



# St. Mark's United Methodist Church

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:*

**Ushers: Deb Jansen & Tom Shepherd**

**Scripture Reader: Ann Showers**

**Acolyte: Melanie Rose Justice**

Today's Special Offering: CommUnity Food Bank

***Next Week: February 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday***

**Communion Servers:** Angie Bywater, Brenda Mayer, Donna Higgins,  
Bob Kesselring, Sherry Kesselring, & Pastor Alberta

**Ushers:** Kay Seagren, Lee McKnight, & Jeanne Bennett

**Scripture Reader:** Mary Brown

**Acolyte:** Izzy Berwald



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**\*\* Please take note of Pastor Albertas email above- do not reply to any from "Pastor@" \*\***



# Announcements & Weekly News.

## Today's Special Offering: CommUnity Food Bank

CommUnity Food Bank at Pepperwood Plaza provides produce, bakery, deli, dairy, health, baby, hygiene and non-perishable items. Residents of Johnson County, IA can receive grocery assistance once per week. Clients may choose their own items with some limits based on family size. Pre-made bags are available for individuals who prefer not to shop. Shopping at the Food Bank is completely free and confidential.



## CPR/AED Training: Today at Noon!

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

A CPR/AED class will be held in the church today (January 25<sup>th</sup>)  
Please meet at noon in both Fellowship Hall; *classes will be in Fellowship Hall & Room 108-109*



The goal is to help people be ready in the event someone experiences a cardiac emergency.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Nancy by phone/text: (319) 430-4794 or emailing to: rkrtzfld@aol.com

## Book Study Starts Today

### 3 Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, & Purpose by Rueben Job

*Hosted by: Lowell Fenner & Angie Bywater*

This is a 4-week study meeting on: **January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Everyone is invited to attend in the Wesley Room from 10:45am - 11:30am

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**Today!**



## United Women in Faith will meet:

**January 28 at 1:00 p.m. in 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>

The Sign Up for Cinnamon Roll Sunday is now open! Please sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall, or through the Sign Up Genius, to purchase &/or bake cinnamon rolls.

The rolls will be distributed on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> between 10:30am – 11:30 am and may be picked up inside St. Mark's or will be available through a drive thru option as well.



**The proceeds will go to the Emma Nugent Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Emma Nugent was an integral part of this annual activity as an enthusiastic member and leader of St. Mark's Youth Group. Thank you for helping us to remember her and for your ongoing support for the Emma Nugent Memorial Scholarship.

Please forward any questions to: 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 25<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

- 01/25:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
10:45am - 11:30am: Book Study: 3 Simple Questions – Wesley Room  
12:00pm – 2:00pm: CPR/AED Training Class – Fellowship Hall, Room 108-109
- 01/26:** 10:30am – 11:30am: Loom Mat Making –Room 103  
11:30am – 1:00pm: Holy Art – Room 103  
6:00pm – 7:00pm: ASL – ASL/Youth Room  
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall
- 01/27:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm: NA Meeting – Wesley Room
- 01/28:** 11:30am – 1:00pm: Crochet Group – Youth Room  
1:00pm – 2:00pm: United Women in Faith- Fellowship Hall  
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
- 01/29:** 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
- 01/30:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room  
7:00pm – 9:00pm: NA Meeting - Room Wesley Room
- 01/31:** 9:00am – 11:00am: Overeaters Anonymous – Room 102
- 02/01:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
10:45am – 11:30am: Book Study: 3 Simple Questions – Wesley Room



*Thank you for  
Joining us in  
Worship!*

**Final Reminder: Please get your articles for the February Newsletter into the office no later than Tuesday 1/27 by 9:00am**



It has been brought to our attention that there are scam messages being sent to members from the Pastor email address. Because of this, we are no longer going to be using this account. If you need to reach Pastor Alberta, please use the email below (with her name)

**Pastor Alberta’s Email: [Alberta.Ervin@iaumc.net](mailto:Alberta.Ervin@iaumc.net)**

The above email will also be the email she will use to contact you.

*Discontinue the address: [Pastor@stmarks-umc.net](mailto:Pastor@stmarks-umc.net)*

A few things to question if an email is legitimate vs scam include:

1. The time the email was sent- is this an odd hour for someone to reach out, i.e. middle of the night?
2. Is it vague or out of character?
3. Is it asking for something? -We will never ask for gift cards, payments, etc – especially by email.
4. Did it go to your inbox or spam folder? *Often times things in our spam folder are actual spam.*

**Please never hesitate to call the office and speak to Mandy or Pastor Alberta if you have any questions.**

## Final Reminder: Building Use & Reservation forms are Due by February 1<sup>st</sup>

*Copies are available in the office & on the bulletin board in the Narthex*

If you are leading a group that meets in the church a new Building Use a & Reservation form needs to be completed annually & the 2026 form is due February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 to continue any future reservations (currently on hold).

- Please be sure you initial at the bottom of each segment & sign were indicated.
- Please include your calendar: if you meet each Monday, for example, please do not put “every Monday” as this does not take into account for holidays.
- Look over your schedule: Are there additional meetings, outside of your regular schedule? Are there holidays that may need rescheduled or cancelled if/when the office is closed?

**Just a  
reminder...**



Please don’t hesitate to contact the office, or a member of Trustees, for any questions or concerns.

We love having the facilities used so be sure to reserve your space 😊 - Thank you