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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
October 2021

A Moment with Mike

As summer gives way to fall, I am sure you have noticed that the days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting cooler. It is a reminder to us that time marches on, as we end one season and begin another. In one sense, this is true for the church as well. We have ended the summer schedule with earlier worship times and are now starting up all of our fall ministries. For me, this summer has been a great time to get to know many of you through pastoral visits. With the calendar being busier with committee meetings and group ministries, I will no longer have a sign-up in the back of the sanctuary for visits, but I still want to get to know all of you. Therefore, if you would like to have me visit you, but none of the times have worked thus far, feel free to contact me to set up a time that will work.

Changing gears, I want to let you know about a new sermon series beginning October 10th, called "Intentional Faith." Based on James Harnish's curriculum, called *A Disciple's Path*, these sermons focus on spiritual disciplines—habits—that help us to grow in our faith and become more like Jesus. I believe that it is important to be intentional about our faith, because spiritual growth doesn't just happen on its own. God does work within us, but we also must cooperate with God. In this series, we will review what these habits are and how they can enrich and prepare us to make a difference in the world. Some of you may remember several years back when James Harnish came to Cherokee to speak, and some of you were involved in small groups that went through the curriculum. This sermon series will be a refresher for us as we reconsider how it is that we are called to center our lives on loving God and loving others.

God bless,
Pastor Mike Agnew

Upcoming Sermon Series

Oct. 10th	"Intentional Faith Defined"
Oct. 17th	"Intentional Prayer"
Oct. 31st	"Intentional Time"
Nov. 7th	"Intentional Giving"
Nov. 14th	"Intentional Service and Witness"
Nov. 21st	"An Intentional Commitment"

Sermons are broadcast on KCHE 92.1 on Sundays around 8:45 a.m. and are also available via your favorite podcast app. 

Our Shared Ministry

Greeters

Oct. 3rd	Stan & Brenda DeRoo (north)
Oct. 10th	John & Kay O'Connor (north)
	Moonie & Andrea Munson (west)
Oct. 17th	Jeff & Patti Blum (north)
Oct. 24th	Scott & Penny Christensen (north)
Oct. 31st	Meribeth Adams (west)
	Lee Ann Christensen (north)

Acolytes

Oct. 3rd	Kyle Waldner & Brock Kannegieter
Oct. 10th	Bryce Robinson
Oct. 17th	Kyle Waldner & Logan Robinson
Oct. 24th	Brock Kannegieter
Oct. 31st	

Liturgists

Oct. 3rd	Korrie Coombs
Oct. 10th	Ava Agnew
Oct. 17th	Linda Appleby
Oct. 24th	Steve Lickiss
Oct. 31st	Bruce Dagal

Children's Time

Oct. 3rd	Korrie Coombs
Oct. 10th	Miranda Cook
Oct. 17th	Linda Burkhart
Oct. 24th	Teen Time
	Craig & Monica Schmidt
Oct. 31st	Bruce Dagal

Flowers

Oct. 3rd	Lowell & Sharon Bennink
Oct. 10th	Stan & Brenda DeRoo
Oct. 17th	
Oct. 24th	
Oct. 31st	

Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School
Aug. 29th	102	N/A
Sept. 5th	90	N/A
Sept. 12th	134	38
Sept. 19th	86	43
Sept. 26th	157	46

Chicken Lunch



The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will be hosting a chicken lunch following our church service on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021! The lunch will feature Family Table broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls, along with homemade macaroni salad, watermelon, and an ice cream sundae bar. Proceeds from this free-will dinner will be used for mission projects in our church. Please let us know if you plan to attend, so we can be sure to order enough of this finger-licking-good chicken! You can call the office and leave your message with Jennifer. See you then!

~St. Paul's Missions Committee

Children's Sabbath & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, October 24th, will be Children's Sabbath. In addition to collecting a noisy offering and the children's choir singing in worship, we will be presenting our 3rd grade students with a Bible. If you have a 3rd grader, please notify the office, so we can have a Bible for him/her.



Ingathering 2021

A big "thank you" goes to Jeanne Blackstone and Barb Kratz who have gotten 100 school bags and all the supplies together for the upcoming Ingathering. We will assemble the kits at the Charity Circle meeting on October 20th at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to help. We would welcome monetary donations to help reimburse what we have purchased. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Paul's U.M.C., and write "Ingathering" on the memo line. We are also seeking volunteers to help load the truck on Saturday, November 6th, in St. Paul's parking lot from 7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. That is when at least 67 churches will bring their donations. It goes quickly with good help. Thank you!

~Ingathering Committee

Other Dates to Note

Sun., 10/3		World Communion Sun.
Tues., 10/5	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Committee
Tues., 10/26	9:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
Sun., 11/7		All Saints Sunday
" "	2:00 p.m.	Charge Conference at Storm Lake U.M.C.
Sun., 11/21		Consecration Sunday
		Thanksgiving Dinner

New Directories Available

New directories are available in the church office. A big "thank you" goes to Meribeth Adams and Carolyn VanAmberg for their hard work on this project.

Facebook Page



Search for "St. Paul's United Methodist Church" on Facebook to stay up-to-date on the latest news.

Bell Choir & Chancel Choir Resumes

Our choirs have resumed. Bell choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m., and Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

"Back to Church" Sunday Update

We celebrated a joyful "Back to Church" Sunday on September 12th. Everyone was encouraged to invite someone to church, and Sunday School and Children's Time resumed. Six gift cards were randomly given away in the bulletins, and we had church magnets in the bulletins and balloons for the children. We have some extra magnets available at church, if you'd like to have some for yourself or to share.

