

## Thank You Notes

Many thanks to our church family for the cards, caring words, and fun memories you shared about Dave. He touched a lot of lives in his fifty plus year membership at St. Paul's and treasured your friendship. Pastor Mike's memorial service and Charlie's guitar rendition of "Edelweiss" were the perfect tribute, and we are so grateful for this.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Dave Deedrick

~~~~~  
Thank you for each kindness, thought, and prayer you sent our way during the past few weeks. We are especially grateful for the many memories of David that you shared with us.

Jan Deedrick & family



~~~~~  
Thank you to everyone who donated stickers for our *HomeTouch* mailings and to Ava for sorting the stickers by season and category.

~~~~~  
Thank you to everyone who helped fold the March newsletters.

~~~~~  
Thank you for sending me those interesting papers (*HomeTouch*) and especially *The Upper Room* magazine, which I love to read.

Arlene Christensen

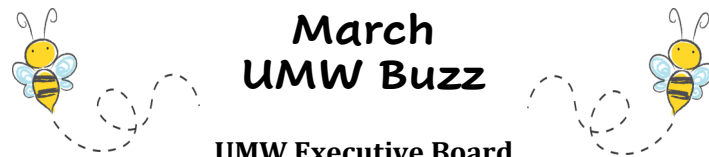
## Music Ministry

### New Members Needed

Do you love music? Both the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir would love to welcome new members into their group.

Bell Choir practices on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary and will perform on Sunday, March 13th, during the 10:10 a.m. worship service.

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will sing during the 10:10 a.m. worship services on Sunday, March 6th, and Sunday, March 20th.



## March UMW Buzz

### UMW Executive Board

Monday, March 14th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, March 16th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle

Wednesday, March 16th, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Sermons ala Carte

Please see the announcements section for information about donating food or waitressing for Sermons ala Carte on March 9th.

### UMW Recognition Pins Presentation

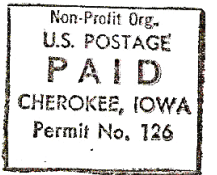
The United Methodist Women's special recognition pins presentation was held on Sunday, January 30th, during our worship service with a time of fellowship, hosted by the UMW, that followed in Schuldt Dining Hall. Special mission recognition pins offer a meaningful way to honor members and non-members who have dedicated time and effort to service. This year's honorees included Melissa Schlenger, Kim Wych, Korrie Coombs, Kristi Kannegieter, Brenda DeRoo, and Stan DeRoo (pictured below). These six were honored for their work with St. Paul's youth. Congratulations, and thank you!



531 W. Main Street  
Cherokee, IA 51012

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2022



531 W. Main Street, Cherokee, IA 51012

Website: [www.cherokeemethodist.com](http://www.cherokeemethodist.com)

Office Email: [cherokeespumc@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeespumc@gmail.com)

Telephone: (712) 225-3955

Find us on Facebook and your favorite podcast app.

### Pastor Mike's Contact Information

Email: [michael.agnew@iaumc.net](mailto:michael.agnew@iaumc.net)

Cell Phone: (563) 506-7412

### Jennifer's Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

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

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



### St. Paul's UMC's Staff

**Pastor:** Mike Agnew

**Financial Secretary:** Sarah Cook

**Campus Supervisor:** Randy Kane

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Agnew

**Organists:** Betty Point, Meribeth Adams, & Sherry Held

**Chancel Choir Director:** Becky Lickiss

**Bell Choir Director:** Dusty Wright

**Nursery Attendants:** Nicole Hoskinson,

Whitney Robinson, Miranda Cook,

and Mandy Christensen







# THE DOME

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School



March 2022



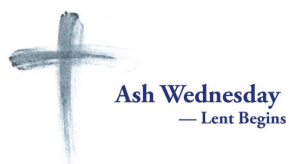
10:10 a.m. Worship

## A Moment with Mike



As we enter into the month of March, we also enter into the season in the Christian calendar known as Lent. *The United Methodist Book of Worship* describes Lent as “a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means ‘spring.’ The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians.” Although we do not always use this season as a preparation for baptism, we do seek to reflect on our lives, especially our spiritual lives, and we seek to grow closer to Jesus.

To mark the beginning of this season of Lent, we will have a special Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on March 2nd. During this brief service, all will have the opportunity to receive ashes in the sign of the cross on their forehead or hand. The ashes represent our own mortality as we confess our sins to God and seek to repent of them. All of this is done in the context of God’s redeeming love and grace in Jesus Christ.



