on our Facebook page. Please stop by the church office if you would like in-person assistance accessing the services.

## Church Family News

### Welcome, Little One!



Cora Fe Clyde, daughter of Olivia and Braydon Clyde, was born at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, and was 7 lbs. 12 oz. She is welcomed home by her big brother, Julian. Proud grandparents are Bruce and Leah Dagele and Jerod and Cari Clyde. Her great-grandparents are John and Myra Breuer, Dennis and Elaine Dagele, Gregg and Cindy Johnson, and Dick and Judy Clyde. Congratulations!

### With Sympathy and Prayers

**Michael R. Halder**, 66, passed away on March 2nd. Visitation was held on March 8th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee. There was a prayer service following the visitation at the church. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on March 9th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Cherokee. Mike is the father of Rachel (Cody) Lucas.

**John D. Tschetter**, 74, of Cherokee passed away on March 13th at Careage Hills in Cherokee. Visitation was held on March 18th, and a funeral service was held on March 19th at the Boothby Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee at a later date.

**Harold Dean Peterson**, 87, passed away on March 18th at Holstein Senior Living. Visitation and a funeral service were held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cherokee on March 25th. Interment was at Good Hope Cemetery in rural Aurelia. Harold is the grandfather of Dustin (Jessica) Wieland.

### Come and Go Bridal Brunch



You are invited to a come and go bridal brunch for Nicole Springer, bride-elect of Jon Hunt, on Saturday, April 30th, from 9-11 a.m. in St. Paul's UMC's dining room. Please bring a recipe to share. Nicole is the daughter of Fred and Linda Springer, and Jon is the son of Jerri Hunt. The couple is registered at Home Anthology.

## April UMW Buzz



### UMW Executive Board

Monday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Grace Circle

Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle

Wednesday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

## Thank You Notes

St. Paul's,

I appreciate you thinking of me when sending out the care packages. I wish I could say that all of the snacks made it back with me to college, but I was on spring break when I received it. Needless to say, most of it was already eaten up when I had to go back.

Thank you for keeping me in mind when opportunities for volunteering pop up. With 100 hours needed, it is nice to know I can help out at the church. School is going wonderfully, and Northwestern has provided me with a lot of growth in my education and my faith. I hope to be able to help out more next fall, as my practicum hours are projected to be much lower. So, I will have a little more free-time to volunteer.

I would also like to thank Pastor Mike for being a reference of mine while applying for summer employment. I am thrilled to say that I will have the joy of working with people with disabilities and helping them gain experiences they may struggle with due to their handicaps. I will get to teach them how to fish as the waterfront head, something I have loved doing since I was a child.

I wish a happy spring for the congregation and hope we can hang on to the nice weather we've been having!

Blessings,  
Steven Lundquist

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Thank you to the UMW ladies and all the other women of the church who furnished salads and bars and served as waitresses and dishwashers for Sermons ala Carte on March 9th. Thanks also to Jeff Blum, Rod Bainbridge, and Don Blackstone for serving as ushers and taking tickets.

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Thank you to Jean Anderson, Darlene Woltman, Shelley Lenz, and Rodney Bainbridge for making the meal for Men's Breakfast.

## Missions Updates

### Ukraine Special Offering Update

On March 13th, we took a special offering to help Ukrainian refugees through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). \$1,361 was raised! To find out how your money will be used to help, please visit <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/faq-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>. It has been decided that our Easter special offering will also go to assist Ukrainians who are suffering in this humanitarian crisis.



### Native American Ministries Special Offering

On May 1st, we join with other United Methodist Churches to take a special offering for Native American Ministries Sunday. The proceeds of this offering are used "to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries, and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries and The General Board of Global Ministries." In 2021, United Methodist Churches donated \$453,155 towards ministries funded by the Native American Ministries Special Sunday offering.

Information from <https://www.resourceumc.org/>.

