

Our new pastor, Mike Agnew, with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Ava.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A big “thank you” goes out to this year’s Sunday School and Teen Time teachers!

- PK-2nd Nicole Hoskinson, Mandy Christensen, and Whitney Robinson
- 3rd-6th Laura Benson and Kim Wych
- 7th-8th Matt Hoskinson and Tasha Timmerman
- Subs Melissa Schlenger, Kristi Kannegieter, and Korrie Coombs
- Teen Time Craig and Monica Schmidt

### OUR SHARED MINISTRY

#### GREETERS

- September 5 Bob and Peg Parker
- September 12 Dan and Barb Kratz
- September 19 Don and Jeanne Blackstone
- September 26 Chuck and Julie Tolzin

#### LITURGISTS

- September 5 Chuck Tolzin
- September 12 Craig Schmidt
- September 19 Don Blackstone
- September 26 Kristal Phillips

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

- September 12 Roni Timmerman
- September 19 Ervina Scott
- September 26 Amy Stief

#### FLOWERS

- September Don Witcombe

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 1	112
August 8	112
August 15	96
August 22	110

#### CHURCH EMAIL UPDATE

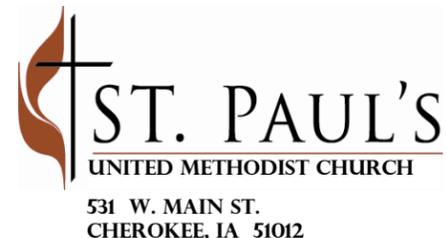
The administrative assistant’s email will change to [cherokeespumc@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeespumc@gmail.com) as of September 7th. Please update your contact lists.

#### OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

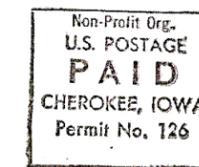
Church office phone (712) 225-3955  
 Office email [cherokeespumc@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeespumc@gmail.com)  
 Church website [www.cherokeemethodist.com](http://www.cherokeemethodist.com)  
 Sermon Podcast Search for St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

#### PASTOR’S CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Mike’s cell (563) 506-7412  
 Pastor Mike’s email [michael.agnew@iaumc.net](mailto:michael.agnew@iaumc.net)



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### VISITATION TEAM MEETING

The St. Paul’s visitation team will be meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, at 9:30 a.m. in the church office.

### CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

 Calling all singers: Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing Wednesday, September 8th. We would like to invite any and all who would like to join us! Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and we sing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

### FINANCE MEETING

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall. The agenda will include year-to-date giving and expenses, an estimate on the closing of 2021, and the start of the 2022 church budget. For all committees that are part of the budget, please review your 2022 needs, and let us know if the current budgeted dollars are adequate before the September 28th meeting.

### CHICKEN DINNER

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that they will host the chicken dinner again this year! Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 3rd, immediately following our worship service for a delicious chicken dinner catered by Family Table and the Missions Committee. The menu will include broasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, macaroni salad, fruit, and an ice cream sundae bar. All proceeds will help to fund Missions Committee projects.



## September 2021 UMW Buzz

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 13th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle

Wednesday, September 15th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall  
 Hostess: Jeanine Schroeder  
 Program: Patti Blum (“Grounded Beans”)

### Upcoming UMW Fall Events

Saturday, October 2nd: UMW Statewide Conference to be hosted by St. Paul’s  
 Wednesday, October 20th: Assemble Ingathering kits at our meeting  
 Tuesday, November 2nd: Election Day Luncheon

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Darla Good, her son, Willie Good, Willie's wife, Amber, and their children, Emma and Brayden. Darla's mother, Matilda M. VanPelt, passed away in Florida on July 11th at the age of 97. A private family graveside service for Matilda VanPelt was held on Friday, August 6th, at Oak Hill Cemetery with Pastor Mike Agnew officiating.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sherry Held and all of her family. Sherry's brother, George Taylor, 79, passed away suddenly on Monday, August 9th, at his home in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He grew up in Goldfield, Iowa, with his parents George Sr. and Viola Neuhalfen Taylor and his sister, Sherry. George graduated from Morningside College and Payne Theological Seminary. For the past few decades, George served as President of the Cobblestone Farm Association. He was always an active parent who attended his children's school functions. Survivors include his wife, Karen, and their five children. A memorial service and Celebration of Life for George Taylor was held at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Saturday, August 21st.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kirk and Lori Ebel and all of their family. Lori's uncle, William B. "Bill" Roberts, 93, of Cherokee passed away surrounded by his wife and family on August 22nd at the Gardens Assisted Living in Cherokee. A memorial service was held on August 28th at the Washta Methodist Church in Washta, with Pastor Barb Dinelli officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Brian and Trish (Taylor) Gobrecht of Fort Dodge on the birth of their son. Oliver John Gobrecht was born on Sunday, July 25th. He was welcomed home by his sister, Claire Delores. Oliver's very proud grandparents are Mike and DeAnna Taylor of Cherokee and Jim and Mary Gobrecht of Belmont, Wisconsin. Paul Taylor of Cherokee and John Smidt of Woden, Iowa, are Oliver's great-grandparents.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Michael and Jenna Boothby on the birth of their daughter. Blaire Gray Boothby was born in Clarion, Iowa, on Sunday, August 1st. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Blaire's very proud grandparents are David and Gigi Boothby of Cherokee and Gary and Kristal Anderson of Clarion.



