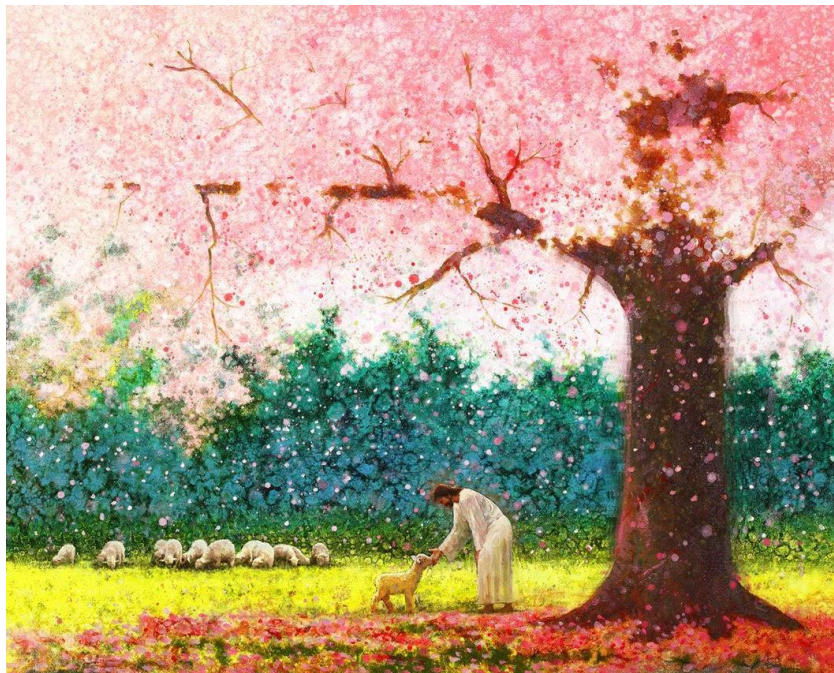




St. Mark's

United Methodist Church

September 15, 2024 - 9:30am Service



Ushers: Lee McKnight and Kay Seagren

Scripture Reader: Angie Bywater

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald

Special Offering: CommUnity Food Bank

Next week Special Offering: Operation Backpack

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Love is the seed that was planted to grow deep roots within our lives.

People: God's first gift to all humankind was love.

Leader: Everything we have and everything we give is done in and with God's love.

People: God, you first loved me. Now, may the roots of your love grow deep within me. I want to love you with all of my being.

All: Open my heart so your love can flow through me to my neighbor.

Opening Hymn *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart* v. 1, 4, 5 **pg. 500 UMH**

Children's Moment

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

God Will Make a Way

Chancel Choir

By Don Moen; arr. Ruth Schram

Offertory & Prayer – Doxology **pg. 95 UMH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 895 UMH

Hymn of Preparation

O How I Love Jesus

pg. 170 UMH

Scripture

Matthew 22:36-38

Cheryl Davis

Sermon

Love God

Pastor Alberta

Hymn

Love the Lord Your God (2nd verse on screen)

pg. 2168 TFWS

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Go to the World

pg. 3158 W&S

Postlude

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaning (Flood) Bucket Assembly

After worship on **September 15th** the congregation is invited to join the assembly line in Fellowship Hall to help put items in the buckets.

Cleaning (Flood) Bucket Team:

Lynn Calvert, Boyd Crosby, Barb Fisher-Krueger, Donna Higgins,
Sherry Kesselring, Linda Prybil, Kay Seagren, Bart Troyer,
Julie Troyer, Audley VanTol and Markus VanTol

United Methodist Men

The St Mark's United Methodist Men's next pancake breakfast will be after worship on Sunday September 29th.

On Saturday December 7th at the St Mark's United Methodist Men meeting the program will be a presentation about the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Danille Curtis with MMDC will be there to make the presentation. We are inviting all church members that are interested to attend the presentation.

Loving Arms Kids Care Support

It's time once again to help Loving Arms Kids Care with gathering supplies that they always need for the many children that are cared for at St. Mark's each week.

Please find below a list of needed items. You may put your donated items into the labeled container in the Fellowship Hall during the month of September. LAKC is a non-profit organization and provides needed childcare for our community. Thank you for your donation!

1. Financial donations
 2. Used Smartphones (factory reset)
 3. Outdoor toys
 4. Outdoor toy box
 5. Dramatic play sets (kitchen, dress up, doctor, babies, etc)
 6. Construction paper
 7. Wet wipes
 8. Tissues
 9. Disposable gloves
 10. Dish soap
 11. Clear packing tape
 12. Unscented laundry detergent
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Graye Matters
9:30am Youth Room
Tuesday, October 1
The Killings at Kingfisher Hall



St. Mark's UMC Outdoor Work Day – Volunteers Needed Please!

September 28th - 9:00am-12:00pm

Donuts and coffee will be available

Bring a rake or anything else that may be helpful (if you can)

Upcoming Calendar Events

- 9/15** – 9:30am – Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
10:50am – Bible Study with Pastor Alberta – Wesley Room
- 9/16** – 10:30am – Free Lunch – 1105 S Gilbert St.
10:30am – Loom Mat Making – Youth Room
3:00pm – Wesley Room Reserved
5:30pm – Finance Meeting – Wesley Room or Zoom
6:00pm – ASL – Fireside Room
6:30pm – Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- 9/17** - 6:30pm – Executive Council Meeting – Youth Room
7:00pm – N.A. Meeting – Wesley Room
- 9/18** - 4:00pm – Men's Book Club – Fireside Room
6:00pm – Loving Arms Staff Meeting – Room 108/109
6:30pm – Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary
7:15pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 9/19** - 10:30am – Iowa City Book Mobile – St. Mark's Parking Lot
6:00pm – Younger Scout Group – Fireside Room
6:30pm – Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- 9/20** - 6:30pm – Sam Hixson – Fireside Room
7:00pm – N.A. Meeting – Wesley Room
- 9/21** - 9:00am – Overeaters Anonymous - Youth Room
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The **2024 Winter Clothing Distribution**, sponsored by the Consultation of Religious Communities and the Iowa City Police Department, will be conducted from the afternoon of **Sunday, 10/13, through the early afternoon of Saturday, 10/19**. Over these days we will set up, accept clothing donations, sort & organize clothing, distribute the clothing, & clean up after the event.

Our event will be held in the **gymnasium of The River Community Church, 3001 Muscatine Avenue, in Iowa City**. (Enter the parking lot via the driveway on Muscatine Ave; please park away from the building).

As in past years, we are looking for donations of gently used or new WARM winter wear, with an emphasis on coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots & winter shoes. Heavy sweaters & sweatshirts are also appreciated.

Volunteers will need to register using SignUpGenius

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AE2FA20-51081789-2024>

As you sign up, please pay attention to further information & instructions provided on our SignUpGenius.

For 2024 we will be increasing the number of family representative shoppers to 9 per 30-minute period. (Seven individuals will need to register via a separate SignUpGenius; there will be two openings for drop-ins.)

Don't hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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John Barr (BarrJohnO@sau.edu)