


## Thank You Notes

Thank you to all the volunteers (pictured below) who assembled the October newsletter.



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 Thanks to Lois Eggerth for the stamps for our *HomeTouch* mailings.  
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 Thank you to Jim Adamson for donating extra bottled water to our church following a recent Cherokee Trails event during history week. We use bottled water for the families at funerals and other purposes.  
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Thank you to Marge Goodburn for the plastic canvas pumpkins for the children during children's time.



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 Thanks to Chuck Tolzin for getting us a new American flag and for properly disposing of the worn out one.  
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Thanks to Larry and Shelley Lenz for putting gliders on the new chairs for the office conference table.

A big "thank you" goes to everyone who volunteers during worship. This includes greeters, acolytes, liturgists, children's time leaders, ushers, flower donors, communion stewards, Bell Choir, and Chancel Choir. You are appreciated!  
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Thank you to everyone who sent memorial gifts, cards and notes of sympathy, expressed words of condolence to us, and helped with Bill's funeral service and lunch. What a blessing to have such a caring church family!

From the family of Bill Jentz  
 Judy, Natalie, and Nicole  
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My family is very touched to hear from your incredibly kind congregation. We received a beautiful card from your church regarding the safe return of our 18 year old daughter (Abby Fishman) who is studying in Israel for the year. Thank you for being a light during this time of darkness and uncertainty for us.

Kim Fishman  
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I would like to tell everyone who tells me I do a good job cleaning the church that I really appreciate it. The card and flowers were beautiful. Thank you all.

Betty Harman  
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The family of Gary Leatherman is grateful to our home church—St. Paul's—for letting us have an open house memorial celebration for Gary. So good to see old, dear friends and students. Joy Circle served delicious goodies and made us feel right at home, although it has been 22 years since we moved to Texas. God bless you all as he blessed us.

Ande Leatherman, Missy, and Mike  
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P.S.—The birthday cards were also a big hit.

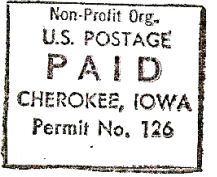
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 Thank you to everyone who donated stickers and Christmas cards for our *HomeTouch* mailings.  
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Church family,

Thank you so much for always thinking of me while I am at school! I have always appreciated the small care packages and gifts that come in the mail.

It's a reminder that I have a lot of people in my corner!

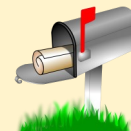
Thanks again,  
 Trevor Lundquist  
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### 2024 Stewardship Mailing

Our 2024 stewardship mailing, including a pledge card, will be going out the first week of November. The mailing list includes those in our database who have a recorded giving or pledge in the past year. Please pick up a copy in the narthex or contact the office if you would like a pledge card and haven't received one by November 12th.




## Commitment Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinner

**Sunday, November 19th, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:10 a.m. Worship  
 11:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner  
 (Freewill offering)

Join us as we turn in our 2024 pledge cards and then enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in Schuldt Dining Hall following the service.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
 531 W. Main Street, Cherokee, Iowa  
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## November 2023

### A Moment With Mike

As we enter into the month of November, we start thinking about Thanksgiving plans. With that, hopefully, also comes thoughts of gratitude. One thing I am grateful for is your faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ and how you have chosen to live out your faith at St. Paul's. We have been busy this past year in ministry to our local and global communities.



A good way to sum up much of what we do here at St. Paul's is to categorize our work into three main areas. These areas include the following:

- 1) spiritual growth
- 2) hospitality and care
- 3) service.

There are other things, of course, but during the month of November, we are going to focus on these three areas. Each sermon will focus on one of these areas, and we will hear testimonies from some of our members, sharing how they have been impacted by these ministries and/or why serving in these areas is meaningful to them. This will lead us to Commitment Sunday on November 19th. For those who may not be aware, Commitment Sunday is the time when people in our congregation can choose to fill out a pledge card for how they plan to support the ministries of the church in the new year. If you have given financially to the church within this past year and are in our database, you will soon be receiving a mailing with a letter from me and a pledge card for you to fill out and return to worship on November 19th or to bring to the office during the week. This is not something you have to do, but it is helpful for us as we plan ahead. It is also a tool to help you be intentional about your giving. If you don't receive a mailing but would like to pledge, you may certainly do that by picking up a pledge card and stewardship packet in the church office or narthex. Those should be available by November 5th.

