

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped assemble the May newsletters and to Mike and Ava Agnew for helping to assemble the June newsletters.



Thank you to the following people who delivered Mobile Meals in May: Dick & Betty Point, Roni Timmerman, Sheree Hausmann, Dave & Linda Appleby, Larry & Shelley Lenz, Marla Conley, and Scott Osborn. Also, thank you to Meribeth Adams for scheduling the volunteers.

Thank you to Chuck Tolzin for the American flag and to Bob and Peg Parker for the Christian, United Methodist, and Iowa flags that were given in memory of Bob's father, Roger Parker, who was a World War II veteran.



Thank you to Glenda Parrish for planting flowers around the building.



Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards, calls, and visits following my knee replacement surgery! I am truly blessed to have such a caring church family!

Love,
Meribeth

Thank you to Craig Schmidt for preaching on May 26th while Pastor Mike is on vacation and to Linda Burkhart for leading worship.

Thank you for the cards and prayers following my shoulder surgery.

Dennis Bahr



Thank you to everyone who volunteered or worked in the nursery this past school year. We appreciate you!

Thank you to the Adult Class, with special thanks to Jeff Blum and Jan Cook, for providing fellowship snacks and drinks following worship during the school year.



Thank you to everyone who gave a children's message during worship this school year. We will take a break for the summer and resume Children's Time in the fall.



Pictured Above: Jeanne Blackstone and Jack and Tyler Cook on May 19th

Photo credit to Amy Stief

A special thank you goes out to Bonni, Fran, and Clare Conley for the beautiful bouquet of flowers displayed on the altar on Graduation Sunday. We were touched to say the least to be remembered by Fran and Clare (alumni of Teen Time). Thank you, Bonni, for the special words spoken to us on their behalf.

Sincerely,
Craig and Monica Schmidt

Thank you to Joanne Lundquist for donating the book *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength* by Kat Armas. This book is in the United Women in Faith's reading program in the spiritual growth category.

Thank you to Denny Taylor for making a tree for the Vacation Bible School background.



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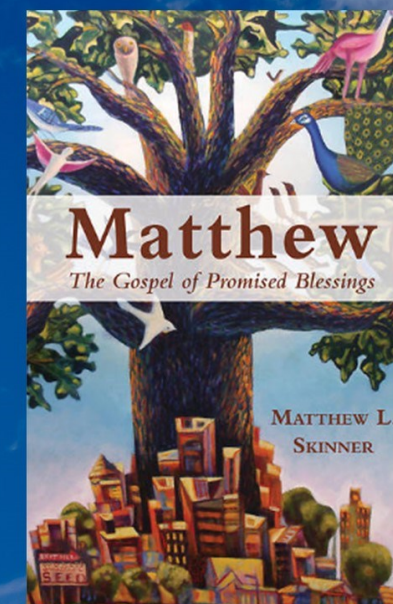
Six-Week Small Groups

<u>Mondays</u>	OR	<u>Sundays</u>
11 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
Feller Lounge		Feller Lounge
June 10, 17, 24		June 16, 23, 30
July 1, 8, 15		July 14, 21, 28

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

The cost of the study is \$20, but financial assistance is available, if needed.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex on Sundays, or you can call the church office during the week to reserve a book.



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

June 2024

A Moment With Mike

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church ended on May 3rd, and as many of you know, significant decisions were made. In particular, the sentence that says that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching was removed from our Book of Discipline, the ban on ordaining "self-avowed practicing homosexual" clergy was removed, and conducting a same-sex wedding is no longer a chargeable offense for clergy. In other words, LGBTQIA+ individuals may be ordained, and pastors will not be charged for officiating or for not officiating at a same sex wedding.

The General Conference effectively made our Book of Discipline neutral on the subject and is letting each local church and each pastor decide what is best for them, which allows The United Methodist Church to hold space for differing opinions by avoiding broad mandates or bans. Nothing passed by General Conference would compel churches to receive a gay pastor. The legislation approved also explicitly protects the right of clergy and churches not to officiate at or host same-sex weddings. Pastors have the authority to decide when and for whom they will officiate a marriage, and congregations have the right to determine whether such ceremonies will be held on church property.

In the weeks following General Conference, we held two informational Q&A sessions here at St. Paul's to share the results of General Conference with anyone who wished to learn more and for congregants to ask questions about how it will affect us in the local church.

The Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church has made it clear that local churches default to the traditional position that marriage is between a man and a woman and is encouraging local churches to come up with a process for how this position might change if we were to want to consider allowing same-sex weddings within the church building in the future. Our Administrative Board recently met and passed a marriage policy that acknowledges that St. Paul's currently holds to a traditional view of marriage and outlines a process for how this position might change, if someone were to ask us to consider it.

If a member or pastor of St. Paul's requests that the current position on marriage be modified, the process passed by the board is as follows. First, the Administrative Board would vote on a motion to revise our marriage position, which would need an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members of the board. If that happens, then the next step would be to present the motion to the members of the congregation to vote on at a meeting called for that purpose. Notice of this meeting must be given no less than twenty days beforehand. If two thirds of the members of the congregation vote to change the church's position, then it would be changed. Members of the board feel this process gives everyone ample notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Our congregation is pretty much evenly split on this issue according to a survey in 2021, and so I imagine that some of you on the more traditional side may feel relieved by the current position of St. Paul's and to know that any change would involve everyone's input. I also know that there are many of you on the progressive side who may be grieving that change has not already taken place at the local level, because you know of people—perhaps even in your own family—who are affected by this. We are a people in process. What I can say is that as we went through the Q&As and the board meeting, people were present from both sides, and we were able to listen to one another, have grace-filled conversation, and to ultimately pass a policy that acknowledges where we are and that leaves the door open for the future.

Worship Notes

North Door Greeters

- 6/2 Chuck & Julie Tolzin
- 6/9 John & Kay O'Connor
- 6/16 Lynn Meikle
- 6/23 Joyce Goodrich
- 6/30 Lowell & Sharon Bennink



Liturgists

- 6/2 Needed - Sign up in narthex or call office.
- 6/9 Chuck Tolzin
- 6/16 Needed - Sign up in narthex or call office.
- 6/23 Needed - Sign up in narthex or call office.
- 6/30 Needed - Sign up in narthex or call office.

Ushers

- 6/2 Moonie & Andrea Munson, Don Witcombe & Betty Berigan, and Shelley Lenz
- 6/9 Dave & Linda Appleby, Dan & Barb Kratz, and Barb Henn
- 6/16 Judy Grienke-Miller, Amy Stief, Linda Rutter, and Neil & Jodi Phipps
- 6/23 Bob & Peg Parker, Ervina Scott & Rod Raveling, and Jeannette Grant
- 6/30 Gene & Jean Anderson, Ervina Scott & Rod Raveling, and Jerri Hunt

Altar Flowers

- 6/2 Dave Lucas
- 6/9 Needed - Sign up in narthex or call office.
- 6/16 Marla Conley and Bonni, Clare, & Fran Conley
- 6/23 Bonni Conley
- 6/30 Micki Conley, Marla Conley & Scott Osborn, and Bonni, Clare, and Fran Conley

The 2024 altar flower sign-up is available 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.

Nursery Unstaffed in Summer

May 19th is the last day the nursery will be staffed until September. However, you are welcome to take your kids there during the service and watch the service on the smart TV if they (or you!) need a break.

Attendance

Date	Worship	Sunday School
5/5	106	28
5/12	88	-
5/19	98	-

Summer Sermon Series

Unsung Heroes: Stories of People Who Changed the World from Behind the Scenes



Many of us grew up learning some of the most well-known stories of the Bible. We are quite familiar with the main characters, like Noah, Abraham, David, and

many others, but is there more going on behind the scenes of some of these stories? Join us as we take a look at some of the movers and shakers of history who worked behind the scenes.

- 6/2 Mordecai (Esther)
- 6/9 Pastor Mike at Annual Conference. (Guest speaker: Sue Ritts)
- 6/16 Phoebe, Priscilla, and Junia (Romans 16:1-3, 7)
- 6/23 Micaiah (1 Kings 22:1-28)
- 6/30 Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:16-22)
- 7/7 Hagar (Genesis 16:1-16, 21:8-21)
- 7/14 Jethro (Exodus 18:13-24)

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 on the homepage). 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 on the homepage), and a link for our Facebook page can also be found on our website (blue and white icon in upper right on the homepage). If you need assistance, please stop by the office.

Summer Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and to serve at summer fellowship. If you would like to help, please sign-up in the notebook on the table in the narthex on Sundays, or call Betty Point during the week.



