

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to Lois Eggerth for the stamps for January's *HomeTouch* mailings.



Thank you to Jean Anderson and Shelley Lenz for switching out the table decorations in Schuldts Dining Hall.

Thank you to Glenda Parrish for the ream of copy paper for bulletins.

Thank you to Chuck and Julie Tolzin, Rodney Bainbridge, Sue Paulsen, and Dave and Linda Appleby for assembling the December newsletter.

Thank you to Linda Burkhart and Pastor Mike for helping with the cleaning while Betty was on leave.

Thank you to everyone who signed the Christmas cards for our homebound members and friends. It was heartwarming to see all the signatures and kind notes.

Thank you to Bonni Conley for the Christmas cupcakes for the Confirmation class, Advent study group, and Christmas Day fellowship and for the Christmas cards for church use.

Thank you so much for the monetary donation you made to our food pantry here at Trinity Lutheran. All donations are much appreciated and put to good use helping Cherokee community families who need assistance with food.

Blessings, Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry Committee

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and get-well wishes as I continue to recover from a neck fracture and Influenza A. I am so fortunate to be part of such a caring church family.

~Linda Struck

Thank you for the recent care packages you have sent. I apologize for not getting back sooner. I got caught up in studying for finals and finishing up coursework for school. I hope the church is well and that everyone stays safe during the cold.

Thank you once again,  
JD Fiedler, University of Northern Iowa

Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. We enjoyed them all and appreciate your kindness.

Pastor Mike, Jennifer, and Ava Agnew

Thank you to everyone who sent cards or wished me a happy 80th birthday.

~Merlin A. Munson

January is the time when volunteers rotate off and on church committees. A big "thank you" goes to everyone who has served on a committee in 2022, especially to four chairpersons who are rotating off, Don Blackstone (Trustees), Stan DeRoo (Finance), Sue Parker (Missions), and Patti Blum (Library). They have done a lot for St. Paul's!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at St. Paul's in any capacity in 2022. We are so grateful for each of you! This is a wonderful, committed congregation.

Thank you to the anonymous donors who provided Mud on Main gift cards for all the Sunday School, Confirmation, and Teen Time leaders. How thoughtful!

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's UMC:



Thank you so much for your willingness to donate to the cause of our St. Paul's youth. Our senior high Teen Time enjoyed pizza at Godfather's and shopping at Bomgaars for less fortunate teens on December 7th, 2022. We were able to make a difference here in our community for eight teenagers. Our youth chose gifts such as hooded sweatshirts, gloves, and socks, as well as some fun games. Thank you, also, to St. Paul's United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) for the generous gifts of money you have donated to the youth of our church this year. We appreciate all the blessings from this congregation.

Sincerely,

Teen Time Senior High Youth & Craig & Monica Schmidt

Thank you to Chuck Tolzin for respectfully disposing of our worn-out United States and Iowa flags and to Don Blackstone for respectfully disposing of our worn-out UMC flag.

Thank you for allowing me to use your space to host my oboe recital! It is a lovely building, and I appreciate your willingness to share it with me and my family.

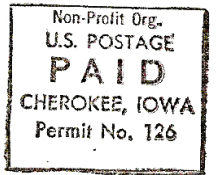
Alexa (Timmerman) Harper

Thank you to Peg and Bob Parker for loaning us their nativity scene for our Christmas services.



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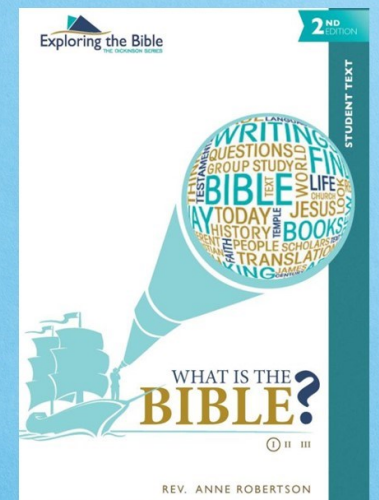
## Six-Week Small Groups

Thursdays	OR	Sundays
10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
Feller Lounge		Feller Lounge
Jan. 12, 19, 26		Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb. 2, 9, 16		Feb. 5, 12

Both groups cover the same material. Feel free to switch between groups as your schedule allows, and a Zoom (online) option is also available.