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

## A MOMENT WITH MIKE

It is hard to believe I have been your pastor for two months already! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through individual and group visits, and I will continue to offer times to visit in September. In addition, if you would like a visit from me, you can call the church office any time, and we can set that up.

As we begin the transition to fall, I am excited about ministries starting up again, in some cases, for the first time since the pandemic began. Sunday School, Teen Time, confirmation, and our fall small group study will all begin in the month of September, and our vocal and bell choirs are also making plans to return. As things start to pick up, we want to mark the season with a special day called Back to Church Sunday. Back to Church Sunday will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, which is also the first Sunday we will have Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10:10 a.m. On this date, we encourage you to make a concerted effort to invite one or more people to either come back to St. Paul's or to give St. Paul's a try for the first time. Of course, you are welcome to invite someone to church any time, but on September 12<sup>th</sup>, we encourage all of you to do so as we begin the new school year. Surveys that have been conducted in the U.S. have shown that one of the most effective ways to get someone to go to church is to give them a personal invitation. A sincere invitation is more effective than any sermon series or church programming will ever be. So be sure to invite someone, and let's see how many we can get to engage or re-engage in the life of the church.

God bless,  
Pastor Mike

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Nate and Maggie Cockburn on the birth of their son. Grady Alan Cockburn was born in West Des Moines, Iowa, on Thursday, August 5th. He was welcomed home to Ankeny, Iowa, by his brother, Liam. Grady's very proud grandparents are Michael and Cara Lubeck, Jen and Doug Goebel, Curtis and Michelle Cockburn, and Roger and Deb VandenBrink. Great-grandparents are Velma Lubeck, Ervina Scott, Charlotte Cockburn, Rhodora Lee and Terry Ruschmann, and Wayne and Louise Christensen.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Tanner and Kelsey Schroder on the birth of their son. Rhen William Schroder was born at the hospital in Orange City at 1:14 p.m. on Friday, July 30th. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21" long. Rhen's very proud grandparents are Allan and Janette Sears of Cleghorn and Bob and Sam Schroder of Michigan. His great-grandparents are Gerald and Nancy Sears of Cherokee and Alberta Aduddell of Aurelia.

## THANK YOU FROM PAUL BURCH

Thank you for all the get well greetings, cards, and letters while I am in the hospital recovering. It's a long journey, but hopefully I will make it with all your prayers and blessings.

## THANK YOU FROM MARGE GOODBURN

I would like to thank my church friends for the lovely flowers, cards, and well wishes for the 95th birthday. It was an enjoyable birthday week with family and friends also. God's blessings to all!

## THANK YOU FROM BONITA LAFAVE

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, and calls. You helped make my 90th birthday such a special time. God bless you all!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We have such a generous congregation! I'd like to thank everyone who donated 11x17 paper to the church office over the past two weeks. We now have plenty of paper that we can use for the monthly newsletters.

## THANK YOU FROM ANDREA COOK

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Mike and all of our church family for your love and support during my treatments over the last ten months. We have been on a long journey which has been made easier by your cards, letters, calls, and gifts. We look forward to rejoining our St. Paul's family as soon as we can.

## HY-VEE RECEIPTS

Please continue saving your Hy-Vee receipts. You may put them in the basket on the table at the back of the narthex or slip them in the mail slot.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

A huge "thank you" goes out to the following people who provided refreshments and hosted our after-church summer coffees: Linda and Dave Appleby, Julie and Chuck Tolzin, Jeanne and Don Blackstone, Barb and Dan Kratz, Roni Timmerman, Sue and Darrel Paulsen, Patti and Jeff Blum, Betty and Dick Point, Peggy and Bob Parker, Ervina Scott, Barb and Al Henn, Sharon and Ben Bennink, Jeanine and Bob Schroeder, Sherry Held, Shelley Lenz, Darlene and Loren Woltman, Sue and Wes Parker, Linda and Tom Rutter, Sally and Chuck Knobon, Lois Eggerth, Peggy and Jim Corrington, Linda Christensen, and Karla and Kevin Wilkie. We'd like to thank Jeff Blum for making coffee nearly every week and Micki Conley for the donation to the coffee fund. A special "thank you" goes to Betty Point for once again coordinating our refreshments for these wonderful summer coffees!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

Our final summer worship service is scheduled for Sunday, September 5th, with the service starting at 9:30 a.m. We will return to our regular 10:10 service on Sunday, September 12th. Sunday School will also resume on September 12th at 9:00 a.m. and will include the following classes: PK-2nd, 3rd-6th, 7th-8th, and Children's Choir. The St. Paul's Adult Sunday School group plans to begin meeting on September 19th. Craig and Monica Schmidt will start their Teen Time with the high school students on Wednesday, September 29th.

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 12th is Back to Church Sunday! We encourage you to invite your family, friends, church members, or anyone you would like to see either come back to St. Paul's or visit for the first time. Let's see how many new or returning people we can get for Back to Church Sunday!

## VISITS WITH PASTOR MIKE

Pastor Mike will continue offering one-on-one visits in September. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or you may contact the church office at 225-3955.

## INGATHERING 2021

The Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 6th, in the St. Paul's parking lot. We have 100 school bags to fill this year. **We are asking you to please give monetary donations, so we can purchase the supplies we need to fill the bags.** If you write a check, please make it out to St. Paul's UMC and write "Ingathering" on the memo line. Thanks, so much, for your support.