Summer Special Music



If you have musical gifts you would like to share with the congregation during worship this summer, please contact the church office to schedule a date. Kids, teens, and adults are all welcome to share their vocal or instrumental gifts.

11 **REMEMBER** Summer worship time is 9:30 a.m. (May 26 - September 1, 2024)

St. Paul's UMC

Summer Worship:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School:
Resumes in September

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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

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Sarah Cook

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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

Last Sunday of Spring Sunday School on May 5th



Sunday School Planning Meeting



A Sunday School meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th, at 7:15 p.m. in Feller Lounge to plan the 2024-2025 Sunday School year. Anyone who is interested in helping is invited to attend. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be a Sunday School teacher, please let Pastor Mike, Heidi Gerstandt, or Miranda Cook know. Like this past school year, we would like to have enough teachers that they can rotate Sundays and be able to have a Sunday off when needed for family events.

Vacation Bible School News

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! As of May 22nd, 33 kids have been registered. To register your kids, grandkids, or friends, please see the link on the poster below. We have station leaders set but are looking for volunteers to help guide the kids from one station to another and for general supervision. You can volunteer for one evening or all five, as your schedule allows. If you are willing to help, contact Brenda DeRoo, Miranda Cook, or the church office.



Vacation Bible School
 St. Paul's United Methodist Church
 531 W. Main Street, Cherokee
July 7-11, 2024
 5-8 p.m.
 Free supper for kids and their families!
 All kids who have completed PK-5th grade are welcome!
 Register online at:
<https://www.cherokeemethodist.com/vbs>

Camp Firelight
 A SUMMER CAMP PSALM 56:3
 ADVENTURE WITH GOD

May Happenings

District Conference on May 5th



Camp Clear Lake District Conference was held in Algona on May 5th. In addition to other district business, Taya Phillips, a high school senior from our congregation, was recognized as being a recipient of a Stouffer Trust scholarship, and our College/Military Care Team was recognized as being a recipient of a Stouffer Trust grant. Pictured is the District Superintendent of the Camp Clear Lake District, Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula.

Bingo de Mayo

On May 5th, the Outreach & Connections Team hosted Bingo de Mayo. Around 104 people attended and enjoyed a taco in a bag supper and free bingo. Thank you to the Outreach & Connections Team (Miranda Cook, Sue Parker, and Tim and Jen Gaydo) for hosting this fun event, to Dr. Wes Parker and Kirk Sampson for serving as emcees, to everyone who donated desserts, and to Rick and Vicky Blair for donating 15 pounds of hamburger. \$588 was collected in the freewill offering, and that will go back into the Evangelism account to fund more outreach events.



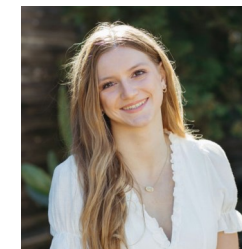
Graduation Sunday

On May 19th, we recognized high school and college graduates from our congregation. Mav Stief and Taya Phillips had breakfast with Craig and Monica Schmidt, Teen Time leaders, and Pastor Mike Agnew at Family Table. During worship, the graduates were honored and received the book *Pocket Prayers for Graduates*.



Above: Craig Schmidt, Taya Phillips, Aurora Christensen, Mav Stief, Amelia Brown, and Monica Cowan-Schmidt
 Photo credit to Amy Stief

UM Scholarships Awarded to St. Paul's Student




Congratulations to Taya Phillips, as she received the following scholarships through the United Methodist Church:

- IAUMC Scholarship, managed by the Iowa UM Foundation
- Janet V. Stewart Scholarship, managed by the Iowa UM Foundation
- Westmar Scholarship, managed by the Iowa UM Foundation
- Elsie M. Stouffer Memorial Trust Scholarship, managed by the Camp Clear Lake District of the Iowa Annual Conference (See District Conference article above left.).

Announcements & Updates

Office Closed a Few Days



Pastor Mike and Jennifer will be on vacation Saturday, May 25th, through Wednesday, May 29th, so the church office will be closed Monday through Wednesday. **Rev. David Morris of the Larrabee and Sutherland UMCs will be covering pastoral emergencies (death or serious hospitalization)** during Pastor Mike's absence and can be reached at 712-480-0633. The office will be open 9-12 & 1-3 on Thursday, May 30th, and Friday, May 31st. However, Jennifer won't be in until Thursday afternoon, as Ava returns from the 8th grade Washington D.C./New York City trip around 2:30 a.m. on Thursday.