I hope you will join us in worship on November 19th as we thank God for the work he has done and look ahead to the future with hope.

God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew

### Sample Pledge Card



With great joy, I/we, (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
respond to God's blessings with a commitment to the ministries  
of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in 2024.

**General Budget (ministries/utilities/staff/etc.):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every week / month / year (circle one)

**Capital Improvement:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every week / month / year (circle one)

**Next Generation (education wing improvements):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every week / month / year (circle one)

This commitment can be increased or decreased during the year due to changes in circumstances.

- I would like information on including St. Paul's in my estate planning.
- I would like to continue having automatic check payments. (We will send you a renewal form to sign.)
- I would like information about setting up automatic check payments.

Please bring this card to worship on Commitment Sunday (November 19, 2023), or return it to the church office. If you have questions about your giving, please contact Sarah Cook, our financial secretary. Thank you for your gift to support our ministries!



## Worship Notes

### Greeters

- 11/5 Gene & Jean Anderson and Don Witcombe
- 11/12 Neil & Jodi Phipps and Shelley Lenz
- 11/19 Micki Conley and Craig & Monica Schmidt
- 11/26 Mary Jo Carnine, Dennis Bahr, and Neil & Jodi Phipps

### Acolytes

- 11/5 Ava Agnew and Ally Timmerman
- 11/12 Mya Benson
- 11/19 Parker Wych and Clayton Scherbring
- 11/26 Parker Wych and Brittany Kannegieter



### Liturgists

- 11/5 Linda Rutter
- 11/12 Jerri Hunt
- 11/19 Jason Cook
- 11/26 Linda Burkhart

### Children's Time

- 11/5 Pastor Mike or volunteer by calling the office
- 11/12 Pastor Mike or volunteer by calling the office
- 11/19 Miranda Cook
- 11/26 Linda Burkhart

### Ushers

- 11/5 Kevin & Karla Wilkie, Lowell & Sharon Bennink, and Betty Harman
- 11/12 Laura Benson, Kenny & Melissa Schlenger, and Denny & Laurie Gerstandt
- 11/19 Mike & Dee Taylor and Kevin & Karla Wilkie
- 11/26 Tim & Jen Gaydo, Mike & Dee Taylor, and Don Blackstone

### Altar Flowers

- 11/5 Bonni Conley
- 11/12 Bob & Peg Parker
- 11/19 Bob & Peg Parker
- 11/26 Linda Rutter



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

### Attendance

| Date  | Worship | Sunday School | Wed.  | Confirmation | Teen Time |
|-------|---------|---------------|-------|--------------|-----------|
| 10/1  | 100     | 39            | 10/4  | -            | FCA       |
| 10/8  | 104     | 39            | 10/11 | 14           | FCA       |
| 10/15 | 124     | 36            | 10/18 | -            | 15        |
| 10/22 | 108     | 35            |       |              |           |

### Nursery Information

- 11/5 Jen Gaydo
- 11/12 Heidi Gerstandt
- 11/19 Nicole Hoskinson
- 11/26 open



Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! If you prefer, we also have a staffed nursery during the school year for infants through 2nd graders that is located on the second floor of the education wing in the first classroom closest to the sanctuary.

### November Sermon Series: Stories of St. Paul's UMC

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is here to make a difference in the lives of people in our congregation and in our community. In this sermon series, we will focus on three key areas where St. Paul's has made an impact. These three areas include spiritual growth, hospitality and care, and service. Each week as a part of the sermon, we will hear stories from members of our congregation whose lives have been positively impacted by the ministry of our church.

- 11/5 Stories of Spiritual Growth (Colossians 1:3-14)  
Guest Speaker: Linda Christensen
- 11/12 Stories of Hospitality and Care (Galatians 1:3-5)  
Guest Speakers: Linda Rutter & Shari Carlson
- 11/19 Stories of Service (Mathew 25:31-40)  
Guest Speaker: Roni Timmerman
- 11/26 Guest speaker, as Pastor Mike is taking the Sunday off due to Thanksgiving travels.