During the season of Lent itself, we will have our Lenten Bible studies meeting on Sundays and Thursdays, and we will also have Sermons ala Carte, which are weekly gatherings during the noon hour at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, during which a different church offers worship and a meal each week.

Depending on your schedule, you may or may not be able to participate in these activities. Nonetheless, I hope you will spend some time this Lent thinking about your spiritual life and how you can grow in your faith in Christ. God bless you as we journey through this season of Lent together.

Pastor Mike Agnew

## Upcoming Sermon Series

### The Greatest Stories: Exploring the Parables of Jesus

Jesus loved to tell stories, most of which were created to make a point about what it means to live in the kingdom of God. In this Lenten series, we will explore some of these stories and discover what they have to teach us about how to live as followers of Christ.

March 6	“The Prodigal Son, The Bitter Brother, and the Forgiving Father” (Luke 15:11-32)
March 13	“Results May Vary” (Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23; Mark 4:1-20)
March 20	“The Good Samaritan” (Luke 10:25-37)
March 27	“Small Beginnings” (Matthew 13:31-33)
April 3	“The Rich Man and Lazarus” (Luke 16:19-31)

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 10:10 a.m. on Sundays via YouTube and via a link from our website (cherokeemethodist.com). Please see the arrows on the image to the right to see the two places where you can click to find the service. 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.



## Missions Updates

### UMCOR Sunday Special Offering



Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 27th, is UMCOR Sunday. This is when we partner with other UMC congregations to take a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis in the United States or around the world. This special offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business,” which means that 100% of any gifts given for specific UMCOR projects (hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, etc.) can go directly towards that project instead of administrative costs.

### Camp Sunday Update

On Sunday, February 13th, we celebrated Camp Sunday. Thank you to Sue Parker and Jan Cook for creating the camp display in front of the altar.



Kevin Griffiths, ministry assistant at Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center, was here during the Sunday School hour and also gave the children’s message and sermon. We took a special offering to support Iowa United Methodist camps (Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods) that raised \$518, and everyone received the ingredients to make s’mores at home.



If your children or youth are interested in attending church camp, books are available in the narthex and on the table outside the office. St. Paul’s will pay 75% of the cost of a camp, and additional camperships are available, if needed. For those 16+, both UMC camps also have summer employment opportunities.

## Local Resources

### Cold? Help is Available!



The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) may be able to help you pay for your winter heating bill. The Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2022. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information, or call (712) 225-3322 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Hungry? Help is Available!

Cherokee has four food pantry options for those who need food assistance.



#### Mid-Sioux Opportunity

921 South 2nd Street, Cherokee  
M-W-F from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(712) 225-3322

You may get food once every 30 days.

#### Food Bank of the Siouxland

Cherokee Community Center (lower level)  
530 West Bluff Street, Cherokee  
2nd Thursday every month from 1:15-2 p.m.  
Bring boxes or baskets.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

230 North Roosevelt Avenue, Cherokee  
(712) 225-4332  
3rd Friday of the month from 2-4 p.m.

#### CAP

Immaculate Conception Church Rectory  
7th & Willow, Cherokee  
(712) 221-5441 or (712) 225-2606  
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
You may get food once every 30 days.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Paul’s on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Their room can be found by entering through the northeast door (dance studio entrance) and going down the stairs.





## Christian Education

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's UMC is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th, through Thursday, July 14th. Any kids who have completed PK through 6th grade are welcome to attend, with 6th graders having the option to attend as participants or as helpers. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal for the children and their families. Whitney Robinson, Nicole Hoskinson, Reuben Anderson, and Brenda DeRoo are serving as co-directors this year, so please contact them if you're able to assist in any way.



### Children's Choir and Noisy Offering

The Children's Choir includes PK-5th graders and practices during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. They will sing during the worship services on March 27th and April 24th. On Sundays the Children's Choir sings, we also collect a "noisy" offering (loose change) to help fund ministries for children and youth.

### Palm Sunday

The children will be helping with the palm processional on Palm/Passion Sunday, which is April 10th. We hope you can join us!



### Confirmation Sunday

We have nine Confirmation students who will be confirmed during worship on April 24th. They have been studying the Bible, prayer, sin, and grace the past few weeks.

