



# St. Mark's United Methodist Church

## January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:*

**Ushers: Donna Higgins & Deb Jansen**

**Scripture Reader: Cindy McDowell**

**Acolyte: Izzy Berwald**

Today's Special Offering: Human Relations Sunday

**Next Week: January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Ushers:** Ann Parker & Tom Shepherd

**Scripture Reader:** Ann Showers

**Acolyte:** Melanie Justice



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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

**People: For through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>The Voice of God is Calling</b> v. 1, 3, 4	<b>pg. 436 UMH</b>
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<b>Children’s Moment</b>	<b>Pastor Alberta</b>
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<b>Special Music</b>	<i>When Jesus Walked into the Stream</i> Susan Borwick	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
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**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.

<b>Scripture Reader</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</b>	<b>Cindy McDowell</b>
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<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Alberta</b>
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<b>The Lord’s Pryer</b>	<b>pg. 895 UMH</b>
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<b>Hymn of Preparation</b>	<b>Take My Life and Let It Be</b>	<b>pg. 399 UMH</b>
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<b>Scripture</b>	<b>John 1:29-42</b>	<b>Pastor Alberta</b>
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<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Called by God</b>	<b>Pastor Alberta</b>
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<b>Hymn</b>	<b>I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</b>	<b>pg. 2153 TFWS</b>
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<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Pastor Alberta</b>
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>God Be with You till We Meet Again</b>	<b>pg. 672 UMH</b>
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**Postlude**



**Today's Special Offering: Human Relations Sunday** (Sponsor: General Conference Cat: National)

Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. This day invites congregations to strengthen communities, especially those facing poverty, injustice, or lack of opportunity. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the "beloved community." Human Relations Day calls us to build relationships rooted in dignity, equity, and love. The Offering Supports:

- Community Developers Program (57%) This program helps churches serve their neighborhoods—especially communities of color—by focusing on local needs like education, employment, and empowerment.
- United Methodist Voluntary Services (33%) This program equips volunteers and congregations to tackle injustice through hands-on projects, community organizing, and service-learning opportunities.
- Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs (10%) These church-supported programs help young people rebuild their lives through mentoring, leadership training, and positive, faith-based community experiences.



**Free Lunch Program: Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
1105 S. Gilbert Court, Iowa City



This month's day for St. Mark's to provide lunch at the Free Lunch program is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**3 ways to help with the Free Lunch:**

1. Pans were available for volunteers to prepare Tater Tot casserole (the recipe is provided) and bring in today-Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. Also needed are bars and cookies. Please bring these donations to church today.
3. **The opportunity to volunteer tomorrow: Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> beginning as early as 10:30 am preparing silverware packets, salad and dining room setup and serving food at noon and then clean up after 1:00. Please arrive at 1105 S. Gilbert Court in Iowa City to volunteer – Thank you!!**



This is a wonderful mission to those in need of a good meal.

Any questions, contact St. Mark's faithful Free Lunch Coordinator, Truda Kruger 319- 354-5595.

Next Month Free Lunch: February 16<sup>th</sup> with pan pick up date on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CPR/AED Training: January 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon! Please Sign Up!**

**\*\*This will be a class/demonstration only not a certification\*\***

A CPR/AED class will be held in the church on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. The goal is to help people be ready in the event someone experiences a cardiac emergency.

We are needing an estimate of the number of people that will be attending to arrange for enough equipment and instructors. A sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall &/or you may also notify Nancy by phone/text: (319) 430-4794 or emailing to: rkrzfld@aol.com,



**United Women in Faith will meet on January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Refreshments will be served, followed by a pledge service and installation of officers.

Mary Brown will lead us in a discussion of "Light for Our Path."