T-shirts, Sweatshirts, & Hoodie Orders

60 St. Paul's shirts were ordered by our congregation in May. Stay tuned to the bulletins and our Facebook page for notice of when they arrive. These orders generated \$94.43 for Vacation Bible School. Thank you!



Rodeo Parade



Volunteers are needed to pass out candy and invitations to Vacation Bible School at the rodeo parade on Saturday, June 1st. If you'd like to participate, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sunday and in the office during the week. Line up for the parade is from 12-1:30 p.m. on W. Cedar, which is two blocks north of Main Street. The parade begins at 2 p.m. and travels right by the church. If you have a St. Paul's shirt, we invite you to wear it for the parade.

Pastor Mike to attend Annual Conference

Iowa Annual Conference is coming up on June 7th-9th. Pastor Mike will be attending in-person in West Des Moines, and Linda Burkhart will be representing our congregation by attending virtually. Rev. Jonathan Riggert of the Trinity Lutheran Church will be covering pastoral emergencies (death or serious hospitalization) in Pastor Mike's absence. Their church's number is 712-225-4332. Sue Ritts will be our guest preacher on June 9th, and Chuck Tolzin will be leading worship. If you'd like to watch Annual Conference live online, please visit <https://www.iaumc.org/>.



Men's Breakfast



The next men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th, at 8:30 a.m., and Al Henn will be sharing about tractors. All men are welcome, so invite a friend or neighbor to join us for a light breakfast, short devotion, and Al's presentation.

Benefit for Josie Parker and Family

Josie Parker has been battling colon cancer. The Cherokee County Pork Producers, St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Josie's co-workers are sponsoring a benefit/silent auction/bake sale to help with expenses that come with treatments (traveling and medical stays). Join them at the Aurelia Community Center on Friday, June 28th, from 4-8 p.m. The menu is grilled pork and beef burgers, turkey fillets, hot dogs, beans, chips, bars, and drink for a freewill donation. You can also see the posters at the north and west entrances to scan a QR code to directly donate. If you have any questions, please see Rod Parker.



Elevator Evacuation Training



There will be an elevator evacuation training here at St. Paul's on Saturday, June 29th, at 8 a.m. Don Witcombe will be instructing, and anyone in the congregation is welcome and encouraged to attend. Following the training, the Trustees will be changing lightbulbs in the narthex and sanctuary.

Finance Update

The Finance Committee met recently, and we are currently behind on our 2024 budget. We thank you for your generosity and encourage you to continue to think of St. Paul's in your giving.



2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Macaib Appleby



Cherokee Washington High School

Parents: Kelly Wiese and Brent Appleby

Future Plans: Macaib plans to work at Screenbuilders doing carpentry.



Amelia Brown

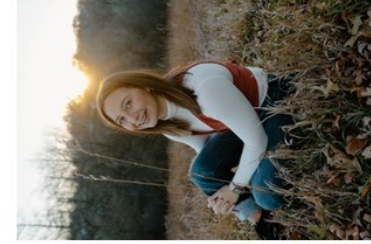


Cherokee Washington High School

Parents: Chad & Jillian Brown

Future Plans: Amelia plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City to major in biology in the hopes of becoming a chiropractor, medical lab scientist, or something in the medical science field.

Aurora Christensen



Cherokee Washington High School

Parents: Mandy & Chris Christensen

Future Plans: Aurora plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in nursing.



Megan Courtright



Cherokee Washington High School

Parents: Heidi Courtright and Chris Courtright

Future Plans: Megan plans to attend Dordt University, where she will major in accounting and run track and cross country.

Taya Eve Phillips

Ridge View High School

Parents: Curt & Kristal Phillips

Future Plans: Taya plans to attend Morningside University to major in Elementary Education.



Maverick Marlin Stief

Cherokee Washington High School

Parents: Marlin & Amy Stief

Future Plans: Mav graduated in December 2023 and is working as a full-time mechanic at Alta Implement.



Additional congratulations to Kylie Christensen, Madison Courtright, Emma Frahm, and Hailey Harman!



2024 COLLEGE GRADUATES

JoAnna Anderson



Briar Cliff University
Master's in Nursing as a
Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner
Parent: Pat Harrison
Mother of: Reuben Harrison and
Grady, Cohen, & Theo Anderson
Life Update: JoAnna is preparing for
her boards.