### Youth Ski Trip

17 youth in grades 7th-12th will be going skiing at Mt. Kato, Minnesota, on Saturday, February 26th. Thank you to everyone who donated funds to the youth account to make this possible, to Linda Burkhart for planning the trip and creating the sign-up and information sheets, and to Evan Appleby, Brenda DeRoo, Matt Hoskinson, Nicole Hoskinson, and Kyle Basten for driving and chaperoning.

*"I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are living according to the truth." 3 John 1:4 (CEB)*

## Church Family News

### With Sympathy and Prayers

**Dr. Robert Cozine**, 90, passed away on January 23rd. Visitation was held on January 28th at Martin-Mattice Funeral Home in Emmetsburg. A funeral service was held on January 29th at The Shores at Five Island in Emmetsburg. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery in Ruthven. Bob is the father of Mark (Deb) Cozine.

**Anita M. Nelson**, 100, of Cherokee passed away February 4th at Careage Hills. Visitation was held on February 10th at the Boothby Funeral Home with a funeral service on February 11th, also at Boothby Funeral Home. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Anita is the sister-in-law of Betty Olson of West Salem, Wisconsin.

**Dean Edward Mummert**, 97, passed away on February 7th at Accura Healthcare. Visitation and a prayer service were held on February 10th at Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home. A mass of Christian burial took place on February 11th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee. Burial was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Dean is the grandfather of Brian (Laura) Benson.

**Kenneth L. Slater**, 80, of Carroll, formerly of Cherokee, passed away on February 11th with his family by his side at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. Visitation was held on February 17th at Boothby Funeral Home, with a Masonic service on the 17th as well. A funeral service was held on February 18th here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Kenneth is the husband of Diane.

**Dennis "Kurtzy" Andrew Kurtz**, 65, of Denver, Iowa, died unexpectedly on February 21st after a brief fight with lung cancer. A memorial visitation was held on February 25th at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver. Dennis is the husband of Tricia (Parrott) Kurtz and the son-in-law of Phyllis Parrott.

### Celebrating a Baptism and a New Member



Riggs Renter Gerstandt was baptized on Sunday, February 20th. He is the son of Tyler & Heidi Gerstandt and the brother of Ruby. His proud grandparents are Denny and Laurie Gerstandt and Stephen and Carol Renter. Kyle & Nicole Pederson were his sponsors. Congratulations, Riggs and family!



We were happy to welcome Heidi Gerstandt into our membership on Sunday, February 20th, as she transferred to St. Paul's UMC from First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. Welcome to the church family, Heidi!

## Worship Notes

### Attendance

Sunday	Worship	Sunday School	Wed.	Confirmation	Teen Time
1/30	111	30	2/2	9	6
2/6	119	36	2/9	11	12
2/13	114	38	2/16	7	N/A
2/20	137	31			

Sunday School, Confirmation, and Teen Time numbers include the teachers/leaders.

### Greeters

3/6 Neil & Jodi Phipps  
Loren & Darlene Woltman  
3/13 Mary Jo Poggenklass  
Dick & Betty Point  
3/20 Gene & Jean Anderson  
Sherry Held  
3/27 Bruce & Leah Dagel  
Roni Timmerman



### Acolytes

3/6 Needed  
3/13 Lola Christensen & Brooklyn Stubbe  
3/20 Lola Christensen & Sophie Scherbring  
3/27 Brooklyn Stubbe & Kyle Waldner

### Liturgists

3/6 Meribeth Adams  
3/13 John Cook  
3/20 Marci Brown  
3/27 Bonni Conley



### Children's Time

3/6 Roni Timmerman  
3/13 Marci Brown  
3/20 Marci Brown  
3/27 Linda Burkhart

### Altar Flowers

3/6 Steve & Louise Martin  
3/13 Betty & Dick Point and Jolene Fick  
3/20 Darrel & Sue Paulsen  
3/27 Bob & Jeanine Schroder

### Nursery Attendants

3/6 Nicole Hoskinson  
3/13 Whitney Robinson  
3/20 Mandy Christensen  
3/27 Nicole Hoskinson



### Large Print Bulletins Available

Large print worship bulletins are now available at both the north and west entrances on Sundays. If we run out before you arrive at church, let the office know, and we can have more copies the next week.



### Bulletins Available Online

If you miss a Sunday or worship at home via YouTube, our most current bulletin is posted to the church's Facebook page by Friday. You can also find it on our website (cherokeemethodist.com) under the "Worship" tab.

