

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Jeanne Blackstone for mending our three flags again prior to Memorial Day and to Chuck Tolzin for donating an American flag for the next time we need one.

Thank you to Meribeth Adams for purchasing McDonald's shakes for the fellowship group on May 29th. We had great fellowship and now have a funny story, as Dairy Queen was out of ice cream!



Thank you to Meribeth Adams for helping fold the May newsletters and to Sue Paulsen for helping fold the June newsletters.

Thank you to Shelley Lenz for the copy paper and books of stamps for our office.



Thank you to Linda Appleby for leading worship and giving the message on June 5th while Pastor Mike attended online Annual Conference, the annual business meeting for the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. Also, thank you to Linda Burkhart, as she represented our congregation at Annual Conference.

Thank you to Linda Burkhart for preaching and leading worship on June 19th, to Becky Lickiss for leading the hymns, and to Meribeth Adams for covering the office during the week of the Agnews' vacation. Also, thank you to Sally Knoben for covering hospital visitation and to Roni Timmerman for unlocking for Charity Circle.

Thank you to Barb Kratz for making delicious rolls for the fourteen men who attended the June Men's Breakfast.



Thank you to Ava Agnew for folding the bulletins and children's bulletins, getting *The Upper Room* devotionals ready, and assembling the weekly *HomeTouch* mailings during the summer.

Thank you to Nicole Hoskinson for coordinating the creation of the church t-shirt and for placing the orders.

Thank you to Linda Christensen for coordinating the masonry work that A. Harman Masonry completed for us on the east side of the church.



Thank you to Bruce Dangel for designing and coordinating the placement of the logo on the church van.



Dear St. Paul's Friends and Families,

Thank you for the help and all of the support you gave that helped make our soup dinner a success! We had a lot of great compliments on our choice of venue. We hope you'll let us use it again in the future!

Cherokee Cavaliers 4-H Club

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift (book for graduation)! Glad to have the support of the church on my journey.

Samuel Jordan

Thank you to the Adult Class for providing fellowship time snacks during the school year and to Betty Point for organizing volunteers for fellowship time during the summer months.

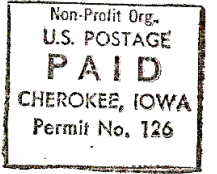
Thank you to Meribeth Adams for filling in at the last minute on organ and piano on June 26th.

Thank you to all our UMW circles and other helpers who work hard providing funeral meals, especially during the busy month of June.

Thank you to the Trustees for their continual work on our building. In addition to overseeing the education building project and the masonry project, they have been changing lightbulbs, planning elevator training, and working on other maintenance projects. Chuck Tolzin took all of our fire extinguishers to be serviced for our continued safety, and Benson Construction recently fixed a broken section of sidewalk outside the west entrance.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2022
5-8 p.m.

**All kids who have completed
PK-6th grade are invited!**
Free supper for kids and their families!



**Kids are invited to bring canned goods or
monetary gifts for our local food pantries.**



**Register online at <https://www.cherokeemethodist.com/vbs>,
or paper registration forms are available in the church narthex.
Registration is encouraged but not required.**



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



July 2022



St. Paul's UMC


Summer Worship Time:
9:30 a.m.

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Pastor:
Mike Agnew

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Administrative Assistant:
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Custodian:
Kim Wych

Organists:
Betty Point
Meribeth Adams

Chancel Choir Director:
Becky Lickiss

Bell Choir Director:
Dusty Wright

Nursery Attendants:
Nicole Hoskinson
Whitney Robinson
Mandy Christensen
Miranda Cook
Bailey Gaydo
Jen Gaydo

A Moment with Mike

Each year, the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church has an annual meeting, called Annual Conference. This year's meeting was held in a hybrid format, which means some attended online and others in person, on June 4th and 5th. Linda Burkhart and I both attended virtually. What follows is a summary of what took place at this year's meeting.

Since our current bishop is still recovering from a concussion, our previous bishop, Bishop Trimble, led the conference. After opening worship, a number of different business items and ministry reports were received. Many of the conference ministries gave a report, including our two camps and Cokesbury. The budget for the conference for the next year was approved with a slight increase in the total amount, though the budget still reflects a much smaller amount than just a few years ago. The board of pensions met to discuss the state of clergy pension accounts and health insurance. The United Methodist Foundation also met to share their report as well as services they offer local churches, including investment opportunities and workshops, such as how to leave the church money in your will.