### Podcast and Online Services Available

Sermons are available on 92.1 FM KCHE on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and are also available via podcast. You can find a link to a podcast app on our website (green icon in the upper right). Our full service is available live on our YouTube channel and as a recording after the fact both on our YouTube page and on our Facebook page. A link for our YouTube page can be found on our website (red and white icon in upper right), and a link for our Facebook page can also be found on our website (blue and white icon in upper right). If you need assistance, please stop by the office.



### Advent Calendars Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd, as Jeanne Blackstone will be giving the children's message, which includes the beloved chocolate Advent calendars.





# Christian Education News

## Confirmation Schedule

|             |           |                                             |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sat., 10/28 | 4:30 p.m. | Meet here for trip to Immaculate Conception |
| Sat., 11/4  | 8-11 a.m. | Help with Ingathering                       |
| Wed., 11/15 | 5:30 p.m. | Confirmation class                          |
| Wed., 11/29 | 5:30 p.m. | Confirmation class                          |

## Confirmation on September 27th



Front row: Kennedy Steward, Grady Anderson, Mya Benson, Ally Timmerman, Brittany Kannegieter, and Ava Agnew

Back row: Connor Gordon, Madi Daum, Devin Daum, Parker Wych, Clayton Scherbring, and Mason Daum

## Teen Time Schedule for November

|             |             |                                                                 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed., 11/1  | 6:15-8 p.m. | FCA at Oakdale Evangelical Free Church (1207 450th St, Meriden) |
| Wed., 11/8  | 6:30 p.m.   | Teen Time at Schmidts' (409 Centennial Drive)                   |
| Wed., 11/15 | 6:30 p.m.   | Teen Time at Schmidts'                                          |
| Wed., 11/22 | —           | No Teen Time                                                    |
| Wed., 11/29 | 6:30 p.m.   | Teen Time at Schmidts'                                          |

## Teen Time at FCA's Fields of Faith at BVU on 10/11



## Sunday School and Children's Choir Update

Sunday School for PK-8th grade and adults continues at 9 a.m. The kids are collecting items for the Food and Funds Drive October 29th through November 12th (See page 8 for details.), and the next Children's Choir/Noisy Offering Sunday is scheduled for December 3rd.



Left: The junior high Sunday School class learned about God's promise to Noah on October 15th.

Below: The PK-2nd grade Sunday School class made slime on October 8th. Photo credit to Nicole Hoskinson.



## Teen Time on September 27th



## Teen Time Led Children's Time on October 15th



# October Happenings

## Tailgating with Outreach & Connections Team

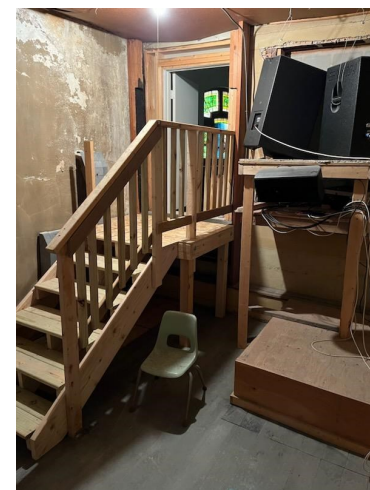
On October 6th, the Outreach and Connections Team hosted tailgating at Cherokee Washington High School. The group and helpers served hot beef sundaes and dessert bars. A big "thank you" goes to the team and helpers for a job well done!



Left to right: Bruce Dage, Tim, Bailey, and Jen Gaydo, Sue Parker, Miranda Cook, Ava and Mike Agnew, and Rodney Bainbridge. Photo credit to Dusty Basten.

## New Steps in Audio/Visual Storage Room

Mark Scherbring, a member of the Board of Trustees, built this staircase and movable steps for the audio/visual storage room off the east balcony. Thanks, Mark!



## New Chairs with Arms



The Memorial Committee recently purchased two chairs with arms that match the other armless chairs in the chancel area. These are helpful for anyone in the choir or liturgists who could use a chair with arms to stand easier. Thanks to the Memorial Committee for their work, to Andrea Cook for helping us find the company, and to Dean Parrish and Pastor Mike for locating the matching fabric.

