

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to all the volunteers who assembled the September newsletter and to Rodney Bainbridge for baking cookies for the volunteers.



Thanks to Lois Eggerth for the stamps for our *HomeTouch* mailings.

Thank you to Chris Andersen for cleaning up outside the church with his leaf blower after a recent event.

Thank you to Micki Conley for the scissors, pencils, and other items for Sunday School.

Thanks to Linda Appleby for leading Bible study when Pastor Mike had a meeting at the conference center.

Thanks to Glenda Parrish and Ervina Scott for the paper for our bulletins.

Thank you so much for all the cards and anniversary wishes. We are so grateful for our wonderful minister and congregation.

God bless you all.  
Lowell and Sharon Bennink

Thank you to Mary Chisman for your gift of money to support the Teen Time ministry at St Paul's. We appreciate your kind generosity. Your gift will be used toward the food we prepare and serve on Wednesday nights. May God bless you as you bless others.

Craig and Monica Schmidt

Thanks to Kyle Basten for being willing to drive the church van in the homecoming parade and to everyone who donated candy. Unfortunately, the parade was canceled due to rain.

I am grateful for my church family. Thank you for my cards and calls while I was sick.

Dennis Bahr



St. Paul's Family,

Thank you to all who sent cards or offered condolences to Dan and me at the time of my brother, Dan Johnson's, death. Each note or spoken word was so meaningful to us. We are blessed to have such a caring church family.

Blessings to all!  
Barb and Dan Kratz

## 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.\*

### "United Methodist Connection at Work for Maui

- <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/united-methodist-connection-at-work-for-maui>

### Learn about Living Wills, Advanced Directives, and Other Senior Medical Planning Options

- <https://iumf.giftlegacy.com/?pageID=34&docID=11>

### Early Methodist History Trivia

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/early-methodist-history-trivia>

### Judi Calhoon takes on new role in Iowa Conference, new Conference Archivist and Riverview Park District Administrative Assistant announced

- <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/judi-calhoon-takes-on-new-role-for-iowa-conference-and-introducing-two-new-staff-members-17590597>

### Prisoners Get Much-Needed Supplies

- <https://www.epaumc.org/news/toiletry-bowl-delivers-a-reflection-of-gods-love/>

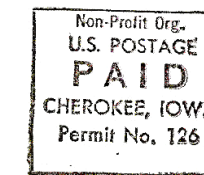
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## A Moment With Mike

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These study Bibles can be a little more intimidating than the life application ones, but they are rewarding, because you get to see how the Bible actually works and what those who have dedicated their lives to the study of scripture (even more than pastors) think. If you are looking for a good study Bible, reach out to me, and I can help give you some recommendations. You can even borrow one to try it out if you'd like. However you do it, the main thing is to stay engaged in scripture, for the more we know scripture and how it works, the more informed we will be as we face the issues of our modern day as followers of Christ.

God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Agnew



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# Tailgating

Friday, October 6, 2023  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Washington High School  
600 W. Bluff Street, Cherokee

Menu:  
hot beef sundaes and bars

Sponsored by St. Paul's United Methodist Church's Outreach and Connections Team.





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

October 2023

## Worship Notes

### Greeters

10/8 Rodney and Priscilla Bainbridge

Greeters are needed for the remaining Sundays in October. If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

### Acolytes

10/1 Ally Timmerman and Brittany Kannegieter  
10/8 Parker Wych and Clayton Scherbring  
10/15 Kennedy Steward and Madi Daum  
10/22 Ava Agnew and Mya Benson  
10/29 TBD



### Liturgists

10/1 John O'Connor  
10/8 Roni Timmerman  
10/15 Kristal Phillips  
10/22 Dave Appleby  
10/29 Linda Burkhart

### Children's Time

10/1 Pastor Mike Agnew  
10/8 Roni Timmerman  
10/15 Teen Time members or Monica Schmidt  
10/22 Amy Stief  
10/29 Linda Burkhart