## Church Camp Information

### St. Paul's UMC to Help with Camp Costs



If your children or youth are interested in attending church camp, books are available in the narthex and on the table outside the office. St. Paul's UMC will pay 75% of the cost, and additional camperships are available, if needed. As of March 26th, five kids from St. Paul's plan to attend camp.

### Summer Staff & Volunteers Needed at Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp

Do you know someone 18+ years old who is interested in youth ministry? Lake Okoboji UM Camp has summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith-filled experiences with youth and families. For more information, please contact Eric or Kali at (712) 336-2936, or apply online at [okobojicamp.com](http://okobojicamp.com).



## Christian Education

### Youth Ski Trip Recap

Thirteen youth in grades 7th-12th went skiing at Mt. Kato, Minnesota, on February 26th. Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the youth account to make this trip possible, to Linda Burkhart for planning the trip and creating the sign-up and information sheets, and to Evan Appleby, Brenda DeRoo, Matt Hoskinson, Nicole Hoskinson, and Kyle Basten for driving and chaperoning the youth.



### Lent Study Update

We currently have 16 people participating in our two Lent studies, with two additional people reading the book on their own at home. Stay tuned for more small group opportunities!

### Children's Choir and Last Day of Sunday School

April 24th will be the last day of Sunday School until September. The Children's Choir (PK-5th grade) will also sing during the 10:10 a.m. worship service. When the Children's Choir sings, we also collect a "noisy" offering (loose change) to help fund ministries for children and youth.

### Confirmation Sunday

The last regular session of confirmation will be on Wednesday, April 13th. On April 20th, confirmation students and their families are invited to a 6:30 p.m. supper in Schuldt Dining Hall. At 7:00 p.m., we will move to the sanctuary for rehearsal. Confirmation Sunday will be on April 24th at 10:10 a.m., and everyone is welcome to attend!

### Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's UMC

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th, through Thursday, July 14th. Any kids who have completed PK through 6th grade are welcome to attend, with 6th graders having the option to attend as participants or as helpers. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a meal for the children and their families. Whitney Robinson, Nicole Hoskinson, Brenda DeRoo, and Reuben Anderson are serving as co-directors this year, so please contact them if you're able to assist in any way.



## Worship Notes

### Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen Time
2/27	108	37	2/23	7	N/A
3/2 (Ash Wed.)	56	N/A	3/2	11	N/A
3/6	87	28	3/9	10	12
3/13	126	34	3/16	10	11
3/20	122	30	3/23	11	N/A

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

### Greeters

April 3	Kevin & Karla Wilkie TBA
April 10	Rod & Priscilla Bainbridge Larry & Joyce Goodrich
April 17	Linda Struck Roni Timmerman Micki Conley
April 24	Jeannette Grant & Charley Grant Darrel & Sue Paulsen

### Acolytes

April 3	Brock Kannegieter Sophie Scherbring
April 10	Brooklyn Stubbe Kyle Waldner
April 17	Brock Kannegieter (8 a.m.) Brody Cowan (10:10 a.m.)

### Liturgists

April 3	Glenda Parrish
April 10	Micki Conley
April 17	Roni Timmerman
April 24	Joyce Goodrich (10:10 a.m.)

### Children's Time

April 3	Bruce Dage
April 10	Scott Brown
April 17	Roni Timmerman
April 24	Confirmation Class

### Altar Flowers

April 3	Lowell & Sharon Bennink
April 10	Nancy & Gerald Sears
April 17	Easter Lilies
April 24	Korrie Coombs



### Nursery Attendants

April 3	Whitney Robinson
April 10	Whitney Robinson
April 17	Nicole Hoskinson
April 24	Needed

### Hearing Devices Soon Available

Do you have trouble hearing during worship? An anonymous donor is purchasing alternative hearing devices that will be available in a few weeks. They are like a transistor radio you hold with an earbud that goes over (not in) your ear. If you are interested in having one assigned to you, please talk to Jeff Fiedler or another member of the Technology Team.