Jenn Barritt



University of Central Florida
Master's in Anthropology
Parents: Jay & Aimee Barritt
Life Update: Jenn will be working at
the Defense POW/MIA Accounting
Agency (DPAA) out of Offutt Air
Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, as
a DNA Technician.

Samuel Jordan



Iowa Lakes Community College
Associate Degree in Arts
Parents: Gary & Janet Jordan
Life Update: Samuel will be contin-
uing his education at the University
of South Dakota in the fall.

Sarah Jordan



University of Kentucky
Master's in Social Work
Parents: Gary & Janet Jordan
Life Update: Sarah has accepted a
position in Monett, Missouri.

“Commit to
the LORD
whatever you
do, and he will
establish
your plans.”
Proverbs 16:3



Tate Phillips



Iowa State University
Bachelor's in Animal Science
Parents: Curt & Kristal Phillips
Life Update: Tate will be starting
law school at the University of
South Dakota this fall.



Steven Lundquist



Northwestern College
in Orange City, Iowa
Bachelor's in elementary and
special education
Parents: Kent & Nicci Lundquist
Fiancée: Natalia Cismesia
Life Update: Steven graduated in
December 2023 with *summa cum
laude* honors and is currently work-
ing as an Autism Education Special-
ist at Impact Learning and Develop-
ment in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Trevor Lundquist



**Ivy College of Business at
Iowa State University**
Bachelor's in marketing with a
minor in management with an
emphasis on sales
Parents: Kent & Nicci Lundquist
Spouse: Megan Lundquist
Life Update: Trevor graduated in
May 2024 with *magna cum laude*
honors and is currently working as a
Sales Support Specialist at
GreatAmerica Financial Services in
Des Moines, Iowa.

Announcements & Updates

Prayer Requests

The congregation consists of a variety of people, some who are very private and some who share their health information freely. For this reason, Pastor Mike only shares prayer concerns with the prayer chain or with the entire congregation during worship at your specific request. If you have a prayer concern, please let him know and specify if you'd like it to be kept private or public. A prayer request slip can also be found in the pew pocket and be placed in the offering plate for his later review, once Sarah has processed the offering. If you mention a prayer request or other information to him on Sunday, especially prior to worship, it is very helpful if you have the information written down. He takes part in a lot of different conversations and has a lot of things to remember on Sundays (including his sermon!). ☺ If your prayer request or information slipped through the cracks, it wasn't intentional. Please remind him, or call the church office.



June Liturgists Needed

Liturgists are needed for June 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. A general or detailed script—including prayers—is provided, depending on your preference. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in the narthex on Sundays, or call the church office during the week.



Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mon. & Wed.	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (NE door and downstairs)
Tuesdays	1:30 p.m.	Sleeping mat weaving (Feller Lounge)
Tues., 6/4	9:30 a.m.	Visitation Team (library)
Thurs., 6/20	—	Newsletter info due
Tues., 6/25	10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at Viola's Communion at Accura
Wed., 6/26	10:30 a.m.	Bible study at The Gardens
Thurs., 6/27	1:10 p.m.	Newsletter assembly (library)
Sun., 6/30	2:00 p.m.	Worship at The Gardens

UM Camp Registration Open

Registration is open for summer camp at Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods UM Camps! Find out more at <https://www.iaumc.org/camps/#iac>. Remember, our Missions Committee will pay 75% of the registration fee for children, youth, and adults from our congrega-
tion!

FREE Summer Nutrition Program
JUNE ONLY
Starting Monday, June 3, 2024
(Month of June only)

Washington High School Monday-Friday
Available for dine-in only 11:00am-12:30pm

- Free to children 1-18 years old
- Busing is available!
- Grab-n-go breakfast is also available daily
- Adults may also purchase a meal for \$3.75

View the menus!
ccsd.k12.ia.us

Questions?
Contact Food Service Director
Cara Jacobson at 225-6765

Cherokee County Public Health

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Announcements & Updates

June The Upper Room Devotionals

We still have extra copies of the May/June *The Upper Room* devotionals available on the table in the narthex and on the table outside the office. Help yourself to this FREE devotional, or share one with a friend!

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.

UM History and Doctrine Class

- <https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/ffd213-congregational-leadership-um-history-and-doctrine/>

Pentecost

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-pentecost>
- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/why-is-pentecost-the-christian-churchs-birthday>

"What is Trinity Sunday?"