Each year, there is legislation to be passed, most of which was non-controversial. Of note, there was one church in our conference (Agency United Methodist Church) that went through the process of disaffiliation, and this was officially ratified at the conference. There was some discussion on what the requirements should be for disaffiliation, with some thinking that the requirements were too expensive for many churches to afford, but this is ultimately a decision that only the General Conference (worldwide legislative body) can change. In another piece of legislation, the discontinuance of the Drake Wesley Foundation was regrettably approved.

Towards the end of the conference, we had a fixing of appointments ceremony. This is where the district superintendents announce which churches are receiving new pastoral appointments; however, this is known by the impacted churches and pastors ahead of time. We also had a worship service on Sunday morning, during which candidates for licensed ministry and ordained ministry were approved.

Now that Annual Conference is past, we look ahead to the new appointment year with hope. This past year was a good one for us in Cherokee, with many victories to celebrate as we restarted many of our ministries. Much of what we have accomplished this year is thanks to all of us working together to make a difference. May we continue our mission of making disciples in the 2022-2023 appointment year with hope for what Jesus is doing in our midst!

God Bless,
Pastor Mike Agnew

Want to Learn More about Annual Conference?



If you would like detailed information about the 2022 Iowa Annual Conference, reports can be found at <https://www.iaumc.org/ac2022-reports>. You can also watch a recording of the entire Annual Conference at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/rewatch-all-of-annual-conference-2022-16522411>, or photographs can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/iowaconference/collections/72157720774322871/>.

Worship Notes

Greeters

- 7/3 Neil & Jodi Phipps and Lois Eggerth
7/10 Mary Jo Poggenklass
Dick & Betty Point
7/17 Loren & Darlene Woltman
Mary Jo Carnine and Dennis Bahr (west)
7/24 Al & Barb Henn and Micki Conley
7/31 Gene & Jean Anderson
Neil & Jodi Phipps

Liturgists

- 7/3 Don Witcombe
7/10 Craig Schmidt
7/17 David Appleby
7/24 Bruce Dangel
7/31 Don Witcombe



Ushers

- 7/3 Kevin & Karla Wilkie
Don & Jeanne Blackstone
7/10 Bruce & Leah Dangel and Linda Struck
Ben & Sharon Bennink
7/17 Don & Jeanne Blackstone
Tim & Jen Gaydo
7/24 Kevin & Karla Wilkie
Kenneth & Melissa Schlenger
7/31 Kenneth & Melissa Schlenger
Brian & Laura Benson

Altar Flowers

- 7/3 Jim & Peggy Corrington
The Conley Family
7/10 Meribeth Adams
7/17 Loren & Darlene Woltman
7/24 Bonni, Clare, & Fran Conley
7/31 Needed

Nursery Attendants

We won't have a staffed nursery during the summer months, but you are welcome to take your children with you to the nursery to watch the service via YouTube on the smart tv. We'll resume staffing the nursery in September.



Summer Special Music Update

Sherry Held, who sadly passed away in June, had been organizing volunteers to provide special music for our worship services throughout the summer. If you had signed up with her, please let the church office know, so we can make sure you are also on our schedule. If you haven't signed up but would like to, all adults, youth, or children who enjoy singing or playing an instrument are welcome and encouraged to participate. To volunteer, please call the church office.

July Sermons

Our summer sermon series is Reading Other People's Mail: Exploring Paul's Letters. Paul is considered to be one of the most influential people in the Christian faith, second only to Jesus. His letters—the earliest surviving Christian documents we have— make up the majority of the New Testament and have greatly influenced Christian thought for centuries, for better or for worse. Join us this summer as we look at the letters attributed to him to see what he was trying to communicate to their original recipients in their ancient world and what he may be trying to communicate to us.

