This Week's Schedule

Today	8:30 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	9 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:10 a.m.	Worship (sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & snacks (Sch. Dining Hall)
	3 p.m.	Community Memorial Service (sanctuary and Schuldt Dining Hall)
	5 p.m.	Advent study - Intro & Ch. 1 (library)
	7 p.m.	Bishop's Advent study (online—Zoom)
Mon., 11/30	**Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.**	
	10:30 a.m.	Pastor Mike in meeting
	12 p.m.	Pastor Mike at Rotary
	1:30 p.m.	Advent study - Intro & Ch. 1 (Feller Lounge)
	2:30 p.m.	Boiler inspection
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting (library)
	7-8:30 p.m.	*Saving Grace* group (Feller Lounge)
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Tues., 12/1	**Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.**	
	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
	1:30 p.m.	Mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Council (Feller Lounge)
Wed., 12/2	**Jennifer's Office Hours - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.**	
	9 a.m.	**Bulletin submissions due**
	10 a.m.	Communion (Heartland)
	5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir (sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (choir room)
	7 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE entrance)
Thurs., 12/3	**Office closed for medical appointment in Des Moines**	
Fri., 12/4	**No office hours, and Pastor Mike out of town**	
Sun., 12/6	9 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Class
	9:15 a.m.	Praise band practice (sanctuary)
	10:10 a.m.	Worship/communion/Chancel Choir (sanctuary)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & snacks (Sch. Dining Hall)
	5 p.m.	Advent study - Ch. 2 (Feller Lounge)
	7 p.m.	Bishop's Advent study (online—Zoom)

Last Week's Attendance

11/22 Worship: 108 **11/22 Sunday School:** 36* *includes adult leaders

Welcome!

November 29, 2026

10:10 a.m.



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Follow us on Facebook for the most current news. Worship services are available on YouTube and our Facebook page. Sermons are available on KCHE at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays and by podcast.

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: Thanking God for one another,
People: we gather to worship and pray.
Leader: Richly blessed in everything we need,
People: we gather in trust and hope.
Leader: Loved faithfully in Christ Jesus,
People: we gather to sing and rejoice.

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Hope)

***Hymn**	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	No. 203
***The Apostles' Creed**		No. 881
Special Music	"Thankful" and "Dusty Bibles"	Children's Choir
Children's Time and Advent Calendars		
Baptism of Matteo Bradley Maldonado		No. 39
A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Praise Song	"Here I Am to Worship"	Please see screen.
Welcoming Betty K. Berigan into Membership		No. 38
Scripture Readings	Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12	
Message	"Matthew—The Promised King"	

Offering, Noisy Offering, and UM Student Day Offering
Please see the sign on the narthex glass for electronic giving options.

***Doxology and *Offertory Prayer**		No. 95
***Hymn**	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	No. 213

***Benediction and Postlude**

Fellowship and Snacks Schuldt Dining Hall (downstairs)

Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

Pastor: Mike Agnew
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Agnew
Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook
Custodian: Betty Harman
Nursery: Megan Courtright
N. Greeter: Micki Conley
Liturgist: Linda Burkhart
Advent Readers: Jim & Peggy Corrington
Children's Time: Jeanne Blackstone
Ushers: Kent & Nicci Lundquist, Jerri Hunt, Amy Stief, and Denise Green

Bell Choir Director: Dusty Basten
Chancel Choir Director: Kathy Brandt
Drummer: Kent Lundquist, Kyle Basten
Guitarist: Charlie Leissler
Organist/Pianist: Chris Andersen



The altar arrangement is given by Kent and Nicci Lundquist in honor of November birthdays, including Natalia Lundquist, Joanne Lundquist, and Nicci's late brother.