### Ushers

10/1 Rod & Liza Parker, Chuck & Julie Tolzin, and Jeannette Grant  
10/8 John & Kay O'Connor, Bob & Peg Parker, and Amy Stief  
10/15 Barb & Dan Kratz, Glenda & Dean Parrish, and Norma Fox  
10/22 Gene & Jean Anderson, Curt & Kristal Phillips, and Linda Rutter  
10/29 Wes & Sue Parker, Betty Berigan and Don Witcombe, and Micki Conley

### Altar Flowers

10/1 Tim & Jen Gaydo

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
9/3	67	-			
9/10	103	38	9/13	10	17
9/17	100	39	9/20	-	17
9/24	97	27			

### Nursery Information

10/1 Sophie Scherbring  
10/8 Jen Gaydo  
10/15 Heidi Gerstandt  
10/22 Nicole Hoskinson  
10/29 Nicole Hoskinson

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.

If you would like to join the nursery attendant rotation, please contact the office, or see page six of this newsletter for more information.

### Current Sermon Series

#### Rethinking Everything: The Book of Acts

The book of Acts tells the story of the early Christians in the first century as they shared the message of Jesus to people throughout the known world. As they spread the good news, they were still trying to figure out the implications for how the surprise ending of Jesus as the messiah would play out in daily life. Nobody could have predicted that God would send a messiah like Jesus, so the apostles had to figure out what this meant for the role of the Jewish law and the foundations of the Jewish faith itself. In many ways, they had to rethink and reinvent their faith in order to make sense of the revelation that Jesus is God's messiah. This included interpreting their scriptures differently than they may have in the past. How can their journey of rethinking their faith inform us as we seek to live as Christians in the 21st century? Join us as Pastor Mike continues this series.

10/1 "Rethinking the Rules" (Acts 10:1-24, 34-43)  
10/8 "A Dramatic Rescue" (Acts 12:1-19)  
10/15 "Rethinking the Faith" (Acts 15:1-21)  
10/22 "Finding Christ in Culture" (Acts 17:16-34)  
10/29 "A Church Divided" (Acts 21:17-36; 22:21-22)

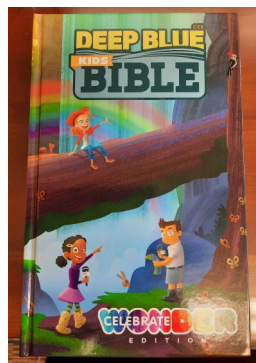
### Podcast and Online Services Available

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.



## A Moment With Mike

On October 22nd, we plan to give out Bibles to our third grade students. As Christians, I think we can all agree that the Bible is an important book for many reasons, but the top reason is that it points us to the Word of God, which is Jesus (John 1:1). If we want to know who Jesus is, what he did, and what he taught, then the best place to go is the Bible. In it, we have numerous stories, poems, history, and letters that share with us how people experienced God back then. As Christians, the Bible is the foundational book for our faith, from which everything else springs forth. This is why we give kids Bibles. If it is such an important book, then they need to learn it from a young age.



Since we believe the Bible is the most important book for our faith, how often do you read it? Do you read it regularly, every now and then, or rarely? How many times have you read through the Bible? How familiar are you with the stories therein? I ask these rhetorical questions not to guilt you into reading the Bible more or to make you feel bad if you don't read it. I ask these questions to point out that so often, our Bible knowledge is carefully crafted and curated for us so that, rather than reading the scriptures ourselves and reading commentary from scholars who have dedicated their lives to the serious study of the scriptures, we oftentimes get our Bible teachings from pastors, authors, radio or TV preachers, Youtube videos, or any self-proclaimed "expert" who says they know what the Bible "clearly" says. Then, they may take a verse out of context here and add it to another verse out of



context there to make a point that the Bible was never really meant to address. Unless we listen with a critical mind, we may never actually do the work to look at those individual verses in context and ask ourselves if that particular person knows what they are talking about. Before long, our Bible knowledge becomes not what we have read and studied ourselves, but what others have told us, based on a carefully curated list of scriptures.

