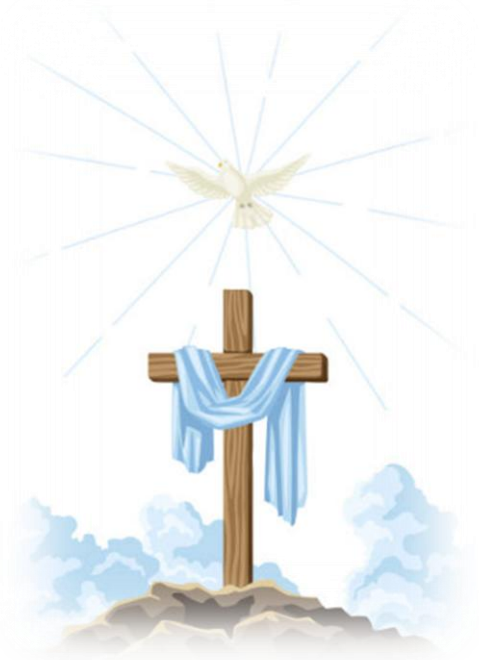




St. Mark's United Methodist Church

February 22nd, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: David & Angie Bywater

Scripture Reader: Ann Showers

Acolyte: Melanie Rose Justice

Today's Special Offering: Iowa City Compassion

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule: March 1st:

Ushers: Cam Davis, Deb Jansen, & Jeremy Showers
Scripture Reader: Jeanne Bennett (*Gensis 2 :2-9, 15-17*)
Acolyte: Izzy Berwald
Communion Servers Kay Seagren, Nancy Krutzfield,
Diane Berwald, Bob & Sherry Kesselring

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Announcements & Weekly News.

Today's Special Offering: Iowa City Compassion

Iowa City Compassion is a Christ centered organization that engages culturally diverse communities together through hope, opportunities and partnerships. Together they equip people at their point of need to move out of poverty and inspire them to be of service to others.



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

with Pastor Alberta

Please join us – Everyone is welcome – A 5-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! Please come down to room 108-109 -no sign up is required to attend.

-this study has changed from a four-week study to a five-week study, ending on March 8th

Lenten series study group is starting Today!

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.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF – Feb 25th at 12:00 noon

Please plan to join St. Mark's United Women in Faith on Wednesday, February 25 at noon for a delicious potluck lunch!

We will be joined by Sara Barth, Events and Fundraising Manager for CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank. She will give a presentation regarding how CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank address the problem of food insecurity as well



as other resources it provides.

Bring a dish to share, your own beverage and table service **and** an item or items to donate to the Food Bank. Everyone is welcome to enjoy our fellowship together while supporting this important organization!



Reminder: If you would like to have any articles in the March newsletter please get information to the office no later than Tuesday, February 24th, at 10:00a.m. – Thank you so much!

Weekly Calendar February 22nd to March 1st

- 02/22:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am – 12:00pm: Lenten Study “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” – Room 108-109
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108
- 02/23:** 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
- 02/24:** 6:30pm – 10:00pm: Focus Forward – Wesley Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm: We Do Recover Group of NA – Room 102
- 02/25:** 12:00pm – 1:30pm: 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 – Youth Room
6:30pm – 7:15pm: Handbell Choir – Music Room
7:15pm – 8:15pm: Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 01/26:** 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 – Room 108-109
- 02/27:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm: We Do Recover Group of NA – Room 102
- 02/28:** 9:00am – 11:00am: Overeaters Anonymous – Room 102
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103
- 03/01:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am – 12:00pm: Lenten Study “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” – Room 108-109
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108



*Thank you for
Joining us in
Worship!*



Southeast District Leadership Training Opportunity For Local Churches

Saturday, March 14th - 9AM to 12 Noon
First UMC, 85 N Jones Blvd, North Liberty IA

Breakout Groups: Artificial Intelligence - Lyle Muller, Mission Ideas - Pastor Michelle Williamson, and Spiritual Leadership - Pastor Chris Childs

There is no cost to attend. We are asking you to register by March 6th - (one person per registration).

Critical Conversations and Conflict Transformation, Presented by: Rev. Ryan Christenson

How are you and your church at coming together with passion and ideas? When important conversations arise, do you navigate them constructively—or does the fire quickly burn out? Sometimes, those sparks of creativity and conviction can lead to harmony and world-changing mission, but other times they ignite dissonance and division.

The truth is: conflict happens. “Conflict” simply is the presence of two or more ideas held by people that care about them. That’s why it’s essential to equip church leaders with the skills to engage in critical conversations and transform conflict.

This 90-minute workshop will provide practical tools, teaching, and strategies you can take back to your congregation. Together we will:

- Explore the nature of conflict and why it matters.
- Review best practices for speaking and listening well.
- Reflect on personal tendencies in conflict situations.
- Consider actionable strategies for your local church.

Join us to transform conflict into an opportunity for deeper connection and stronger ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend!

More information is available online and will be listed in the March Newsletter.