December 6th Worship Assistants

Organist/Pianist: Betty Point
N. Greeters: John & Kay O'Connor
Liturgist: Bonni Conley
Advent Readers: Scott, Katie, and Liliana Brown
Children's Time: Bonni Conley and Sandy Peters
Ushers: 5 needed—Please sign up in the blue binder, or call the office.
Communion Stewards: Kevin & Karla Wilkie, Laura Benson, Melissa Schlenger, and Curt & Kristal Phillips
Sermon: "Mark—Prepare the Way" (Mark 1:1-15)

Nursery:
Flowers: Bonni Conley



Resources Available for Worship

Welcome! We are glad you're here. Assistive listening devices and children's activity bags are available in the narthex (room at back of sanctuary). 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 3rd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the second classroom closest to the sanctuary.

Pumpkins



Glenda Parrish knows someone with a steer that likes to eat pumpkins. To donate, please place your pumpkins in the box outside the north entrance.

Christmas Tea



All women are invited to the Peterson United Women in Faith's annual Christmas tea on Sat., Dec. 5th, at 103 E. 3rd St., Peterson. This year will be extra special, as the Ebel family of Sutherland will be sharing their musical talent. There is no charge to attend. The program begins at 2 p.m., but you are invited to arrive early to view the beautifully decorated tables.



Save the Dates

Sat., 12/12	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Thurs., 12/17	5-7:30 p.m.	Dress rehearsal for children's Christmas program & pizza
Sun., 12/20	10:10 a.m.	Children's Christmas program coffee bar, soup lunch, & Santa

Celebrating Holy Baptism



Matteo Bradley Maldonado

Parents

Hanna Mae and Bladimir Maldonado

Grandparents

Chris Sears and Nick Ludwig
Maria Patzan and Armando Maldonado

Great-grandparents

Gerald & Nancy Sears
Don Bjork
Tim & Brenda Ludwig

Sponsors

Cody Ludwig
Mary Kozora

UM Student Day Special Offering Today

United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday created by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund.

Today United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Scholarship Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). Students can apply for scholarships at gbhem.org/scholarships.

DID YOU KNOW?

United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday?

100% of your United Methodist Student Day donation funds scholarships for students?

There are over 70 scholarship programs available for United Methodist students?

The United Methodist Student Day donations support United Methodist schools and grants?

The UM Student Day offering supports scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral UM students?

To give, make your check out to St. Paul's UMC, and note "Student Day" on the memo. You can also give via online giving, Venmo, or by using an envelope. Just make sure to note "Student Day" on your donation. **Please place unused envelopes in the green basket on the table in the narthex, so we can reuse them next year.**

Alternative Christmas Gift Guide



The Missions Committee's Alternative Christmas Gift Guide is available in the narthex. This is an opportunity for you to honor a loved one with a gift in his/her name to one of four missions. This year, we are supporting Cherokee Young Life, Northwest Iowa Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Heifer International, and Church World Service. Booklets with more information are available in the blue binder and on the table in the narthex, as are certificates you can present to your loved ones to let them know of your gift in their honor.

Community Memorial Service

Cherokee Regional Hospice and Boothby Funeral Home are hosting a community memorial service here at St. Paul's this afternoon at 3 p.m., with fellowship to follow. This will also be livestreamed, and there is a QR code you can scan on the posters at the north and west entrances.

Advent Studies



Pastor Mike is offering two four-week Advent studies over the book *Advent Can Still Change the World.* The Sunday study begins today, November 29th, at 5 p.m., and the Monday study begins tomorrow, November 30th, at 1:30 p.m. Both studies cover the same material, and an online option is available by talking to Pastor Mike. Sign-up for either study in the blue binder, or call the office. Books are available on the table in the narthex and in the office for $25, but financial assistance is available, if needed. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards or Facebook for more information.

Bishop's Online Advent Study

Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai is offering a four-week Advent study exploring how we grow as disciples in the Wesleyan way. The study will be on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom, beginning tonight, November 29th. Register at iaumc.org/eventdetail/20132191, or stop by the office during the week for assistance.

Mitten Trees

Donations of hats, ear muffs, scarves, gloves, and mittens are needed for those in need. Donations can be placed on the tree in the narthex or on the tree at the north entrance.