We want to be careful about such things, which is why it is important for us to read the Bible on our own, in proper context, with good, scholarly material to help us make sense of it. This does take time though, and who has the time, really, to read through the Bible? It's easier for pastors, because we are paid to do it, but what do you do when you don't have much time? Here are two tips. First, yearly Bible reading plans can be a great tool to help you in your quest, but if we aren't careful, we can treat it like a new diet or exercise program, meaning if we miss a day or more, we give up. If you've found that has been a problem for you, then ditch the timeline. Personally, I read the Bible from cover to cover, using a good study Bible, and then I start over with a different translation. However, when I do this, I have no timeline for when I need to get done. I read when I can, and I make it a priority, but if there are days when I don't do it, it's no big deal to me. I just do it when it works. The key is making it a priority so that it does happen. Second, get a good study Bible. Study Bibles are Bibles with introductions to the books and commentary throughout the scriptures. Some study Bibles are devotional in nature, some have comments to help you apply the scripture to your life, and some study Bibles have more scholarly commentary to help you see the context of scripture.

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## St. Paul's UMC

**Worship:**  
10:10 a.m.

**Sunday School:**  
9:00 a.m.

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**Jennifer's Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Pastor Mike's Day Off:**  
Friday

## 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 Basten





# Christian Education News

## Confirmation Schedule for October

Wed., 10/11	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation class
Wed., 10/25	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation class
Sat., 10/28	4:30 p.m.	Meet here at church for field trip to Immaculate Conception

## Sunday School and Children's Choir Update



Sunday School for PK-8th grade and adults continues at 9 a.m. Children's Choir will perform during our 10:10 a.m. worship service on October 22nd, which also

means we will be collecting our noisy offering that day. The children's Sunday School classes are also participating in a change challenge during the months of September and October. Each class is bringing change to donate for our children's ministries. The class with the heaviest amount of change donated will receive a breakfast pizza.

## Teen Time Schedule for October

Wed., 10/4	6:15-8 p.m.	FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) gathering at Meriden Evangelical Free Church (412 East 3rd St., Meriden)
Wed., 10/11	7:15-8:30 p.m.	FCA's Fields of Faith at BVU football stadium
Wed., 10/18	6:30 p.m.	Teen Time at Schmidts' (409 Centennial Drive)
Wed., 10/25	6:30 p.m.	Teen Time at Schmidts' (409 Centennial Drive)

## 3rd Grade Bible Presentation



St. Paul's third grade students will be presented with a Bible during our worship service on Sunday, October 22nd. Please contact the office if you have a third grader, so we can be sure we have enough Bibles.

## Teacher Recognition



We will be recognizing our Sunday School, Teen Time, and Confirmation teachers during the 10:10 a.m. worship service on October 22nd. All Christian education teachers are invited to join us!

## Acolytes

The confirmation students serve as acolytes during the school year. Pictured below are Mya Benson and Ava Agnew on September 24th.

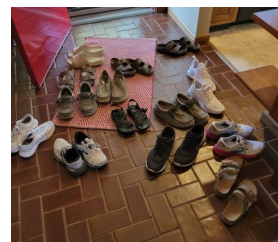


## PK-2nd Grade Sunday School on September 17th



Teacher pictured: Heidi Gerstandt  
Photo credit: Nicole Hoskinson

## Lots of Shoes=Lots of Students at Teen Time!



Thanks to Craig and Monica Schmidt for leading this important ministry.

Photo credit: Monica Schmidt

# September Happenings

## Iowa vs. Iowa State VBS Fundraiser

On August 28th and September 5th, volunteers met to prepare snack mix for our Iowa vs. Iowa State Vacation Bible School fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated supplies.



Thanks also to Miranda Cook for decorating the tables. \$1,095 total was raised over two Sundays for our 2024 VBS! The Iowa fans won for the second year in a row by donating \$603, and Iowa State fans donated \$492. Thank you all for supporting Vacation Bible School!