- <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1350/what-is-trinity-sunday>

A Moment with Mike

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At our board meeting, it was requested that we continue to have conversations about this. Therefore, you may hear of events and small groups in the coming months that are geared towards having these conversations. The purpose of these will be to help us to understand one another, even if we disagree. When we truly listen to understand where those on the opposite side of this issue are coming from, we come to see that faithful Christians can and do come to different conclusions.

God bless, Pastor Mike Agnew

Please note: If you weren't able to attend the General Conference Q&A sessions, Pastor Mike is happy to meet with you one-on-one. You may call the office or his cell phone to set up an appointment.

Additional General Conference Resources

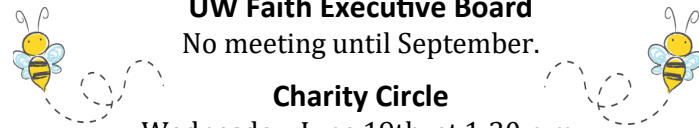
The Recap: Post General Conference Video

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-recap-post-general-conference-episode>

General Conference Article Series

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-the-umc-really-is-part-1-decentering-the-united-states>

United Women in Faith Buzz



UW Faith Executive Board

No meeting until September.

Charity Circle

Wednesday, June 19th, at 1:30 p.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess & Program: Roni Timmerman

Grace Circle

Wednesday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

Schuldt Dining Hall

Hostess: Karen Aduddell; Program: Gigi Boothby

Joy Circle

Thank you to the ladies of the Joy Circle for their work for St. Paul's UMC. This Circle has disbanded and will be joining the Charity Circle in September.

Church Family News

Welcome, Little Ones!

Nick and Megan Parker are the parents of a daughter, Halle Jade Parker, who was born on April 17th in Phoenix. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. Halle's proud grandparents are Dr. Wes and Sue Parker.



Emily and Jakob Hummel are the parents of a son, Eli Ary Hummel, who was born on April 26th. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20.5" long. Eli was welcomed home by his brother, Leo. Proud grandparents are Rich and Andrea Cook and Troy and Julie Hummel. Congratulations!

Bridal Shower

There will be a come and go bridal shower for Brooklynn Schlenger on Sunday, June 2nd, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Cleghorn Community Center. Church members are invited!



Have News?



If you have news you'd like to share with the congregation (engagement, wedding, new baby, graduation, death, etc.), please contact the office.

Missions News

Second Sleeping Mat Completed!

The Tuesday sleeping mat weaving group finished their second mat on April 30th! The third mat pictured is the demo mat they received as an example when they first started learning. These mats and the leftover scraps from the plastic bags went to District Conference on May 5th with Pastor Mike. Midwest Mission in Jefferson will distribute the mats to those in need, and the plastic scraps will be used to make benches. If you'd like to help make sleeping mats, stop by Feller Lounge on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. There are both sitting and standing jobs, and training will be provided. At this time, we have enough plastic bags, but you can bring a pair of scissors with you. Invite your friends, and enjoy a time of fellowship and helping others.



Pictured above are Glenda Parrish, Rod Raveling, and Ervina Scott.



At District Conference, Pastor Mike learned that in the last global shipment from Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 148 sleeping mats were sent. Of those, 142 were made in Iowa!



Iowa Tornado Relief

As of May 22nd, our congregation has donated \$706 for Iowa tornado relief. This money gets sent to the conference center to help those in need! Thank you for your generosity!

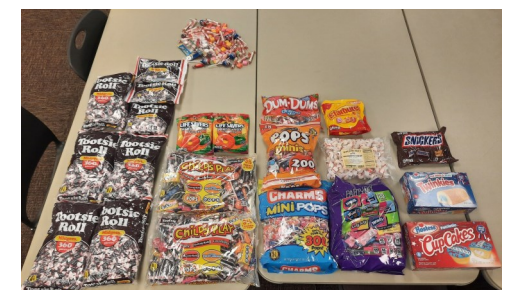
"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)



Peace with Justice Sunday is May 26th, and will join other United Methodist Churches in taking a special offering to support programs and ministries to educate, equip, and mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action. 50% of the offering remains in the Iowa Annual Conference, and 50% funds peacemaking ministries and grants. To learn more, please visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/peace-with-justice-sunday-faq>.

May at St. Paul's



Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the rodeo parade!