### Special Music Wanted



Do you sing or play an instrument? We'd love to include more special music in the services. Children, youth, and adults are all encouraged to share their talents. Contact the office to reserve a Sunday that works best for your schedule.

### Recycling Box for Bulletins

If you don't plan to take your bulletin home with you, there is a gold recycling box in the narthex where you can recycle it. Thank you to Jeanne Blackstone for decorating the box.



### Graduate Information Needed



We will be honoring graduating high school and college students during our worship service on May 22nd. As part of the service, we will play a PowerPoint presentation that highlights each senior. Parents, if you would like your student to be included, please email the office a baby picture, a senior picture, and one or two pictures from in-between. In addition, please share with us your student's name, where he/she is graduating from, his/her future plans, and any other information about your student that you want included in a bulletin insert. **Please have this information submitted to the office by May 10th (earlier is even better).**



## Announcements & Updates

### Education Wing Project Update

At their meeting on March 1st, the Trustees approved a plan to replace the windows and to install heat and air conditioning window units in all of the Sunday School rooms in St. Paul's education wing. Details and additional information were shared on Sunday, March 13th, during our worship service and during a Q&A time to follow the service. Financial information is summarized below.

#### Budget Estimate

Electric	\$21,095
Heat Pumps	
1 donated	\$ 0
6 purchased	\$ 6,500
Northwest Glass	\$65,961
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$93,556</b>

#### Sources of Payment

Next Generation Fund	\$58,000
Education Wing Fund (Hy-Vee donations)	\$ 6,000
2022 Hy-Vee donation for receipts	\$ 1,000
Dave Deedrick memorial	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Available*</b>	<b>\$66,000</b>

\*not including Capital Improvements Account

**Balance to raise \$27,556**

#### Options to Cover \$28,000 Shortfall

1) Congregational participation in raising all or part of the \$28,000. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's UMC, and write "window project" on the memo line. (As of March 23rd, \$3,220 has been donated.)

2) Cover any shortfall of option one with Capital Improvements Account funds. (This will reduce funds being accumulated in anticipation of future roof and HVAC replacements.)

**No money will be borrowed to fund this project. The Trustees thank you for your prayerful consideration in funding this project.**

#### Volunteers Needed for Yard Work and Mowing



Do you like to mow the yard or work in flower beds? We are looking for volunteers to mow the yard on the north side of the church on a weekly basis, if needed, and to help care for the flower beds. Sign-ups will be in the narthex beginning April 3rd.

### Spring Clean-up and Service Day



Do you have small, outside projects around your house that are difficult for you to complete on your own, such as raking, picking up debris, or cleaning out your gutters? On Saturday, April 30th, beginning at 8:00 a.m., St. Paul's will have a clean-up/service day to help you with these small projects that need to be done, primarily ones in your yard or outside of your home. If you could use some help, please call the church office with your contact information and a description of the project, or sign up in the narthex on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to help complete projects on April 30th, you can also call the church office, or sign up in the narthex on Sundays.

#### Messages for the Church Office

If you have paperwork, notes for upcoming bulletins, payments for study books, or other items for Pastor Mike or Jennifer and don't make it to the office during the week, you can leave those items in the box on the table in the narthex on Sundays that is marked "Messages for the Church Office." **Please select that box for messages instead of the recycling box, as we would hate to miss your message.**

#### Jennifer Out of the Office on April 8th

Jennifer, our administrative assistant, will be out of the office on Friday, April 8th, to help her family with a farm auction. Please submit any bulletin information for that week by Wednesday, April 6th, or earlier, if possible.



#### Mobile Food Pantry

Food Bank of the Siouxland, Inc., will be having a food distribution at the lower level of the community center (530 W. Bluff St., Cherokee) on Thursday, April 14th, starting at 1:30 p.m. Please bring your own bags to carry food back to your vehicles. For more information, call (712) 255-9741. If you need additional assistance to feed yourself or your family, please see the bulletin boards at the west and north entrances for contact information for other food banks in Cherokee.