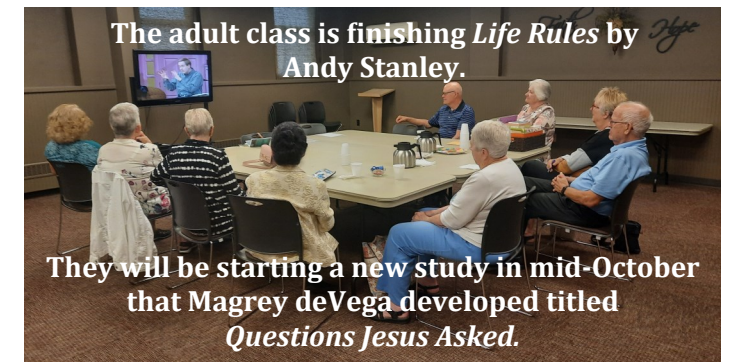
## Women's Event at Sanford Planetarium

12 people attended a presentation on ancient ruins at the Sanford Planetarium on September 6th. Thanks to those who attended and to those who donated cookies.



## Fall Schedule Resumed on September 10th

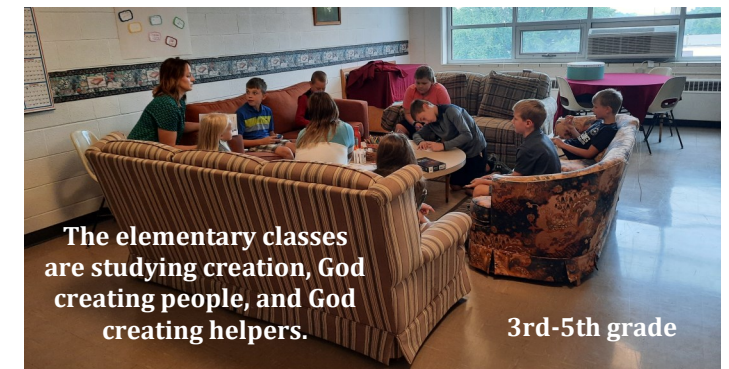
Sunday School resumed on September 10th, and our worship time moved back to 10:10 a.m.



The adult class is finishing *Life Rules* by Andy Stanley. They will be starting a new study in mid-October that Magrey deVega developed titled *Questions Jesus Asked*.



The 6th-8th grade class is studying Genesis and has learned about creation, Adam and Eve, and sin.



The elementary classes are studying creation, God creating people, and God creating helpers. 3rd-5th grade



PK-2nd grade



Becky Lickiss is leading music time for PK-5th.



## September Happenings

### College/Military Care Update

The College/Military Care Team recently mailed cards and care packages to 22 college students and one member of the military and his wife. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the College/Military Care packages, to Sarah Cook of Cherokee General Store for the boxes, to Jan Cook for setting up for assembly day, to Darlene Woltman, Jan Cook, and Meribeth Adams for packing the boxes, and to Pastor Mike for mailing all the packages while Jennifer was out of the office with COVID. Please take a moment to pray for the students, member of the military, and their families.



### New Table and Chairs for Church Office

The Memorial Committee recently purchased a new table and chairs for the office. Thanks to Shelley and Larry Lenz for ordering and assembling the set.



### Stay Connected!



Additional photos and the most current information are available on our Facebook page. Search for "St. Paul's United Methodist Church." (See photo above.)

### Sanford Museum Exhibit on Local Churches

Sanford Museum and Planetarium has an exhibit and also held a recent presentation on local churches. Thanks to the History Committee for collecting items to be submitted on behalf of St. Paul's and to Linda Burkhart for picking up the items. The exhibit runs through September 30th, so stop by the museum and check it out!

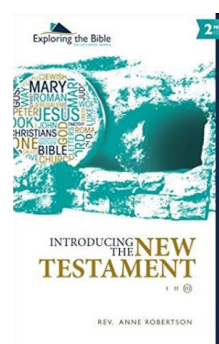


Above: The items on display from St. Paul's UMC



Above: The display case with both St. Paul's and other local church's items

### Fall Small Group Update



19 people signed up for our fall Bible studies that are going over the book *Introducing the New Testament*. Remaining Sunday dates include October 1, 8, and 29 at 6:30 p.m. and remaining Thursday dates include October 5, 12, and 26 at 10:00 a.m. Both groups meet in Feller Lounge. Stay tuned for information about our Advent study.