- 7/3 "2 Corinthians - Fragile Treasures"
2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 5:11-20
7/10 "Galatians - Salvation by Faith"
Galatians 3:23-29; 5:2-15
7/17 "Ephesians - No Division"
Ephesians 2:11-22
7/24 "Philippians - Finding Joy Through Humility"
Philippians 2:1-11
7/31 "Colossians - Made Alive in Christ"
Colossians 2:20-3:1; 3:12-17

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 9:30 a.m. on Sundays via YouTube and via a link from our website, which can be found at 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.

Worship Attendance

Date	Amount
May 29	88
June 5	91
June 12	107
June 19	79
June 26	81



Church Family News

With Sympathy and Prayers

Jeanne F. Jones, 96, of Cherokee passed away on June 5th at Cherokee Specialty Care. Public visitation was held on June 23rd at the Boothby Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on June 24th here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Cherokee. Jeanne is the mother of Betty (Jim) Harman and Karla (Kevin) Wilkie.

Gene Edward Bilney, 72, of Cherokee passed away on April 12th at his residence at The Beck. A memorial service was held on June 25 at the Yacht Club. Gene is the son of Betty Bilney.

Aaron T. Brader, 50, of Cherokee passed away on June 20 at the Good Samaritan Society in Holstein. Aaron is the son of Tom Brader.

Sharon "Sherry" Lee Held, 88, of Cherokee passed away peacefully at her home on June 25. Visitation was held on June 28 at the Cherokee Community Center. A memorial service was held on June 29 here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Interment was at Liberty Township Cemetery in rural Meriden.

John Thomas "Tom" Rutter, 79, of Cherokee passed away on June 25 at his residence, surrounded by loved ones. Visitation was held on June 29 at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee. A funeral service was held on June 30 here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Grand Meadow Cemetery. Tom was the husband of Linda Rutter.

Paul Burch, 75, of Larrabee passed away on June 25 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, surrounded by loved ones. Visitation was held on June 30 at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee. A memorial service was held on July 1 here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Afton Township Cemetery in rural Cherokee. Paul was the husband of Karen (Koopman) Burch.

Welcome, Little One!



Macy Jo Wendt, daughter of Nathan and Jackie Wendt of Spencer, Iowa, was born on May 30th and was 7 lbs. 3 oz. Macy was welcomed home by her two year old brother, Brooks Alan Wendt. Her grandparents are Bob and LaRae Wendt and Jeff and Jody Holmes, all of Marcus. Proud great-grandparents are Al and Barb Henn.



July UMW Buzz



UMW Executive Board
Monday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m.
Schuldt Dining Hall

Grace Circle
No July meeting

Joy Circle
Off for the summer

Charity Circle
Off for the summer

UMW Receives Grant

Our UMW (United Methodist Women) group applied for and received a \$500 grant to assist with costs for making the bags for Ingathering. Congratulations!

Education Wing Fund Update



We are replacing windows and installing heat/air conditioning units in the education wing. The balance we needed to raise for this project was \$27,556. **As of June 26th, the majority of this balance has been raised, and a generous anonymous donor is going to write a check for the remaining balance!!!** Thank you all so much for your support! Amazingly, this money was raised in just over three months! Champion Electric has already been working on their part of the project, and Northwest Glass began their work on June 27th.



Learn Something New

Trinity Sunday

June 12th was Trinity Sunday. If you'd like more information about this special Sunday, including ways to explain the Trinity to your children, please visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/trinity-sunday-with-children-and-families>.

Article About Inflation & Church Budgets

We've heard a lot about inflation in the news lately. The article, "For What It's Worth: Inflation-Adjusted Dollars and Your Church," talks about how inflation impacts church budgets and can be found at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/for-what-its-worth-inflation-adjusted-dollars-and-your-church>.

Missions Updates and Opportunities

Peace with Justice Sunday Update

Peace with Justice Sunday was on June 12th, and \$163 was raised by our congregation. Thank you for your generosity! For more information about how this money will be used, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/peace-with-justice-sunday-ministry-article>.