**All are welcome.**

**Cinnamon Roll Sunday is approaching on February 8<sup>th</sup>**

There is a Sign-Up Genius (SUG) online, which can be found in the email of today's bulletin or on their website (details below), which has all of the details for this event. Kathy also created a sign up for purchase which is on the SUG site as well as a form in Fellowship Hall. Any questions please contact:

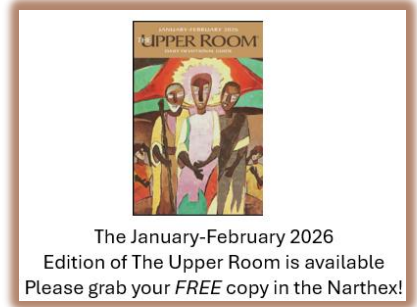
Kathy Welsh [kwelsh173@gmail.com](mailto:kwelsh173@gmail.com) Thank you!



How to find a Sign-Up Genius without a link: Google "Sign Up Genius find a sign up", click the "Find a Sign Up" link, select "Search for a Sign up" and you can search by creator's email: [KWelsh173@gmail.com](mailto:KWelsh173@gmail.com)

# Weekly Calendar January 18<sup>th</sup> – January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

- 01/18:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00am – 12:00pm: Worship Team Meeting – Small Conference Room
- 01/19:** 10:30am – 1:30pm: Free Lunch - 1105 S. Gilbert Court  
10:30am – 11:30am: Loom Mat Making –Room 103  
11:00am – 12:00pm: United Women in Faith – Youth Room  
11:30am – 1:00pm: Holy Art – Room 103  
5:30pm – 6:30pm: Finance Meeting – Wesley Room  
6:00pm – 7:00pm: ASL – ASL/Youth Room
- 01/20:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm: Odd Fellows – Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Executive Council Meeting – Room 109  
7:00pm – 8:00pm: NA Meeting – Wesley Room
- 01/21:** 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103  
4:00pm – 5:00pm: Men’s Book Club – Fireside Room  
5:30pm – 7:00pm: ASL – ASL/Youth Room  
6:30pm - 7:15pm: Handbell Choir – Music Room  
7:15pm – 8:15pm: Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
- 01/22:** 6:00am – 8:00am: Kiwanis – Fellowship Hall  
10:30am – 11:00am: - Iowa City Public Library Bookmobile – Parking lot  
6:30pm – 8:30pm: Cub Scouts Troop 251 – Fellowship Hall
- 01/23:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room  
7:00pm – 9:00pm: NA Meeting - Room Wesley Room
- 01/24:** 9:00am – 11:00am: Overeaters Anonymous – Room 102  
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Fellowship Hall
- 01/25:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
12:00pm – 2:00pm: CPR/AED Training Class – Fellowship Hall + Room 108-109



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## Do you lead a group who meets in the church or have room(s) reserved in 2026? Action is needed by February 1<sup>st</sup>

*We want **you** to use these rooms so please contact the office if you have any questions at all.*

On January 8<sup>th</sup> you should have received an email from the office titled: “**Action Needed: Update your building reservations: Due February 1st to continue your room reservation at St. Mark’s!**” A copy of this form can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex as well as in the church office, and upon request, I am happy to mail a copy to you. This form **does** need to be completed with updated, accurate information and have your groups **full calendar attached; dates, times, room(s) requested, etc.** in order to be added to the St. Mark’s calendar for room use & reservation.  
*\*One packet required for **each** group.*



We will be moving to a new calendar soon with Tithe.ly, so don’t miss getting your group scheduled & on this calendar!

Again, please don’t hesitate to contact the office for any questions or concerns. Thank you all for your use of the facilities & cooperation!

All groups who meet in the church need to complete an annual “Building Use Guidelines & Agreement” as well as **submit a full calendar of all meeting date/times and requested room(s)** for your reservation(s). These are on first come first serve basis and as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, no rooms are reserved without a form on file.  
**\*Full calendar required:** Do not list “every Tuesday” as this does not account for holidays, etc. Provide specific dates, times, rooms.

*These forms will need to be updated each year moving forward.*

*\*Additional note: No meeting times should be spontaneous. Please contact the office for any/all changes to your reservation to reflect actual room use & availability at all times. Thank you!*