## Church Family News

### With Sympathy and Prayers

**Fern L. Peck**, 88, of Cherry Valley, Illinois, passed away on August 28. A family burial service will be held in Cherokee at a later date. Fern is Jane Nelson's sister.

**Michael John Deichmann**, 28, of Omaha, Nebraska, formerly of Marcus, Iowa, passed away on August 26 at his parents' home in Marcus. Visitation was held on August 30, and a celebration of life service was held on August 31, both at Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus. Michael is Jolene Deichmann's grandson.

**William "Bill" H. Jentz III**, 84, of Cherokee passed away on September 2nd. Burial will be in the Ocheyeden Township Cemetery on September 28th, and a funeral service will be held here at St. Paul's on September 29th at 11 a.m. Bill is Judy Jentz's husband.

**LeRoy Irwin Jenness**, age 95, of Cherokee passed away on August 30 at Accura Healthcare. Visitation and a prayer service were held on September 6 at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home, and a mass of Christian burial was held on September 7 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the V.F.W. L.A. Wescott Post 2253 and the Cherokee American Legion. LeRoy is the grandfather of Mallory (Brennan) Weede.

**Dennis "Denny" Timmins**, age 77, of Cherokee passed away on September 10 at his home. Visitation and a prayer service were held on September 14th at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home. A mass of Christian burial was held on September 15 at Immaculate Conception Church. Denny is the brother-in-law of Dan Bechtel and Denise Green.

**Beverly J. Heschke**, 92, of Cherokee passed away on September 10 at Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Visitation was held on September 15 at the Boothby Funeral Home, with the funeral service held on September 16 at the First Church of Christ. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Beverly is the sister-in-law of Linda Vannatta.

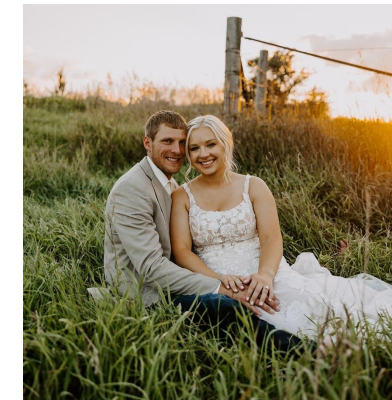
**Daniel Arthur Johnson**, 70, of Eyota, MN, passed away at his home on September 14. A visitation and memorial service were held on September 23 at the River Park Chapel, Macken Funeral Home in Rochester, MN. Dan is the brother of Barb Kratz.

A celebration of life reception in memory of **Gary Leatherman** was held here at St. Paul's on September 23rd in Schuldts Dining Hall. Desserts and beverages were served by the Joy Circle.

### With Sympathy and Prayers (continued)

**Mardell Burch Skaggs**, 85, a native of Cherokee County, died on September 19 in Dana Point, California, from complications from a stroke that occurred in 1991. Her devoted husband, Robert (Bob) Skaggs of San Juan Capistrano, cared for Mardell for many years at home. A public visitation will be held on Friday, October 6, from 4-6 p.m. at the Boothby Funeral Home, with a funeral service on Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., also at the Boothby Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Pleasant View Cemetery in Meriden.

### Marriage Announcement



Emily (Schlenger) and Brady Pingel of Meriden were married on Saturday, August 26th, here at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Emily is the daughter of Kenny and Melissa Schlenger and the granddaughter of Jim and Betty Harman. Brady is the son of Dennis and Kim Pingel. Congratulations to the happy couple and their family!

### Welcome, Little Ones!

Congratulations to Ryan and Josie Parker on the birth of their son, Rudy Edward Parker, who was born on August 27th at 11:43 p.m. Rudy was 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by his sisters, Marty and Lily. Proud grandparents are Bob and Peggy Parker.



Congratulations to Jon and Nicole Hunt on the birth of their daughter, Emersyn Ivy Hunt, who was born on July 26th. She is growing fast, and everyone is doing well. Emmy's proud grandmother is Jerri Hunt.