### Welcome to St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Home About Us Worship Staff Newsletters Ministries



### Easter Lilies



As has been noted in recent bulletins, Easter lily order forms and payments of \$22.75/plant are due to the church office by Sunday, February 27th, as we need to place our order by the end of February to ensure supply. Easter lilies can be taken home following the Easter services on April 17th. Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary for our celebration of Christ's resurrection!

### Nursery Available

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. We also have a staffed nursery available for infants through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary.



### Altar Flower Sign-Up

If you would like to donate altar flowers in 2022, the sign-up is on the table in the narthex on Sundays. If you want to donate but your special day has already been reserved by someone else, it is fine to have more than one arrangement per week.

### Inclement Weather Plans

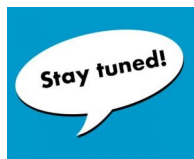
When the Cherokee Community School District has a late start, early out, or no school day due to weather, Jennifer plans to take that time off to be home with Ava. Pastor Mike will either work in the office or at home, depending on the severity of the weather. You can always call him on his cell phone at (563) 506-7412 if you have an urgent need. Sunday morning worship service cancellations will be communicated via our Facebook page, website, KCHE radio, KTIV, and KCAU. Hang in there; spring is coming soon!



## Announcements & Updates

### Potential Window Upgrades

The Trustees will meet on March 1st to discuss the possibility of replacing all of the classroom windows in the education wing. Stay tuned for further information on how you can help with this long overdue project.



### Men's Breakfast



All men are welcome to come to our new men's breakfast group. This group will meet monthly, starting March 26th at 8 a.m., in Schuldt Dining Hall for breakfast and a devotion. If you plan to go, please sign up in the narthex on Sundays or call the church office, so we have enough food available.

### Spring Clean-up and Service Day

Do you have small outside projects around your house that are difficult for you to complete on your own, such as raking, picking up debris, or cleaning out your gutters? On Saturday, April 30th, beginning at 8:00 a.m., St. Paul's will have a clean-up/service day to help you with these small projects that need to be done, primarily ones in your yard or outside of your home. If you could use some help, please call the church office with your contact information and a description of the project. If you would like to volunteer to help complete projects on April 30th, please call the church office, or sign up in the narthex on Sundays, so we know how much help to expect.



### Visits with Pastor Mike



If you haven't had a chance to visit with Pastor Mike and would like to, please call the office (225-3955) or his cell phone (563-506-7412) to schedule a visit. If you are concerned about COVID and prefer not to meet in person, visits can be done via phone, Skype, Zoom, or Facebook video messenger.

### The Upper Room Devotionals Available

Some of the March/April *The Upper Room* devotionals have arrived and are on the table in the narthex. If you normally get one and don't see your name on the table or haven't received it in the mail yet, we are still waiting for part of our order to arrive (as of February 23rd), due to COVID delays at their company. When it does arrive, we will have extra copies available.

### Computer Bidding Update

The church had a MacBook Air, Apple monitor, and Apple keyboard for sale. When bidding closed on February 14th, \$625 was raised for St. Paul's UMC.

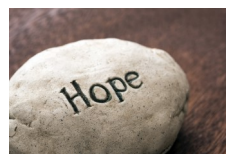
### Donations Due Soon for College Care Packages

Our newly created College Care Team, consisting of Darlene Woltman, Meribeth Adams, Jan Cook, and Jennifer Agnew, is sending monthly cards, small gifts, and a larger package once a semester to 20 college students. A sign-up has been available in the narthex for the past several weeks to donate items for the care packages. **Donated items are due to the church by March 1st**, so we can send the care packages out in March. You have all been so generous. Thank you! If you'd like to help in other ways, donations of first class stamps and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted as well. **We will have a special offering on March 6th to help cover the costs of postage, cards, and other items for this ministry.**

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Sun., 2/27	10:10 a.m.	Children's Choir Noisy Offering
Tues., 3/1	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Visitation Team (library) Trustees (Feller Lounge)
Sun., 3/6	2:00 p.m.	Worship at The Gardens
Thurs., 3/10	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 3/15	9:30 a.m.	Library Committee (church library)
Wed., 3/16	7:30 p.m.	Connections & Outreach Team (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 3/22	—	Newsletter deadline
Wed., 3/23	10:00 a.m.	The Gardens Bible study
Tues., 3/29	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura Newsletter folding (library) Volunteers welcome!