The cost of the book is \$12, but financial assistance is available, if needed.

Please sign-up by January 1st. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call the church office.



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

9 a.m. Sunday School

January 2023

10:10 a.m. Worship

## St. Paul's UMC


**Sept.-May Worship Time:**  
10:10 a.m.

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## St. Paul's Staff

**Pastor:**  
Mike Agnew

**Financial Secretary:**  
Sarah Cook

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Jennifer Agnew

**Custodian:**  
Betty Harman

**Organists/Pianists:**  
Betty Point  
Meribeth Adams  
Chris Andersen

**Chancel Choir Director:**  
Becky Lickiss

**Bell Choir Director:**  
Dusty Wright

**Nursery Attendants:**  
Nicole Hoskinson  
Whitney Robinson  
Heidi Gerstandt  
Miranda Cook  
Bailey Gaydo  
Jen Gaydo

## A Moment With Mike

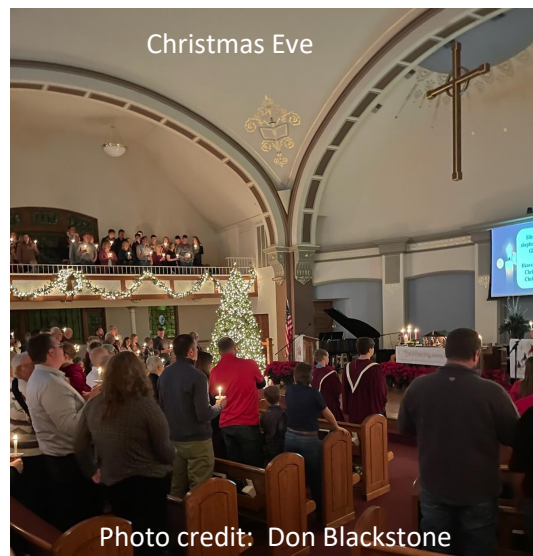
Happy new year! In this season, many think of resolutions and look to the year ahead with hope. The last few years have certainly been challenging on many levels. Ultimately, like every year, 2023 will probably have its share of hopeful times and challenging times. We will do our best to continue on through our faith in Christ, praying for the challenging times, giving thanks for the blessings, and doing what we can to make the world a better place. As we begin the new year, one of the things I am excited about is our upcoming small group study, called *What Is the Bible?* This study sounds like an introductory course for those who are new to the Bible, and it is in one sense, but it is also more. This study will help you to better understand the grand scope of the Bible as well as to be aware of some very real issues regarding differences and challenges in translation and what it means to faithfully read the Bible as a Christian who desires to take it seriously. It presents many ideas I encountered in seminary but in a way that is easy to read and digest. Details about the small groups are included in this newsletter, and I hope you will get the chance to sign up. If you do not think your schedule will allow for it, please know that you can also read the book without going to the group meetings.

God bless you in this new year, and I do hope it is a great one for you!

Pastor Mike Agnew



## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services



Thank you to everyone who helped with the special services in December. We appreciate your time and effort!

Additional photos and videos have been posted on our Facebook page, or you can ask Jennifer for assistance viewing them if you don't have a Facebook account.

## Worship Notes

### Acolytes

1/1 Ava Agnew  
1/8 Gavin Wych and Trae Hoskinson  
1/15 Kai Lucas and Matthew Mosbach  
1/22 Kai Lucas and Hayden Brown  
1/29 Matthew Mosbach and Carli Lubeck

### Greeters

1/1 Don & Jeanne Blackstone  
1/8 Marla Conley & Scott Osborn  
1/15 Dan & Barb Kratz  
1/22 Chuck & Julie Tolzin  
1/29 Bob & Peg Parker



### Liturgists

1/1 Jerri Hunt  
1/8 Linda Rutter  
1/15 John or Jan Cook  
1/22 Kristal Phillips  
1/29 Peggy Corrington



### Children's Time

1/1 Ervina Scott  
1/8 Amy Stief  
1/15 Bruce Dagle  
1/22 Pastor Mike Agnew  
1/29 Linda Burkhart