## College/Military Care Update

The College/Military Care Team recently mailed Halloween envelopes for 22 students and one member of the military and his wife from our congregation. Thank you to a donor for the Skittles and to those who donated candy for the Homecoming parade. Since the parade was canceled, we used some of that candy for these packages as well.



## 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On October 22nd, Kathleen Mosbach and Grayson Rohwer, two of St. Paul's third grade students, received their own Bibles from the congregation. Mitchell Horton and Tyler Scherbring will also be receiving Bibles.



Pastor Mike, Kathleen Mosbach, and Grayson Rohwer





## October Happenings

### Teacher Recognition

On October 22nd, our Sunday School, confirmation, and Teen Time leaders were recognized during worship for their important contributions, and each received a Milky Way bar that stated, "We think you are 'out of this world' for volunteering for our Christian education programs. Thank you!!!" A special "thank you" goes to Nicole Hoskinson, as she puts in a lot of extra hours as Sunday School superintendent.



Above: Pastor Mike Agnew, Linda Christensen, Jan & John Cook, Nicole Hoskinson, Heidi & Ruby Gerstandt, Sophie Scherbring, Whitney Robinson, Monica & Craig Schmidt, and Brenda DeRoo. Not pictured: Miranda Cook, Becky Scherbring, Liza Parker, Jennifer Agnew, Stan DeRoo, and substitutes Connie Hankens, Laura Benson, and Tasha Timmerman.

### Children's Choir and Bells

The congregation was happy to have Children's Choir and Bells resume on October 22nd. They sang "Father Abraham" and played "Let There Be Peace on Earth."



### Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

It is great to have the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir singing and playing again!



### Fall at St. Paul's



Happy  
Thanksgiving

## Learn Something New

The office is subscribed to various newsletters through the Iowa Conference and the greater United Methodist Church. To follow is a selection of recent articles that may be of interest. If you are interested in an article but don't have internet access, please contact the church office, as Jennifer can print you a copy.

### "Clergy Age Trends in the United Methodist Church 1985-2023"

- <https://www.churchleadership.com/research/clergy-age-trends-in-the-united-methodist-church-1985-2023/>

### "Number of Young Elders in the United Methodist Church Reaches a Record Low Number in 2023"

- <https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/number-young-elders-umc-reaches-new-record-low-number-2023/>

### "Five Ways to Pray with Children"

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/5-ways-to-pray-with-children?>

### "Native Peoples of the UMC"

- <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/our-people/native-people>

### Global Mission Fellows Program for 20-30 Year Olds

- <https://umcmision.org/press-release/application-opens-for-gmf-program-both-tracks/>

### "NOMADS Mission Volunteers Go to Work at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center"

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/nomads-mission-volunteers-go-to-work-at-wesley-woods-camp-and-retreat-center-17866435>

### "Bishop's Leadership Team is Formed"

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-s-leadership-team-is-formed-17868691>

### "War took everything but each other, but they found a new church family"

- <https://www.flumc.org/newsdetail/war-took-everything-but-each-other-but-they-found-a-new-church-family-17719714?>

### Recap of Laity Day with Bishop Kennetha

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-kennetha-explains-the-importance-of-going-deep-in-understanding-gods-grace-17876262>

### Online Course on Anxiety, Fear, and Faith

- <https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/care-for-self-and-others/ifd362-anxiety-fear-and-faith>

### Ministry Innovator Internship

- <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/ministry-innovator-internship/>

## Church Family News

### With Sympathy and Prayers

**Janice Mae Cline**, age 86, of Cherokee passed away on September 28th at Careage Hills Healthcare. Visitation and a prayer service were held on October 3rd at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home. The memorial service was held on October 4th at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. Janice is the grandmother of Alayne and Aliyah Graybill.

**Doris E. Martin**, 95, of Cherokee passed away on October 5th at Careage Hills Nursing Home. Joint memorial services for Doris and Lyle Martin will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at 11 a.m. at the upper level of the Cherokee Community Center with lunch and a time of fellowship with the family to follow. Private family burial will be held in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Doris is the stepmother of Steve (Louise) Martin.