Women at the Well UMC Update



Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation within the walls of the women's correctional institution in Mitchellville, Iowa. The lead pastor involved in this ministry, Pastor Paul Witmer, spoke during worship on June 26th to share about the many years of weekly worship, supportive community, faith nurture groups, and aftercare they have offered to the women there. We took a special offering for them that raised \$280. To stay connected with Women at the Well, search for "Women at the Well UMC" on Facebook, or use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-at-the-Well-UMC/137281882985818>. Like their page to receive prayer requests and updates on their ministry. Find them on Twitter at @WomenatWellUMC! or by the link <https://twitter.com/WomenatWellUMC>. To sign up for their e-newsletter, please go to womenatthewellumc.org. If you would like to volunteer for Women at the Well, contact Pastor Paul at 515-240-1653 or paul-witmer@msn.com for more information.

P.E.T. Cart Available

This hand cart was formerly known as a P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation) cart. These are a mission project the greater United Methodist Church does to provide mobility assistance to people in developing countries. We inherited this older display model of a P.E.T. cart. However, the design has changed, and they no longer use this model. If you would like the cart to use or to part out, it is available for free in the church library. If you would like more information about this ministry, please visit: https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/p-e-t-renamed-mobility-worldwide-9711159?fbclid=IwAR054aAxFeSSDnd07mo5GLMpoPpjQacuOnv7GGXQkxnpNx_IVslCBve7fl8.



Upcoming Missions Dates to Note

Tues., 9/6	1:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg.
Sun., 9/18	11:15 a.m.	Chicken Lunch

Early Response Team Training



The Iowa Annual Conference Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee's Early Response Team training will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the conference center in Des Moines. The cost is \$40. For more information, you may contact Pastor Catie Newman, the IAUMC Disaster Response Coordinator, at disaster.response@iaumc.org or 712-899-4067 (phone or text). Additional information is available at <https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/16541610?month=6&year=2022&day=1&display=1%20or>.

Lake Charles Louisiana Work Trip



Sept. 24 – Oct. 2, 2022
Saturday to Sunday | 5 work days

Kathy Martin, a retired clergy and former chaplain at Morning-side University, is leading a work trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana, that has been planned for September 24th-October 2nd. 12-15 volunteers are needed to help. This area of Louisiana has experienced two major hurricanes, a major flood, and a freak ice storm in less than nine months. The nature of the work is home renovation, including installing windows, hanging dry wall, and painting. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Martin at 712-490-1369 or gmakmart@gmail.com.

Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Team Leader Training

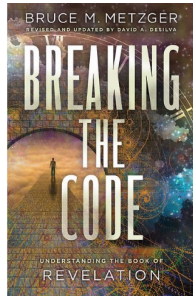
Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team Leader Training is scheduled for Friday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iowa Conference Center in Des Moines.

"The Team Leader Training will provide you (and your church) with all the information and tools needed to participate in and lead a hands-on mission. This training equips individuals to lead national and international teams to approved United Methodist project sites. It touches on what constitutes a UMVIM team, team duties, team dynamics, cultural understanding, team spiritual formation, tips for travel and fundraising, a timeline for organizing a team, forms, and insurance needed." For more information or to register by July 8th, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/volunteer-in-mission-team-leader-training-16522930>. Alternately, you may contact Beverly Nolte at Beverly.nolte@gmail.com or 515-491-5975.



Announcements & Updates

Small Group Study on the Book of Revelation



We have had several requests for a small group study on the book of Revelation. This book is one of the most perplexing books of the Bible to read and understand. What is the author trying to communicate with his rich symbolism? Is he giving us a detailed roadmap for the future or something else? Join us for this six-week study, meeting on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning July 17th, in Feller Lounge. The cost of the book is \$13. **Please sign up by July 3rd, so we have enough time to receive and distribute the study books.**

Day Trip to the Grotto in West Bend

We are planning a day trip to visit the Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa, on Saturday, August 6th. Eleven people will fit in the church van, but others are welcome to caravan there. We plan to leave the church at 9:00 a.m. The grotto doesn't have an admission fee but welcomes donations. Participants will need money for lunch and any other purchases. Donations will be accepted to help with gas for St. Paul's church van. For more information about the grotto, please visit <https://www.westbendgrotto.com/research/history/>.



Additional *The Upper Room* Devotionals Available

We received ten additional copies of the July/August *The Upper Room* devotional that are available to anyone for free. You can pick up a copy from the card table in the narthex.