### Ushers

1/1 Al & Barb Henn, Chuck & Julie Tolzin, and Darlene Woltman  
1/8 Darrel & Sue Paulsen, Tim & Jen Gaydo and Jerri Hunt  
1/15 Craig & Monica Schmidt, Amy Stief, and Bruce & Leah Dagle  
1/22 Mark & Becky Scherbring, Linda Rutter, and Curt & Kristal Phillips  
1/29 Kim & Karen Aduddell, Jeannette Grant, and Jean and Gene Anderson

### Altar Flowers

1/1 Nativity scene provided by Bob & Peg Parker  
Altar arrangement provided by the Jones family  
January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th are open.



The 2023 altar flower sign-up is in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call Jennifer during the week. If the date you prefer has been taken, it is fine to have more than one arrangement per Sunday.

### Nursery Attendants

1/1 No staffed nursery.  
1/8 Whitney Robinson  
1/15 Heidi Gerstandt  
1/22 Whitney Robinson  
1/29 Jen Gaydo



### Nursery Information

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! If you prefer, we also have a staffed nursery for infants through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary. **If you would like to join the nursery attendant rotation, Pastor Mike can send you the link to the online sign-up. A background check is required, for the safety of the children. A \$25 stipend is available for each Sunday worked.**

### Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen Time
-	-	-	11/30	8	12
12/4	108	29	12/7	8	8
12/11	151	30	12/14	8	FCA
12/18	171	47	12/21	-	-
12/20	13	-	12/28	-	-
12/24	207	-	-	-	-
12/25	49	5	-	-	-

### Sermon Series

Our Advent sermon series concludes on January 1st with "We Three Kings" (Matthew 2:1-12). The next sermon series will be *That's Not in the Bible*. There are quite a few statements that we frequently hear that sound religious and are accepted by many. So, we assume they are in the Bible. However, a closer look will show that the Bible does not actually teach these things.

1/8 "Ask, and It Will be Given to You" (Matt. 17:14-21; Luke 11:1-13; Phil. 4:10-13)  
1/15 "Everything Happens for a Reason" (Romans 8:28)  
1/22 "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" (2 Thess. 3:6-12; Matt. 25:31-40)  
1/29 "Money is the Root of All Evil" (1 Timothy 6:6-12)  
2/5 "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle" (Psalm 88:2; 2 Kings 25:1-21; 1 Cor. 10:13)  
2/12 "Revelation Gives Us a Clear Picture of the End Times" (Rev. 5:1-6; 13:11-18)

Sermons are available via podcast or on 92.1 FM KCHE on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Our full service is available live and as a recording via our YouTube page and is also posted on our Facebook page.

## Church Family News

### Welcoming New Members



Tim and Jen Gaydo joined our congregation on Sunday, December 4th. Their children are Bailey Gaydo, Kody Sump, and Kyle Sump. Tim works at Corteva, and Jen is the office assistant/ag program coordinator at the ISU Extension Office in Cherokee. Here at St. Paul's, they are active on the Outreach and Connections Team and have assisted in worship as ushers and Advent devotion readers. Jen also serves as a nursery attendant. Welcome, Jen and Tim!

### Graduation and Wedding Announcement

Derek Bechtel graduated on October 28, 2022, from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Bechtel currently lives in West Des Moines and is in the process of starting a practice in Grimes, Iowa. Derek Bechtel and Bailey Legleiter were married in Hawaii on August 8, 2022. Bailey is a nurse in West Des Moines. Congratulations, Derek and Bailey!

### Wedding Announcement

Mitchell Stief & Skylar Gerdes were married here at St. Paul's on December 10th. Mitchell is the son of Marlin & Amy Stief, and Skylar is the daughter of Larry Gerdes and Ann Daniel. Congratulations!



### Update on Ty Westphal



Congratulations to Ty Westphal who graduated from basic training and AIT (Advanced Individual Training) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His job is a forward observer (13 Fox). Ty returned to Cherokee in December and plans to work at Denny's and Bomgaars while continuing with his army duties. He and his family would like to thank the congregation for all the support he received during training. It meant a lot to them.

