



**St. Mark's
United Methodist Church
February 15th, 2026**



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Izzy Berwald & Dennis Preslicka

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Davis

Acolyte: Melanie Rose Justice

Today's Special Offering: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule: February 22nd:

Ushers: David & Angie Bywater

Scripture Reader: Ann Showers

Acolyte: Melanie Rose Justice

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Prelude

The Deaf Notes: Here I Am Lord



Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

People: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

Leader: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

People: We are not sure we are ready for that.

Leader: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

God of Grace & God of Glory

pg. 577 UMH

v. 1, 2, 4

A Time for All God's Children

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

O How I Love Jesus

Choir

F. Whitfield, arr. R Robinson

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.

Scripture Reader

2 Peter 1:16-21

Cheryl Davis

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 895 UMH

Hymn of Preparation

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

pg. 258 UMH

v. 1, 2, 3, 5

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor Alberta

Sermon

Led By The Holy Spirit

Pastor Alberta

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

pg. 103 UMH

v. 1, 3, 4

Benediction

Pastor Alberta

Closing Hymn

As we Part for the Towns & Cities

pg. 3180 W&S

Postlude



Thank you for joining us in worship



Announcements & Weekly News.

Today's Special Offering: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) gifts given play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response. 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year are directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most.

Last Day of the Book Study:

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

Hosted by: Lowell Fenner & Angie Bywater

This was a 4-week study meeting on: January 25th, February 1st, 8th, & 15th

Everyone is invited to attend in the Wesley Room from 10:45am - 11:30am

-Thank you to Lowell & Angie for putting this study together & to all who attended!



"The Anatomy of Peace" Book Study Sunday's at 1:00pm

with Pastor Alberta

Please join us - Everyone is welcome - A 4-week book study in Room 108-109.

Please see February newsletter for additional details. If you have questions, please see Nancy Krutzfield.

-You do not have to attend every study; if you have not attended but would like to, we would love to have you join! Come down to room 108-109 -no sign up is required to attend.



Free Lunch Program: Monday February 16th 1105 S. Gilbert Court, Iowa City



3 ways to help with the Free Lunch Program:

1. Pans will be available to pick up next Sunday, February 8th for volunteers to prepare Tater Tot casserole (recipe provided) and bring in next Sunday; February 15th.
2. Also needed are bars and cookies. Please bring these donations to church Sunday morning February 15th.
3. **The opportunity to volunteer Tomorrow- Monday, February 16th beginning as early as 10:30 preparing silverware packets, salad and dining room setup and serving food at noon and then clean up after 1:00.**

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.

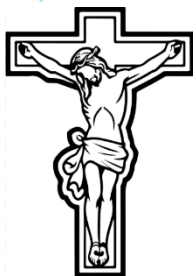


NEXT WEEK

Lenten series study group is starting next Sunday

February 22nd at 11:00am in Room 108-109

Hosted by Pastor Alberta.



Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in a Lenten study group study following Worship (11:00am) in Room 108-109 every Sunday until Easter.

The book for this series is: "Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion" By Adam Hamilton; see the February newsletter for additional information.

-No sign up is necessary to attend study, nor do you have to attend every study.

Weekly Calendar February 15th to February 22nd

- 02/15:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
10:45am – 11:30am ASL Open House – Youth Room
10:45am - 11:30am: Book Study: 3 Simple Questions – Wesley Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108
- 02/16:** 10:30am – 1:30pm: Free Lunch – 1105 S Gilbert Court
10:30am – 11:30am: Loom Mat Making –Room 103
6:00pm – 7:00pm: ASL – Youth Room
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall
- 02/17:** 10:00am – 12:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103
1:00pm – 3:00pm: Circuit Meeting – Wesley Room
6:00pm - 7:30pm: Odd Fellows – Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Executive Council Meeting – Room 109
6:30pm – 8:30pm: We Do Recover Group of NA – Room 102
- 02/18:** 11:30am – 1:00pm: Knit & Crochet Group – Youth Room
1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103
4:00pm – 5:00pm: Men’s Book Club – Fireside Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm: ASL – Youth Room
6:00pm – 6:20pm: Handbell Choir – Music Room
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Ash Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary
- 01/19:** 6:00am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Meeting– Fellowship Hall
10:30am – 11:00am: - Iowa City Public Library Bookmobile – Parking lot
6:30pm – 8:30pm: Cub Scouts Troop 251 – Fellowship Hall
- 02/20:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm: We Do Recover Group of NA – Room 108-109
- 02/21:** 9:00am – 11:00am: Overeaters Anonymous – Room 102
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103
- 02/22:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am – 12:00pm: Lenten Study Lead by Pastor Alberta – Room 108-109
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108



*Thank you for
Joining us in
Worship!*



Easter Baskets!

Easter baskets are making headway thanks to your generous donations.
The items we are looking for in February:

- Small chocolate bunnies (*needing 85 in total*)
- Level 1 reader books
- Teen books
- Bottles of lotion (*10 in total*)

-Please see Brenda if you have any questions

February Food Pantry Donations: we will be collecting: Pet items.

Please place your donations in the marked tub/box in Fellowship Hall.

These will be divided between Iowa City Compassion and CommUnity Food Pantry.

Thank you, in advance. - Brenda Mayer

“We will be collecting for Food Panties throughout the year, as we have previously done with a monetary collection on the 4th Sunday of each month. We are now adding physical collecting each month of items not available on SNAP or allowed to be bought by food banks. You see, unless specifically indicated at the time of donation, all money received by food banks can only buy food, which is great but we all know there is more than food needed; toilet paper, shampoo, laundry soap, diapers, etc. To assist in another way, each month, we will be collecting non-food items!” -Brenda

- Pet Food
- Cat Litter
- Treats
- Pet toys
- Collars