#### The Upper Room Devotionals Available

The Upper Room devotionals for May/June have arrived. For those already on our list, some copies have been mailed out, some will be delivered, and some are labeled and available in the narthex. We also have extra copies of both the regular and large print available in the narthex.

## Announcements & Updates

### College Care Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the College Care Team's budget. \$595 was raised! Of that, \$382.27 has been used to purchase Valentine's Day cards and candy, padded envelopes, St. Patrick's day cards, Easter cards, religious bookmarks, thinking of you cards, birthday cards, packing tape, and postage. We have heard a lot of positive feedback about this new ministry and really appreciate the congregation's support!

#### Sermons ala Carte

Sermons ala Carte is a series of ecumenical services held for six weeks during the Lenten season at the Memorial Presbyterian Church (127 East Willow St.). Area pastors take turns leading the service, and congregations prepare lunches to follow the service. This weekly series continues on Wednesdays through April 6th.

#### Retirement Announcement

Randy Kane, our campus supervisor, retired on March 11th. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 1212 West Cedar Loop, Cherokee, IA 51012.

#### New Employee at St. Paul's UMC



Kim Wych is our new custodian as of March 23rd. Kim was born and raised in Cherokee and is the daughter of Chuck and Sally Knoben. She is married to Tim, and they have five amazing children and a sweet dog, Bella. Kim works in the radiology department at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center and loves spending time with her family and friends and making memories.

#### Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast on March 26th had 15 men in attendance! The next breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome, so invite your friends or neighbors!

#### Helping Hands Ministry Resuming



In the past, St. Paul's UMC had a Helping Hands program that matched volunteers' skills and interests with those in the church who could use some assistance with general home repairs, basic transportation services, or general living assistance. We are gathering names of volunteers who would like to help reestablish this program. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please complete the bulletin insert that will be available on April 3rd and 10th, or call Marlene Kelly at 229-3311 or the church office.

### United Methodist News



United Methodist News keeps you informed about breaking news that affects the church and provides features, commentaries, and photos highlighting the work of the church in every corner of the globe. The free weekly e-newsletter also includes news from annual conferences, United Methodist Agencies, and other sources. To subscribe, go to <https://www.umnews.org/en/subscription-pages/umnews-daily-digest-subscribe>.

#### Choose Hope Women's Event

Choose Hope, a one-night women's event, will be held at the Rosemary Clausen Performing Arts Center (203 S. Kiel Street, Holstein) on April 4th, from 6-9 p.m. The night will include worship, storytelling, laughter, and God's word and features Laura Pedersen, Rachel Scott, Aria Stiles, and Jill Miller. For tickets, contact Sheryl Leonard at (712) 830-9030, or purchase tickets online for \$27 at [www.chooseministry.com/tour](http://www.chooseministry.com/tour).

#### School for Lay Ministry Care and Nurturing Class

The School for Lay Ministry is offering an online Care and Nurturing class on April 30th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that is open to all interested laity and clergy. This class addresses deep listening, the importance of lay pastoral care, dealing with grief, and more. Tuition is \$100. This class is open to those who have never taken a School for Lay Ministry class, need to re-certify for Lay Servant, or want to improve laity involvement. If you have any questions, please email Lynn Calvert at [slmdean70@gmail.com](mailto:slmdean70@gmail.com).

#### Mark Your Calendars

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Wednesdays	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Feller) Bell Choir (sanctuary) Teen Time (409 Centennial Dr.) Chancel Choir (choir room)
Tues., 4/5	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Visitation Team (library) VBS directors' meeting (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 4/19	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Library Committee (library) SPRC (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 4/26	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura
Wed., 4/27	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	The Gardens Bible study Newsletter folding (Feller) Outreach & Connections Team (Feller Lounge)