### Anniversary Blessings

Al and Barb Henn celebrated their 60th anniversary on December 28th. If you would like to send them anniversary greetings, their address is 615 Gillease Street, Cherokee, IA 51012. Congratulations, Al and Barb!



### With Sympathy & Prayers

**Timothy "Tim" D. Morgan**, 44, of Kingsley, passed away on October 24th at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. There was a visitation on October 28th at Rohde Funeral Home in Kingsley. Tim is survived by his wife, Niki, three daughters, Faith, Rylee and Parker, and two sons, Carter and Jayce.

## Iowa Conference Updates

### Summer Job Openings at UM Church Camps



Wesley Woods and Lake Okoboji UM Camps are looking for summer staff. If you are interested, please visit <https://wesleywoodsia.org/employment-opportunities/> or <http://okobojicamp.com/summer-openings>.

### Bishop Laurie Haller's Retirement Celebration

Bishop Laurie Haller's retirement celebration was held in Des Moines on December 4th. If you would like more information or to see a picture gallery, please go to <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-laurie-haller-asks-at-her-retirement-service-do-you-have-room-17171478>, or ask Jennifer to show you the article if you don't have internet access.

### New Bishop Visited Iowa

Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai visited Iowa in December and will begin her residency in Iowa in January 2023. For more information about her visit, please go to <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/iowa-s-united-methodist-churches-newest-bishop-makes-her-first-visit-to-iowa-17175854>, or ask Jennifer to show you the article if you don't have internet access.

## Learn Something New

### Helping Others Grow Through their Grieving Course

"Grief can be a lonely place, and those who care for persons who are grieving often find themselves at a loss. Helping Others Grow Through Their Grieving will explore how persons who work with grieving friends or family can guide them to grow during this difficult time. The four-week course will share a book study based on *Understanding Your Grief* by Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD, an educator and grief counselor who has written 50 books on grieving." The course costs \$80 and will meet live on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on January 11th, 18th, 25th, and February 1st through Zoom. For more information, please visit <https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/grief/ifd377-helping-others-grow-through-their-grieving/>, or ask Jennifer for assistance if you don't have internet access.

## November/December Happenings

### Sanctuary Decorating

Thank you to the volunteers who decorated the sanctuary for Advent on November 29th. The lights are even on remote this year! The group enjoyed pizza together after decorating. Photo credit to Mike & Ava Agnew, Miranda Cook, and Tim Gaydo.



Additional photos can be found on our Facebook page.

### Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 11th was Christmas cookie exchange Sunday. A big "thank you" goes to everyone who donated and/or purchased cookies and to the Adult Class for organizing the exchange. 112 plates of cookies were made and purchased, which equals 168 dozen cookies. \$660 was raised!

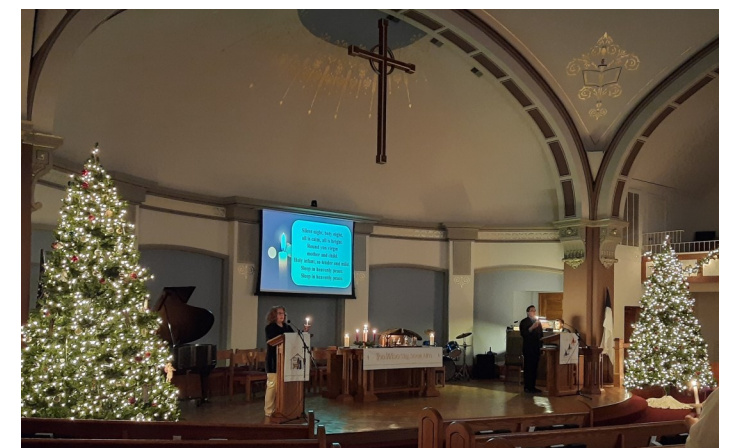


Photo credit to John Cook and Pastor Mike.



Additional photos can be found on our Facebook page.

### Blue Christmas Service on December 20th



Additional photos and videos of the special music can be found on our Facebook page.