Congratulations to Matt and Melanie Sumner on the birth of their daughter, Wylie Gracelynn Sumner, who was born on August 22nd. Wylie joins sister, Wrenly. Proud grandparents are Jim and Peggy Corrington and Carol Sumner.





## Missions News

### World Communion Sunday on October 1st



“Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday. Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring, and training for leadership development.” To finish this article and to learn more, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>. To donate, make your check out to St. Paul’s UMC, and write “World Communion” on the memo line.

### UMCOR Special Offering for Maui

Wind-driven fires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused loss of life and widespread damage. As of September 10th, \$955 has been donated, and we sincerely thank you for your generosity! Stay tuned to next month’s newsletter for a final total.



The 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. Here at St. Paul’s, Jeanne Blackstone and Barb Kratz have made 100 bags that we will be filling to make school kits. **Monetary donations are needed to buy the specific items requested for the kits. If you’d like to donate, please mark your check memo for “Ingathering.”** As of September 10th, \$220 has been donated. Stay tuned to the November newsletter for an updated total. Please contact Roni Timmerman if you have any questions.

### Chicken Dinner Update

The Missions Committee held the annual chicken dinner for missions on September 17th, with proceeds going to UMCOR for Maui. Stay tuned to next month’s newsletter for the total donated.



### Food and Funds Drive

Our annual Food and Funds Drive will take 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.



### Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Coming Soon



As you begin to think about Christmas shopping, remember that our Alternative Christmas Gift Guide will be available November 26th through December 17th. This gives you the opportunity to support mission work while doing your Christmas shopping. Stay tuned for details.

## September Happenings

### Children’s Time Resumed for School Year

Children’s Time resumed on September 10th. We have had some great messages, pictured below.



On September 10th, Linda Burkhart talked to the kids about Stephen and his—and our—trust in God. Her visual was putting a pencil through a bag of water without spilling, which was fun for everyone.



On September 17th, Linda Rutter and puppet Silly Sam talked to the kids about prayer.

Photo credit: Nicole Hoskinson



On September 24th, Madi Stief talked to the kids about the Golden Rule and reflecting kindness to others. The kids each received a mirror as an illustration.

Photo credit: Ava Agnew

### Fall Flowers around St. Paul’s

Thanks to Glenda Parrish and the Trustees for their work on the flower beds this summer.





## Announcements & Updates

### National Custodian Day



National Custodian Day is Monday, October 2nd. We are grateful for our custodian, Betty Harman, who has worked at St. Paul's since September 20, 2022.

### Griefshare Facilitator Training

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 looking for people who may be interested in facilitating a support group. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mike. There will be a training for Griefshare facilitators at the Storm Lake UMC on Sunday, October 15th, at 2 p.m. Supper will be provided.



### Charge Conference Date Set



Charge Conference, our annual business meeting, is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. Anyone from our congregation is welcome to attend Charge Conference. Talk to Pastor Mike if you have any questions or would like to carpool.

### Noisy Offering Resumes October 22nd

With Sunday School back in session, we will resume noisy offering on Sunday, October 22nd. On the Sundays when the Children's Choir sings, we collect spare change (or bills!) during worship as a special offering to help fund children's ministries here at St. Paul's. Clean out your pockets, couch cushions, and car floor, and have fun making some noise!



### Fall Festival



The Outreach and Connections Team is planning a Fall Festival at a park in Cherokee on Sunday, October 22nd, at 5 p.m. Details are in the works, so stay tuned to our Sunday bulletins and Facebook page.

### Newsletter Assembly Time Change

Our newsletter assembly time is going to move up to 1:10 p.m. beginning October 26th. Please note that the church office is closed over the noon hour, so we are beginning at 1:10 to give Pastor Mike and Jennifer a chance to check messages before we start assembling.



### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 28th, 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. Thanks to Rodney Bainbridge for providing food in September.

### Marriage Matters

Our next Marriage Matters small group date is Sunday, October 29th, at 5:00 p.m. in Feller Lounge. The topic is initiating positive change, and Dave and Linda Appleby will be our Q&A guest speakers. This ministry is open to all couples, from newlyweds through marriage experts. If your spouse doesn't want to attend, you are still welcome to participate.