### Choose Hope Women's Event

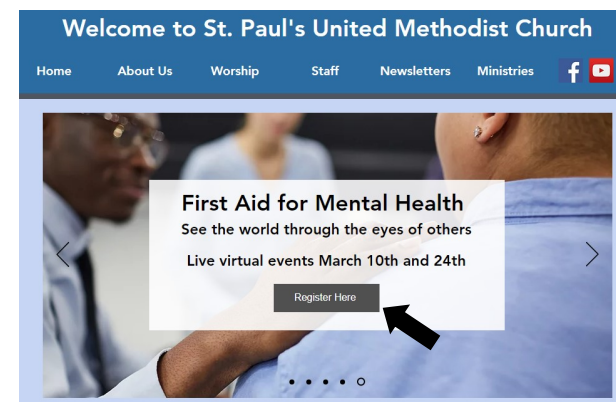


Choose Hope, a one-night women's event, will be held at the Rosemary Clausen Performing Arts Center (203 S. Kiel Street, Holstein) on Monday, April 4th, from 6-9 p.m. The night will include worship, storytelling, laughter, and God's word and features Laura Pedersen, Rachel Scott, Aria Stiles, and Jill Miller. For tickets, contact Sheryl Leonard at (712) 830-9030, or purchase tickets online for \$27 at [www.chooseministry.com/tour](http://www.chooseministry.com/tour).

## Announcements

### FREE First Aid for Mental Health Training

To help create a more empathetic community and environment within the United Methodist Church for those struggling with their mental and emotional health, Wespeth is offering FREE first aid training for mental health to all its participants. Church staff, congregation members, UMC clergy and their spouses, and church leaders are invited to attend. Over the course of two one-hour each live, virtual sessions, First Aid for Mental Health participants will learn advanced listening skills that will enable them to build empathy, trust, and rapport with someone who might be going through a difficult time. The skills acquired can be applied to many situations, including home, social, and professional environments. The training also teaches attendees how to accept their own mental health struggles without embarrassment or shame. Session one will be held on March 10th at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., or 7 p.m. It is also available on March 17th at 10 a.m. Session two will be held on March 24th at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., or 7 p.m. It is also available on March 23rd at 10 a.m. **For more information or to register, please go to St. Paul's website ([cherokeemethodist.com](http://cherokeemethodist.com)), and click on the link on the slider. You can also email Jennifer in the office to have a link emailed to you.**



### School for Lay Ministry Care and Nurturing Class



The School for Lay Ministry is offering an online Care and Nurturing class on April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that is open to all interested laity and clergy. This class addresses deep listening, the importance of lay pastoral care, dealing with grief, and more. The class is facilitated by Pastor Alberta Ervin and Conference Lay Servant Coordinator, Colleen Petarous. Tuition is \$100. This class is open to those who have never taken a School for Lay Ministry class, need to re-certify for Lay Servant, or want to improve laity involvement. Please email Lynn Calvert at [slmdean70@gmail.com](mailto:slmdean70@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Lenten Announcements

### Lenten Devotionals Available

*The Cup of Salvation*, a daily Lenten devotional, is available on the table in the narthex or in the church office. These were provided for free by the Society of St. Andrew, a ministry that gleans America's fields to feed America's hungry. Please take a devotional for yourself, and share some with your family or friends.

### Ash Wednesday Service



Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance that marks the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 2nd, as we will be having an Ash Wednesday service, including the imposition of ashes, at 7:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir has graciously agreed move their practice time to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate this service.

### Lent Study

We have two Lent studies—covering the same material—starting soon. The first group will meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting March 3rd, and the second group will meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m., starting March 6th. If you can't attend the session you signed up for on a particular week, feel free to move between the groups. If you signed up, you may pick up your book in the office during the week or on the table in the narthex on Sundays. We did order two extra books, if anyone would still like to join us.



### Sermons ala Carte

Sermons ala Carte is a series of ecumenical services held for six weeks during the Lenten season at the Memorial Presbyterian Church (127 East Willow Street). Area pastors take turns leading the service, and congregations prepare lunches to follow the service. This weekly series begins on Wednesday, March 2nd, from 12-1 p.m. and will continue on Wednesdays through April 6th. Pastor Mike will preach on March 9th, and our church will need to provide waitresses/waiters, nine salads, and five pans of bars. Each salad will need to serve 10-15 people. **(Please note the corrected size.)** If you are able to help by working or preparing food, please let Jeff or Patti Blum know by calling (712) 225-2606. For those providing food, please drop it off at the Memorial Presbyterian Church before 11:30 a.m. on March 9th.



### St. Paul's Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday	April 14th	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 15th	7:00 p.m.