## December Happenings

### Bethlehem Revisited in Le Mars



St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars presented their version of Bethlehem and the story of the birth of Jesus on December 11th. This included a replica of the market in Bethlehem, live animals, the nativity scene, music, snacks, and more. Thank you to Craig and Monica Schmidt for taking a group from our congregation, which included Gene and Jean Anderson, Ervina Scott, Glenda Parrish, and Audrey Radmaker. Thank you to Glenda for the group photos.



*Oh Holy Night*



### Advent Tryst



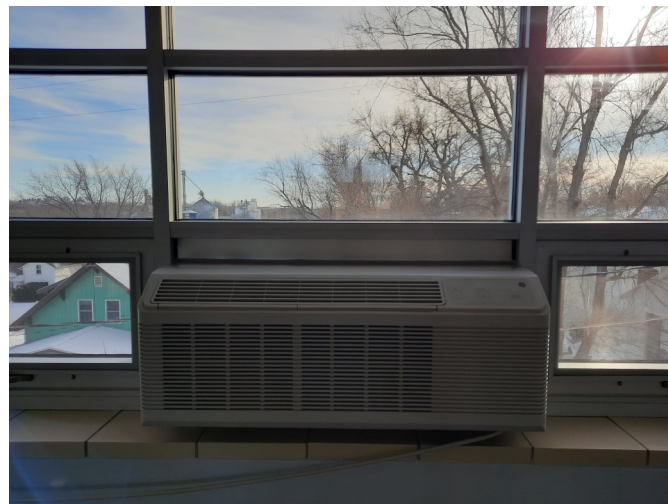
On December 14th, our United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) and the Memorial Presbyterian Church held the annual Advent Tryst in our sanctuary. Following the service, they assembled cookie plates for home-bound members and friends. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and to Jeff Blum for running the sound system!



Additional pictures can be found on our Facebook page.

### Education Wing Project Completed!

The window replacement and heating/AC unit project in the education wing was completed in December! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and to the Trustees, especially chairman Don Blackstone, for their work on this project.



## Missions News & Updates

### Alternative Gift Guide Update

The Missions Committee offered the Alternative Christmas Gift Guide again this year. \$660 has been raised so far, with \$195 of that going to FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and \$160 of that going to United Methodist Church camps in Iowa. Thank you to the Missions Committee for their work on this project and to you, the congregation, for donating to missions.



Sue Parker, Missions Chairperson

### Mitten Tree Update



Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks. Your gifts will be donated to those in need.



### The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Update



Many thanks to everyone who either donated their time to set up and take down equipment, ring bells, or donated money for our November/December 2022 The Salvation Army bell ringing at Fareway, Bomgaars, and Hy-Vee stores. As of December 28th, we received \$6,224.29, with 90% of this money staying in Cherokee County. This money will go to help those with emergency needs with food, clothing, partial utility and partial rent assistance, school supplies, natural disasters, and fires. Sometimes, this is the only help available for a person or family, showing them that someone cares to help them start afresh. Every penny counts, along with caring people helping people. Thank you all again for supporting The Salvation Army, Cherokee County.

Mary Jo Carnine, Service Extension Chairperson

### Human Relations Day Special Offering

Human Relations Day is one of the Sundays United Methodists set aside to support and celebrate specific ministries. On January 15th, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, United Methodist 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." Gifts collected in each local church are directed to The General Council on Finance and Administration, where funds are allocated to the administering agencies. If you would like to donate to this special offering, envelopes will be available in the bulletins that Sunday, or you can mark your check memo for "Human Relations Day." For more information, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article>.



### Poinsettia Donors



Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. For a complete list of the donors as well as the names of their loved ones the poinsettias were given in memory of, please see the Christmas Eve bulletin insert

that was posted on our Facebook page and website (<https://www.cherokeemethodist.com/visit-us>). You can also ask Jennifer in the office for a printed copy. 20 plants were donated this year. Additional pictures of the poinsettias are available on our Facebook page.



## Financial Information

### Envelope Fundraiser Update

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the envelope fundraiser. As of December 4th, \$5,114 was donated, \$1,000 of which was given by United Women in Faith (UMW)! Of the total given, \$125 goes to the camp fund, \$640 goes to the youth fund, \$100 goes to the Vacation Bible School fund, and the remainder goes to the general fund. We are so grateful for your generosity!