Notes of Care for Uvalde



Rev. Kiboko Kiboko and the Storm Lake UMC invite us to join them in sending cards of care to the people of Uvalde, the town in Texas where a tragic school shooting killed 19 children and two adults. If you would like to send a card, please mail it to The People of Uvalde, C/O Rev. Steve Peyton, 301 N. High Street, Uvalde, TX 78801. On May 29th, we had a visual memorial (pictured below) outside of our education entrance here at St. Paul's to grieve the 19 students and two teachers who were killed.



Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome, so invite your friends or neighbors!

Ladies' Salad Potluck

All women of the church are invited to a salad potluck hosted by the Grace Circle on Wednesday, August 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. Dairy Queen ice cream will also be served.

Cherokee Mobile Food Pantry Changes

Beginning Friday, July 15, the Food Bank of the Siouxland Inc.'s Mobile Food Pantry location will move to the Trinity Lutheran Church (230 North Roosevelt Avenue, Cherokee). Food will be available there on the third Friday of every month from 5:30-7:00 p.m. If you plan to get food, please bring bags to carry it back to your vehicle. For questions, please call (712) 225-4332.



Triumphant Sound Quartet in Laurens

The Laurens United Methodist Church invites you to a gospel quartet concert with a free-will donation meal to follow at 201 W. Main Street, Laurens, on Sunday, July 10, at 4 p.m.

Fourth of July Breakfast in Quimby

The Quimby United Methodist Church invites you to their 4th of July Breakfast at the Quimby Community Center from 8-10:30 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, pancakes, French toast, muffins, and bread for a free will donation.



Outdoor Worship Service

Mark your calendars for our outdoor worship service at Gillette Park on Sunday, August 14th, at 11 a.m.

Other Upcoming Meetings

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Tues., 7/5	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Fri., 7/8	4:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School set-up
Tues., 7/19	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wed., 7/20	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible study
Tues., 7/26	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura
4 Wed., 7/27	1:30 p.m.	Newsletter Assembly

Announcements & Updates

Trip to Lake Okoboji U.M. Camp Update

Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center had their Neighbor Night and Summer Kickoff on June 10th. Visitors were able to tour the camp grounds and enjoy an outdoor concert. More pictures of the night are available on our Facebook page, or stop in the office and ask Jennifer if you'd like to see them but don't have Facebook.



Rodeo Parade Update/Photo

We had a great group representing St. Paul's and handing out Vacation Bible School invitations in the rodeo parade on June 4th. A big "thank you" to everyone who participated! More pictures are available on our Facebook page, or you can stop in the office and ask Jennifer, if you don't have Facebook.



Volunteers Needed for Summer Fellowship Time

If you would like to volunteer to provide snacks and help with summer fellowship, please contact Betty Point at 225-3211, or sign up in her notebook in the narthex. Each Sunday, we would like two couples or four people to assist.

Online History Courses Now Offered



The General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) of The United Methodist Church (UMC) is launching an online teaching platform, the UM History Hub (<https://umhistoryhub.teachable.com/>). "The homepage of the hub invites members to learn alongside GCAH to understand the past, contextualize the present, and envision the future. The hub currently offers registration for the Local Church Historians' School (course opening in September); a fully online course that focuses on past splits, separations, and reconciliations of the denomination; a timeline of UMC history by artist Charlie Baber; a fully online course for youth ages 12-18 to pique their interest in Wesleyan roots; access to the 'Un-Tied Methodism' podcast; and some new UMC history 'swag.'" Future courses will be added to the hub in the future.

Information from:
http://gcah.org/resources/online-history-courses-now-offered?mkt_tok=MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAAGE7lbLQjChd2KL0bWrSzwvm3iksic9MFwSBqDmlx3yDN4vYviRGTiNQLRBbxz6tQLm12hWpyYjL4GtWO-gECLpEaL07feceglXxPGP10GZdp07z0

Leadership Institute 2022

The Leadership Institute at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS, (Pastor Adam Hamilton's church) is an annual gathering to provide tools to clergy, church staff, and volunteers. Pastor Mike has attended the institute several times for his continuing education. If you are interested in attending this year's institute, which takes place September 28-30, more information can be found at <https://leadership.sharechurch.com/registration/>.

Holy Humor

Minister: "So, your mother says your prayers with you every night? What does she say?"

Little Boy: "Thank God, he's in bed."



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