### Volunteers Needed for Sound/Visual



Volunteers are needed to assist with sound and visuals during our worship services. For sound, you will be running the sound board. For visuals, you will be advancing the slides during worship by pushing the space bar at the appropriate time and controlling the cameras. If you'd like to help, please talk to Pastor Mike or Jeff Fiedler. Junior high or high school students are welcome too.

### Help Wanted in Nursery Attendant Rotation

If you would like to join the nursery attendant rotation, please contact Pastor Mike. He can send you a link to the online sign-up and complete your background check, which is required for the safety of the children. A \$25 stipend is available for each Sunday worked.

### Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mon. & Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Wednesdays	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir (sanctuary) Chancel Choir (choir room)
Mon., 10/2	6:00 p.m.	Outreach & Connections Team (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 10/3	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Thurs., 10/19	—	Newsletter info due
Wed., 10/25	10:30 a.m.	The Gardens study
Tues., 10/31	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura



## Announcements & Updates

### United Women in Faith Buzz



#### UW Faith Executive Board

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

#### Charity Circle

Wednesday, October 18th, at 1:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall



Following their short circle meeting, volunteers are invited to assist with packing the Ingathering kits.

#### Grace Circle

Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30 p.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Gigi Boothby  
Program: Judy Grienke-Miller



#### Joy Circle

Wednesday, October 18th, at 9:30 a.m.  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostesses: Gloria Ford  
Program: Glenda Parrish



#### Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 7th  
Schuldt Dining Hall

Volunteers will be needed to make salads and pies as well as donations for the bake sale. Stay tuned to the Sunday bulletins for more information.

### Lay Servant and Lay Speaker Training

The Crossroads Connection Circuit is sponsoring a Lay Servant and Lay Speaker training on Saturday, October 7th, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Forest City UMC. For more information, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/17664279>.

TRAINING



### Candidacy Retreat



Candidates for ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference have the opportunity to participate in a candidacy retreat on Saturday, October 21st, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. via Zoom as part of their candidacy process. While at the retreat, candidates will explore and discern their calling, work on their candidacy statement, hear from a ministry panel, meet others at a similar stage of the process, and connect with Board of Ordained Ministry members, as well as Conference staff. For more information, please visit <https://iaumc-reg.brapp.com/candidacyretreatoct2023>.



Fall Laity Day with Bishop Kennetha will be on Saturday, October 14th, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ames. There will be treats and fellowship upon arrival and a break for lunch and conversation at noon. The following will be the topics of discussion for the day. First, expect a bold and spiritually profound message from Bishop Kennetha as she leads us to think about what it means to be a United Methodist Christian in 2023. Next will be a discussion on Christian Nationalism, why everyone who is Christian needs to learn more about it, and if it threatens religion and democracy. You will learn about Fresh Expressions and how it is a new way to find, connect, and welcome new people and learn what this might mean for your church. Hear what is next for the United Methodist Church from some of our General Conference delegates about the *Regionalization Plan*. Many anticipate its passage, providing for more autonomous decision-making by United Methodists in different parts of the world. Finally, a closing communion will bind us together and send us back into our varied worlds. Fall Laity Day with Bishop Kennetha is FREE and sponsored by the Iowa Conference Board of Laity. Registration is not required but would be very helpful for planning meals. Register at <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/fall-laity-day-with-bishop-kennetha-17670272>.

### Journeys of Paul in Greece and Turkiye

Join Bishop Bigham-Tsai in Greece and Turkiye next fall. On this tour, you will see the sights in Athens as your guide introduces you to the Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, the Erechtheum, Mars Hill, the agora, the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Corinth, where the Apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquilla and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord, the archaeological museum, the marketplace, the Bema, where the Apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges brought against him by the Jews, Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ, St. George's Basilica, Veria, Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapoli, Istanbul, Cappadocia, and much more! Visit <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/gt24100824i61729#eotours> for details and cost.