### 2023 Offering Envelopes Available



Boxed sets of offering envelopes for each week of 2023 are available in the narthex. Feel free to take a box if this would be helpful for you.

### December Note From the Finance Committee

Our congregation has united this year, reminiscent of the time following the kitchen fire. The COVID-19 “no in-person service” time was more devastating to the momentum in our church family than it first appeared, but we are rebuilding. We are more involved in our community, more visible at social events, more connected with our youth, and more caring and giving. In just over three months’ time, we raised \$27,556 to fund window replacement and heating/air conditioning units for the education wing. Additionally, even with inflation at an all-time high, giving through November 30th was \$37,600 higher than last year!

This year, like several prior years, we have a deficit to confront. The Finance Committee has elected to reduce the cushion in the checking account to cover part of the deficit. Factoring in those funds, we still need \$21,000 to close the year. Can we do it? Yes, we can! Please help us finish the year strong. We appreciate your generosity and the ministry you make possible!

It is not too late to turn in your 2023 pledge card. If you need one, some are available in the narthex, on the table outside the office, and in the office.

### 2023 Pledge Update as of December 12th

	2023	2022
General Fund	\$131,732	\$135,654
Capital Fund	19,015	21,203
Next Generation	15,251	15,599
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,998</b>	<b>\$172,456</b>

### United Women in Faith Helps Women & Children

A huge “thank you” goes to UW Faith, as they donated \$2,000 to the youth account in December, in addition to the \$1,000 they gave to benefit ministries for women and children through the envelope fundraiser.

### Apportionments Update

As a United Methodist Church, St. Paul’s is required to pay apportionments to the greater United Methodist Church for missions, ministries, staff, and pensions. While we are supposed to pay 100% of our apportionments, we have not been able to do so since 2016. The percentage paid in recent years is as follows:

2017	74.03%
2018	44.51%
2019	21.77%
2020	26.24%
2021	28.11%

Our apportioned amount for 2022 was \$24,192. We had the ambitious goal of paying 75%. We will have an update in February’s newsletter with the percentage we were able to pay.

In 2023, our apportionments will be \$23,241, a slight decrease. As this is a denominational responsibility, we are continuing to try to make this a priority. If you are interested in learning more about apportionments, visit <https://www.iaumc.org/apportionmentresources>.

### Financial Update from the Greater UMC

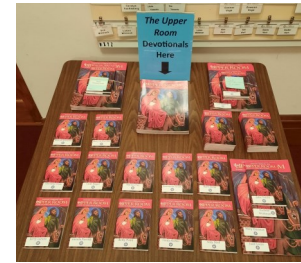
“As the number of church disaffiliations rises, United Methodist financial leaders have started preparing what will be the denomination’s lowest budget sent to General Conference in nearly 40 years.” To finish this article, please visit <https://umnews.org/en/news/amid-church-exits-work-starts-on-record-low-budget>, or ask Jennifer to print you a copy of the article if you don’t have internet access.



*“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full.” Proverbs 19:17 (NRSV)*

## Announcements & Updates

### January/February *The Upper Room* Available



January/February *The Upper Room* devotionals have arrived and are available in the narthex. We have plenty of extra copies if you’d like to try it out this month. Copies can be mailed to homebound members and friends as well.

### Scholarship Opportunities

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation has over 100 scholarships available for the 2023-2024 school year. There are scholarships for high school seniors, general scholarships for students going to non-Methodist colleges, scholarships for students going to United Methodist colleges, and seminary scholarships. Applications are accepted December 1st through March 1st. For more information, please visit <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.



### Church Directory Coming Soon



We are in the final stages of proof-reading the new directories and will have them available in the narthex soon. Stay tuned to the bulletins for the exact Sunday. Thank you to Carolyn VanAmberg, Meribeth Adams, and those of you in the congregation who have provided updates.

### HomeTouch Mailing

We currently have 17 people receiving our weekly mailing for homebound members and friends. This includes the previous week’s bulletin and a devotion/activity sheet. If you would like to be added to our list, please call the church office.

### Office Closed on January 3rd

The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 3rd, as Pastor Mike and Jennifer plan to visit Jennifer’s family to celebrate Christmas, weather and health permitting.

