

This Week's Schedule

Today	No Sunday School or Adult Class 10:10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship (Schuldt Dining Hall)
Mon., 12/29	Church office closed. 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Tues., 12/30	9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m. Church office open
Wed., 12/31	9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m. Church office open 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
Thurs., 1/1	Church office closed for New Year's Day.
Sun., 1/4	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for PK-8th & adults 9:15 a.m. Praise band practice (sanctuary) 10:10 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:15 a.m. Fellowship (Schuldt Dining Hall) 5:30 p.m. Membership class (Feller Lounge) 6:30 p.m. Bible study-Introduction and Ch. 1 (Feller Lounge)



Office Closed on January 1st

Please note that the church office will be closed for New Year's Day on Thursday, January 1st.

New Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church? Join us for our membership class Sunday, January 4th, at 5:30 p.m., in Feller Lounge. We will go over our church's history, learn what makes us distinct as United Methodists, and discuss what our membership vows mean. Whether you are a new visitor or have been attending for years, you are welcome at this class. Attending the class does not obligate you to join, but it may help make the decision clearer. If you wish to join but are not available on January 4th, please contact Pastor Mike for an alternative.

Join us!

Last Week's Attendance

12/21 Worship: 142 12/21 Sunday School: 47*
12/17 Teen Time: 8* *includes adult leaders

Welcome!

December 28, 2025

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

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the God of mercy and love.

People: Praise God with angels in the highest heavens.

Leader: Praise Christ, who came as a child.

People: Praise Christ with all God's children, young and old alike.

Leader: Praise the Holy Spirit, who calls us here.

People: Praise the Spirit from the depths of our souls.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

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

Children's Time

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

Hymn "What Child Is This" No. 219

Scripture Readings Luke 2:8-20

Message "Curiosity or Faith" Chuck Tolzin

Offering

***Doxology** No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

Hymn "O Holy Night"

Benediction

Postlude



All are welcome for a time of fellowship and snacks in Schuldt Dining Hall following the service.
It's a great way to get to know one another!



Staff and Today's Worship Assistants

Pastor: Mike Agnew

Guest Speaker: Chuck Tolzin

Administrative Assistant: Nicci Lundquist

Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook

Drummer: Kent Lundquist

Custodian: Betty Harman

Guitarist: Charlie Leissler

Organist/Pianist: Chris Andersen

Bell Choir Director:

North Greeter: Darlene Woltman

Dusty Basten

Liturgist: Madi Stief

Chancel Choir Director:

Children's Time: Roni Timmerman

Now Hiring!

Ushers: Dave & Donna Lucas, Austin & Megan Lucas, and Aubrey Lucas

Nursery: No Nursery



The altar arrangement is given by the Gerstandt family in honor of Ruby's 6th birthday.

January 4th Worship Assistants

Organist/Pianist: Betty Point

North Greeter: Don & Jeanne Blackstone

Liturgist: Bonni Conley

Children's Time: Bonni Conley

Ushers: Linda Rutter, Sharon Bennink, Darlene Woltman, and Kent & Nicci Lundquist

Communion Stewards: Curt & Kristal Phillips, Laura Benson, Melissa Schlenger

Flowers: Bonni Conley

Nursery: Sign-up available online.



Resources Available for Worship



Welcome! 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.



Unstaffed Nursery Today

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! Due to the holiday, our nursery is unstaffed today. However, if you and your child need a break, you are welcome to go to the nursery, which is on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary. There is a smart TV in the room, so you are able to watch worship.

Mitten Tree

We will continue collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, and earmuffs for those in need until January 5th. If you would like to donate, please place your items on the tree in the narthex or on the tree at the north entrance.

Christmas Undecorating



Join us on Monday, January 5th, at 5:15 p.m., to undecorate the sanctuary following Christmas. Undecorating is quicker than decorating and is only expected to take around 30 minutes.

Boxed Offering Envelope Sets Available for 2026

A limited number of boxed weekly offering envelope sets are available on the table in the narthex for those who prefer to have a specific envelope for each week's giving.

Worship Volunteers Needed

Liturgists and children's time volunteers are needed. To volunteer, please sign up in the narthex on Sundays or call the church office.

United Women in Faith Update



United Women in Faith Executive Board will meet on Monday, January 12th, at 9:30 a.m., in Schuldt Dining Hall. This organizational meeting is for UW Faith officers and all circle chairs. Circle committee members are also encouraged to attend. We will be reviewing the 2026 program booklet so it can be as accurate as possible. Please join us!

Iowa UM Foundation Scholarship Applications Open!

Visit <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to learn more!

Sleeping Mat Weaving Update



The sleeping mat weaving group will not meet on Tuesdays until February. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Young Life Family Event

Children of all ages are invited to attend "The Amazing Chemistry Show," to be held at Washington High School on Monday, December 29th, at 6:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to support Young Life camp scholarships. For more information, see the posters on the bulletin boards at the west and north door entrances.



Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church

We pray that God will use this time to speak to you and help you grow in your faith journey. Would you like to stay connected with the activities happening here? Follow us on Facebook. You can find the link to our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and sermon podcast on our website at <https://www.cherokeemethodist.com>.

Upcoming Sermon Series!



Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

January 4:	Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44-46)
January 11:	A Wedding Party (Luke 14:15-24)
January 18:	Religiously Clueless (Matthew 21:33-46)
January 25:	A Stubborn Faith (Luke 18:1-8)
February 1:	Ready for the Party? (Matthew 25:1-13)
February 8:	A Story of Two Prayers (Luke 18:9-14)
February 15:	Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:14-30)

Six Week Bible study, *Embracing the Uncertain*, written by Magrey R. deVega

Thursdays	OR	Sundays
10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
Feller Lounge		Feller Lounge
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29		Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
Feb. 5, 12		Feb. 1, 15

The cost of the book is \$25, but financial assistance is available, if needed. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sundays.



**Tuesday,
January 6th, 2026**

- 5:20 p.m. Doors open**
5:30-6:00 p.m. Serving a variety of soups and desserts (freewill donation)
6:00-7:00 p.m. BINGO

Join us for "Dad jokes" and pathetic prizes!

Everyone is welcome!

BINGO is FREE

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Desserts Needed for BINGO

The Outreach & Connections Team will be hosting BINGO on Tuesday, January 6th, in Schuldts Dining Hall. They will be providing a variety of soups and desserts for a freewill donation. Desserts are needed. If you would like to donate, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, or you may call the office. Join us for this fun event. BINGO is FREE!



Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

(weather permitting)

Mount Kato, Minnesota



For St. Paul's youth in 6th-12th grade
 \$33/student age 17 and under, plus lunch
 \$39/student 18+, plus lunch
 (Cost includes lift ticket.)
 St. Paul's UMC will pay for
 equipment rental and supper.
 Youth may invite one friend.

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Registration forms are available in the narthex and church office
 as well as on our website. Email or return your forms to the
 office A.S.A.P. if you plan to attend.

Human Relations Day Special Offering

Your support funds ministries of
 advocacy and community engagement

57%
 of your donation funds the community developer's program

33%
 of your donation funds the rehabilitation programs

10%
 of your donation funds United Methodist Voluntary Services

**January 18, 2026
 HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
 The people of The United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 18th, we will join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, UM Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. United Methodists celebrate Human Relations Day on the Sunday before the US observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to recognize his vision of "the beloved community."

To donate, make your check out to St. Paul's UMC, and write, "Human Relations" on the memo.