



St. Mark's

United Methodist Church

February 23, 2025 - 9:30am Service



Scripture Reader: Bob Kesselring

Ushers: Cam Davis and Nancy Krutzfield

Acolyte: Melanie Justice

Special Offering: Iowa City Compassion
Next week Special Offering: Women at the Well

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Pastor Alberta

Leader: Lord, we come to learn from your great wisdom.

People: Open my ears to hear your words.

Leader: Lord, from your voice to our minds teach us.

People: Open my mind to understand your message.

Leader: Lord, we are willing to learn.

People: Fill us with understanding so we can live as your child, offering your love, grace and mercy to all, according to your will.

Opening Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail
V 1,2,3, 6

pg. 549 UMH

Children's Moment

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

I Need Thee Every Hour
By Beth Alston

Handbells

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

pg. 2171 TFWS

Scripture

Luke 6: 27-38

Bob Kesselring

Sermon

Willing To Hear

Pastor Alberta

Hymn

The Gift of Love

pg. 408 UMH

Benediction

Closing Hymn

As We Part

pg. 3180 W&S

Postlude

Announcements



Golden Valley District Superintendent has put together a 2025 District Church Prayer List asking us to pray for specific churches and their clergy. Please pray this week for the Quad Cities Korean UM Church, Davenport Faith UM Church and Pastors Kookjin Yun and Collette Powell.

United Women in Faith

February 26th at 12:00 PM. A noon potluck (bring a dish to share and your table service) followed by a program by Truda Kruger on the Free Lunch Program.

All invited to attend!!

Message from Jim and Mardee Wood

A summary of our moving plans to Cedar Rapids: Our moving dates are March 8th & 9th. Our new address will be 1100 30th Street SE. This gives us time to pack and settle non-essentials. **We look forward to having visitors.** Jim & Mardee Wood

Plastic Bags for Looming

You have overwhelmed us with your donation of plastic bags for the looming project. At this time we have more than enough bags and will let you know when we need more. Looming takes place every Monday morning from 10:30 – 11:30 in the Youth Room and all are welcome.

JESUS, Deaf Missions Film Study

During the month of February we are doing a discussion of the movie *Jesus, Deaf Missions* from 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM in the Youth Room. This is the film that was shown at St. Mark's January 18th. *Jesus, Deaf Missions* is the first feature film about Jesus in the American Sign Language (with subtitles), using native signers to bring the story of Jesus to life from a Deaf perspective for a Deaf audience. **All are invited.**

Sharing Glory Sightings

Many of our St. Mark's committees are opening meetings by sharing about times in the past month that they have experienced God's presence, love, or work around us. Blank **Glory Sighting** cards will also be available in worship during February. All are invited to share **Glory Sightings** and encourage each other to see God at work. Please place your Glory Sighting cards in the offering plate.

Special Worship Services During Lent

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

March 5th - **Ash Wednesday**

April 17th – **Maundy Thursday**

April 18th – **Good Friday**

Lent Study

Two opportunities to participate in this year's Lent Study lead by Pastor Albert beginning March 6th – April 10th:

- Wednesday's, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9 from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, dinner provided by Focus Forward
 - Thursday's, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10 from 10:00am – 11:00am in the Sanctuary
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Birthday Celebration

Jerine Strommer is turning 95! An Open House to celebrate Jerine will be Saturday, March 8th from 2:00 – 3:30 PM in the Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood Avenue. Cards can be sent to Jerine Strommer, 2618 Friendship Street, Iowa City IA 52245

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

- 2/23** 9:30am – 10:30am – Sunday Worship
10:45am – 12:45pm – ASL Movie Review Bible Study – Youth Room
- 2/24** 10:30am – 11:30am - Loom Mat Making – Youth Room
11:30am – 1:00pm – Holy Art – Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 7:00pm – American Sign Language – Fireside Room
6:30pm – 9:00pm – Scouts Pack 250 – Fellowship Hall
- 2/25** 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous Meeting – Wesley Room
- 2/26** 11:30am – 1:00pm – Knitting/Crocheting Group – Fireside Room
1:00pm – 3:00pm – United Women of Faith – Fellowship Hall
1:00pm – 5:00pm – Christmas Stockings – Wesley Room
4:00pm – 5:00pm – Men's Book Club – Fireside Room
6:30pm – 7:15 pm – Bell Choir – Music Room
7:15pm – 7:45pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 2/27** 6:00am – 8:00am – Kiwanis – Fellowship Hall
10:30am – 11:00am - Library Bookmobile – parking lot
6:30pm – 8:30pm – Cub Scouts Pack 251 – Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall
- 2/28** 6:30pm - 9:30pm – Dungeons and Dragons – Fireside Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous Meeting – Wesley Room
- 3/1** 8:00am – 1:00pm – Focus Forward – Youth Room
9:00am -11:00am – Overeaters Anonymous – Youth Room
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