Haiti Relief Offering

The Missions Committee is happy to report that \$420 was collected during the August 22nd special offering for Haiti! Thank you for supporting the efforts of UMCOR as they aid the people of Haiti following the recent earthquake and storms. The congregation of St. Paul's can always be counted on to put "God's Love in Action."

Retirement Congratulations



Congratulations to Meribeth Adams, who retired in early September after serving as the church's administrative assistant for nearly six years. Thank you, Meribeth, for all you have done to support the mission and ministries of St. Paul's, and we wish you the best in retirement.

New Administrative Assistant

The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee has asked Jennifer Agnew to be our new administrative assistant. Jennifer graduated from Orient-Macksburg Community School and Northwest Missouri State University. She has been employed in a variety of clerical positions, including at three churches. 

Church Family News

Welcome, Little Ones!

Kobi Carlene Halls, daughter of Matt and Amy Halls of Ankeny, was born on Tuesday, September 7th, at 3:46 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19" long. Kobi was welcomed home by her sister, Kinnick. Kobi's grandparents are Scott Osborn and Marla Conley, and Micki Conley is her great-grandmother.

Annie Jean Taylor, daughter of Jordan and Katelyn Taylor of Shell Rock, Iowa, was born on Tuesday, August 31st, at 4:59 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 1/2" long. Annie's grandparents are Mike and DeAnna Taylor of Cherokee and Jeff and Sandy Urbain of Peosta, Iowa. Paul Taylor of Cherokee and John Smidt of Woden, Iowa, are Annie's great-grandparents.

Maxwell Bruce Dage, son of Brock and Theresa Dage of Overland Park, Kansas, was born on Tuesday, August 24th. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Maxwell was welcomed home by his sister, Charlie Josephine. Maxwell's grandparents are Bruce and Leah Dage of Cherokee and Brad and Emily Kucera of Leawood, Kansas.



Leana Yvonne Kelly, daughter of Amanda Kelly and Brian Hicks of Rio Rancho, NM, was born on August 22nd. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21" long. Clint and Marlene Kelly are her proud grandparents.

Baptism Blessings



Brady Jon Wieland was baptized on September 26th. He is the son of Dustin and Jessica Wieland and the brother of Benjamin. Brady's grandparents are Will and Sarah Cook of Cherokee, Kenny and Melanie Petersen of Correctionville, and Denny and Jan Wieland of Aurelia. Brady's aunt and uncle, David and Jennifer Cook of Des Moines, were his sponsors.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for helping me go to the Methodist camp. My cabinmates are super funny. I hope to see them again. Some of my favorite things I did were swimming, archery, Bible study, campfire, singing songs around the campfire, and lunch. I had so much fun that I have already signed up for next year.

~Matthew Mosbach

Thank you for all the letters and cards I received for my birthday. It was very kind of you. I will use the money I got to help buy a dollhouse.

~Ava Agnew

A sincere "thank you" for all the cards, calls, and well wishes I received for my birthday. I felt warmly remembered and appreciate all of you a great deal.

~Blessings from Dorothy Clow

With Sympathy and Prayers

James Edgar Fassler, 87, of Quimby passed away on September 17th at Cherokee Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. A graveside service was held on September 22nd at the Oak Hill Cemetery. James is Jolene (Irvin) Diechmann's brother-in-law.

Marilyn A. (Callahan) Heinz, 87, passed away on September 15th at Luther Manor in Dubuque. A funeral service was held on September 22nd at St. Patrick's Church in Dubuque. Marilyn is Sue (Dr. Wes) Parker's mother.

Linn Hayden, 67, of Ankeny passed away on September 7th after a courageous battle with cancer. A memorial service was held on September 11th at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny. Linn is Linda Burkhart and Dr. Patricia Harrison's sister-in-law.

Daphne "Joann" Christensen, 91, of Cherokee passed away on September 1st at the Gardens Assisted Living. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's on September 10th.

David Harold Gatrost, 61, of Sicklerville, New Jersey, passed away on August 18. David is Claudia (Rob) Pickens's brother.

LeRoy J. "Puttball" Lanxon, 88, of Cherokee passed away on November 22, 2020, at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. A private family graveside service was held on September 4th at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cherokee.



You may have said a kind word at church or visited her at home. You may have said a prayer for her or sent her a little note. You may have delivered some treats or said "sorry for your loss." However you touched Joann's heart, you also touched ours. Thank you for being her church family. Many thanks.

~Family of Joann Christensen

I would like to thank the members of the SPRC for hosting my retirement celebration. The flowers were beautiful, the cake was delicious, and the music box is perfect! I also want to thank everyone for the cards, kind messages, and gifts. I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness. My favorite thing about serving as your church secretary was the wonderful friendships I made. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life!

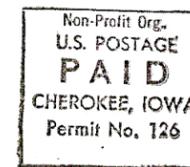
~Meribeth Adams



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October 2021



Oct. 2021 UMW Buzz

UMW Annual Conference

Saturday, October 2nd

9 a.m. Coffee and rolls in Schuldt Dining Hall
9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Conference in the sanctuary
Theme: Ignited for Justice

Lunch will be available for \$9 in Schuldt Dining Hall.

Menu: ham balls, cheesy potatoes,
Jell-O salad, and pumpkin Bundt cake

If you plan to attend, please let Patti Blum know.

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., October 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall

Joy Circle

Wed., October 20th, at 9:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Barb Kratz
Program: Jeanne Blackstone

Charity Circle

Wed., October 20th, at 1:30 p.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall

Election Day Luncheon

Tuesday, November 2nd
Menu: chicken casserole, salad, and pie



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