**Emersyn Ivy Hunt** passed away on October 14th at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, NE. Visitation was held on October 19th and one hour prior to the funeral service at Butler Volland Chapel in Hastings on October 20th. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery, Hastings. Emersyn was born July 26, 2023, to Jonathan & Nicole (Springer) Hunt in Hastings, Nebraska. Emersyn loved being held close by her parents, her puppies, feeding time, and swinging in her baby swing. Despite her short time on Earth, she was deeply loved and brought immense joy to those around her. Emersyn's grandparents are Jerri Hunt and Fred and Linda Springer.



**Eugene E. Weiland**, 87, of Cherokee, passed away on October 18th at Cherokee Specialty Care. Visitation was held on October 20th at Boothby Funeral Home. A funeral service was held on October 21st at Boothby Funeral Home with military rites following the service by L.A. Wescott Post #2253 and the Cherokee American Legion. Burial will be at a later date in the Sunset View Cemetery at Washta. Eugene is the brother-in-law of Viola Byerly and Alyce Hirschman.

Keep Keith and Bu Fee and their family in your prayers, as their brother-in-law in California recently passed away.

### Wedding Celebration for Burkharths

A wedding celebration for Michael and McKenzie (Harding) Burkhardt of El Paso, Texas, was held at Cherokee Golf and Country Club on Saturday, September 23rd. Mikey is the son of Michael Burkhardt and Dawn Burkhardt and the grandson of the late Terry and Linda Burkhardt. McKenzie is the daughter of Matthew Harding and Abigail Harding and the granddaughter of Gene and Mary Davis and Ray & Michele Leese. Congratulations to the happy couple and their family!



## Missions News

### World Communion Sunday Update

\$225 was donated for the World Communion Sunday special offering on October 1st. Thank you!

### UMCOR Special Offering for Maui & Chicken Dinner

Our special offering for UMCOR to assist Maui raised \$955. In addition, the net proceeds from the chicken dinner for missions on September 17th added another \$407, for a grand total of \$1,362 for Maui. Thank you for your generosity!

### Ingathering

Ingathering is a time when UM churches across Iowa gather items for kits and bring them to drop-off points around the state. These items then go to those in need in the United States and around the world. We are a drop-off site for the Camp Clear Lake District, and churches from our area will be dropping off donations in our parking lot on Saturday, November 4th, from 8-11 a.m. There will also be coffee, a loom on display, and a time of fellowship in Feller Lounge during this time.

Here at St. Paul's, Jeanne Blackstone and Barb Kratz made 100 bags for school kits that volunteers filled on October 18th (pictured below.) Thank you to everyone who helped assemble and to Roni Timmerman, Linda Rutter, and Pastor Mike for setting up for assembly.



**If you'd like to donate to the Ingathering for kit supplies and other expenses, please mark your check memo for "Ingathering."** As of October 22nd, \$975 has been donated. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with Ingathering and especially to the coordinator, Roni Timmerman. To learn more about the history of the Ingathering, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/historyofthethanksgivingingathering>. For details about this year's Ingathering, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/the-43rd-annual-mission-ingathering-is-on-saturday-november-4-17871363>. Please contact Roni if you have any questions.



### Food and Funds Drive

Our annual Food and Funds Drive takes place October 29th through November 12th. This is when we collect non-perishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations for our area food pantries. Donation ideas include the following: boxed milk, cooking oil, spices, tea, coffee, sugar, flour, tuna, cereal, crackers, cake mix, dishwashing detergent, laundry soap, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, deodorant, tampons, pads, diapers, etc. There are shopping carts for donations at the north education entrance and in the narthex. To donate a monetary gift, please make your check out to St. Paul's UMC and write "Food and Funds" on the memo.



### Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Coming Soon



Our Alternative Christmas Gift Guide will be available in the narthex November 26th through December 17th. This guide gives you the opportunity to support mission work while doing your Christmas shopping.

### United Methodist Student Day Special Offering

We will be taking a special offering for United Methodist Student Day on November 26th. This day "was the original Special Sunday founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. Every year, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards an average of \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. The offering taken on United Methodist Student Day is one opportunity to support these scholarships. Every dollar—yes, 100%—received goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future. Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Financial support for all General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarships comes from five primary sources: 63% from endowments; 22% from wills and annuities; 13% from United Methodist Special Sundays and 1% from online gifts and fiduciary income. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future." To donate, please make your check out to St. Paul's UMC and write "Student Day" on the memo. (Article from <https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article>)

## October Happenings - Fall Festival

A big "thank you" goes to the Outreach and Connections Team for hosting the Fall Festival at Spring Lake Park on October 22nd. Thanks, also, to everyone who donated food and to everyone who joined us. We don't have an exact count of how many people attended, but 112 hot dogs were cooked and eaten. A good number of guests attended in addition to members of our congregation. There was food to eat, pumpkins to paint, games to play, hay bale rides, and s'mores to roast.