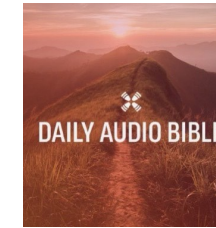


### Winter Cancellation Information



We are well into the season of winter cancellations. Worship service cancellations will be communicated on KCHE, KCAU, and our Facebook page. We haven’t been able to successfully reach anyone at KTIV either this winter or last winter via telephone or email to submit cancellations there.

### Daily Audio Bible



Are you looking for a new kind of New Year’s Resolution? One that will deepen your relationship with God and draw you into His Word daily? If so, consider downloading D.A.B. (Daily Audio Bible) to your phone—available for FREE on Apple and Android devices! Listening each day for about 24 minutes will get you through the entire Bible in one year. Each day’s recording includes a segment from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. If you need help with downloading or setting up your account, please contact Miranda Cook at 712-369-7808.



### Men’s Breakfast

The next Men’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome to join us for breakfast and a short devotion. Thank you to Bruce Dangel for leading the group and for providing breakfast in December.



## United Women in Faith Buzz

### UW Faith Executive Board

Monday, January 9th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle and Grace Circle

No meetings in January.

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, January 18, at 9:30 a.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall  
Pledge Service  
Hostess and Program:  
Barb Kratz



## Announcements & Updates

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mondays	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Wednesdays	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir (sanctuary) Chancel Choir (choir room) (No Chancel Choir on January 4th.) Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Thurs., 1/5	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Schuldt Dining Hall) Trustees' new member orientation (library)
Tues., 1/10	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Thurs., 1/17	7:00 p.m.	Trustees (S. Dining Hall)
Fri., 1/20	—	Newsletter info due.
Wed., 1/25	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible Study
Fri., 1/27	1:30 p.m.	Newsletter assembly (Feller)
Tues., 1/31	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Shirley's Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura



### Managing Caregiver Stress

Caregiving for a family member or friend can be stressful—physically, emotionally, and financially.

Join a workshop for *caregivers of adults with chronic conditions* to learn about self-care strategies and techniques to **increase relaxation and reduce stress.**

Manage the daily stresses you face as a caregiver. Sign up today!

DATE & TIME  
January 12, 2023  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
531 W Main St.  
Cherokee, Iowa

REGISTRATION  
Register online:  
<https://go.iastate.edu/GX2GN6>  
or call the church to sign up.

CONTACT  
St. Paul's UMC | 712-225-3955

## Christian Education

### Sunday School Food Drive

The Sunday School students collected non-perishable food items and toiletries throughout November and December. Thanks to everyone who donated!

### Sunday School Schedule

Children's Sunday School continues at 9 a.m. Classes are available for PK-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th and meet in the education wing. The Adult Class meets in Feller Lounge. The Children's Choir (PK-5th grade) will sing in worship on Sunday, January 29th. That is also the Sunday we will collect our monthly noisy offering (spare change) to benefit children's ministries here at St. Paul's.

### Confirmation Schedule

The Confirmation class will meet on January 4th, 18th, and 25th. On the 4th, they will meet from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and will then join the FCA event (See below.).

### Teen Time Schedule

Teen Time will meet at Craig & Monica's (409 Centennial Drive) from 6:30-8 p.m. on January 11th, 18th, and 25th. On January 4th, they will attend the FCA event.

## COMMUNITY YOUTH NIGHT

SPONSORED BY WHS FCA

**WHO?**  
Teens in 7th-12th Grade

**WHAT?**  
Fun, Friends, Free Meal, Bible Lesson

**WHEN?**  
Wed, Jan. 4  
@6:15-8PM

**WHERE?**  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
531 W. Main St.  
Cherokee, IA 51012

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHARITY ANDERSON



## Children's Christmas Program & Lunch

Thank you to the kids, teachers, and sound booth technicians for their work for the children's Christmas program on December 18th. Also, thank you to the Adult Class and helpers for hosting the soup lunch following the service. A special "thank you" goes to Rodney Bainbridge for making the chili, to Dan Kratz for making the chicken noodle soup, and to Linda Christensen for making the chicken corn chowder. (Additional photos and videos on Facebook.)