Photo credit to Pastor Mike Agnew and Tim Gaydo.



## Announcements & Updates

### Charge Conference Update



Charge Conference, the yearly business meeting for our church, was held on Sunday, October 15th, at Storm Lake UMC. Pastor Mike and John Cook attended to represent our congregation. If you are interested in picking up a Charge Conference packet, which includes our 2024 committee members and budget, among other information, copies are available in the narthex.

### Office Closed on October 31 & November 23-24

The office will be closed on Tuesday, October 31st, as Pastor Mike and Jennifer will be in Omaha for medical appointments. It will also be closed November 23rd and 24th, so the Agnews can travel to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.



### Nov./Dec. The Upper Room Devotionals

The November/December *The Upper Room* devotionals have arrived and are available for free in the narthex.



### Second GriefShare Training Coming Soon

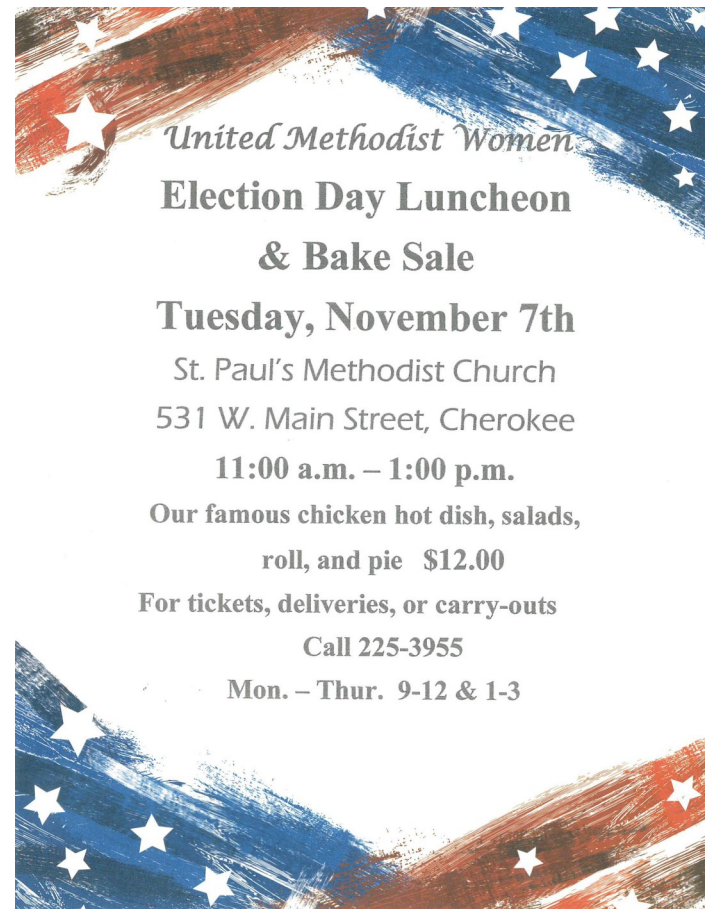
Griefshare is a 13 week support group for people who are going through grief. Pastor Mike is involved in a United Methodist Clergy Circuit (group of pastors) that is recruiting people who may be interested in facilitating a support group. One training was held in October, and a second leader training will be held on Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. Linda Appleby and Scott Brown attended the first training, so they would be a great resource if you have any questions.

### Heating Assistance Program

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. will be taking applications for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) until April 30th. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards at the north and west entrances, or call (712) 225-3322 for assistance.

### All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 5th. This is a time to remember the members of our congregation who have passed away in the past year by lighting a candle and ringing a bell in their memory. Our list of members includes: Gerald Bruns, Jenny Burroughs, David Nelson, Shirley Sargent, Evan Knapp, Mary Tinkham, Stanley Tinkham, Marlene Kelly, Tom Brader, Geraldine Larson, Janet Smith, Joyce Peterson, Dan Hankens, and Bill Jentz. If you know any of their family or friends, feel free to invite them to our 10:10 a.m. worship service.



### United Methodist Women Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale

**Tuesday, November 7th**

St. Paul's Methodist Church

531 W. Main Street, Cherokee

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Our famous chicken hot dish, salads,  
roll, and pie **\$12.00**

For tickets, deliveries, or carry-outs

Call 225-3955

Mon. – Thur. 9-12 & 1-3

### Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale News

|             |           |                                            |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Mon., 11/6  | 10 a.m.   | Casserole prep (kitchen)                   |
| Tues., 11/7 | 9:30 a.m. | Pies and salads due in the church kitchen  |
|             | 10 a.m.   | Bake sale items due in Schuldt Dining Hall |



Thank you to everyone who works so hard to plan and organize the Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale and to all of you who donate pies, salads, baked items, and/or your time.

## Announcements & Updates

### Special Online Annual Conference Session

A special online Iowa Annual Conference session will be held on Saturday, November 18th, at 10 a.m. to approve disaffiliating churches. This session is open to delegates, which includes Pastor Mike and Linda Burkhart. If you have any questions about how the session went, please contact either of them for details.

### Poinsettia Orders Due November 19th

If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service, poinsettia order forms will be available in the narthex and in the church office soon. The cost is \$17.16 per plant and includes a poinsettia in a 6.5" pot, foil, a sheer ribbon, and a tray. Orders and payments are due to the church office by November 19th.



### Christmas Decorating and Undecorating

All ages are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Thursday, November 30th, beginning at 5 p.m. You are welcome to come and go as your availability allows. Pizza will be provided for supper. Save the date of January 4th at 5 p.m. to assist with undecorating.

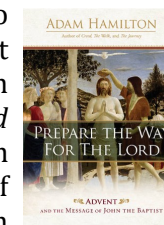


### Upcoming Men's Breakfasts

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at 8:30 a.m., and Jeff Blum and Pastor Mike will be providing the food. With the upcoming holidays, the next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:30 a.m. in Schuldt Dining Hall. All men are welcome, so invite a friend or neighbor to join us for a light breakfast and short devotion.

### Advent Studies

For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. We will be offering two groups that will be going over the same material. The first will meet on Sundays (11/26, 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17) at 6:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge, and the second will meet on Thursdays (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, & 12/21) at 10 a.m. in Feller Lounge. An online option (Zoom) is also available for either group. The cost of the study book is \$16, but financial assistance is available. Sign up in the narthex on Sundays, or call the office. We already ordered 20 books, so stop by the office to pick up a book.



### Cookie Exchange



Our annual cookie exchange is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd. Mark your calendars, and watch the bulletins and December newsletter for details.

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| Mon. & Wed.  | 8:00 p.m.                | Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)                             |
| Wednesdays   | 6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.   | Bell Choir (sanctuary)<br>Chancel Choir (choir room)                      |
| Mon., 10/30  | 10:30 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m. | Communion at Viola's<br>Communion at Accura                               |
| Thurs., 11/2 | 11:00 a.m.               | Trustees meeting                                                          |
| Sat., 11/4   | 2-4 p.m.                 | 90th birthday celebration for Rich Hultman (dining hall)                  |
| Mon., 11/6   | 9:30 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.   | Visitation Team (library)<br>Outreach & Connections Team (Feller Lounge)  |
| Sun., 11/12  | 10:10 a.m.               | Veterans Day Sunday                                                       |
| Tues., 11/14 | 8:00 a.m.                | Missions meeting to organize & distribute food pantry donations (library) |
| Wed., 11/22  | —<br>10:30 a.m.          | Newsletter info due<br>The Gardens study                                  |
| Tues., 11/28 | 10:30 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m. | Communion at Viola's<br>Communion at Accura                               |
| Wed., 11/29  | 1:10 p.m.                | Newsletter assembly (library)                                             |

## United Women in Faith Buzz

### UW Faith Executive Board

Monday, November 13th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Charity Circle

Wednesday, November 15th, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

### Grace Circle

Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Jeannette Grant

Program: Mary Jo Poggenklass

### Joy Circle

Wednesday, November 15th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

