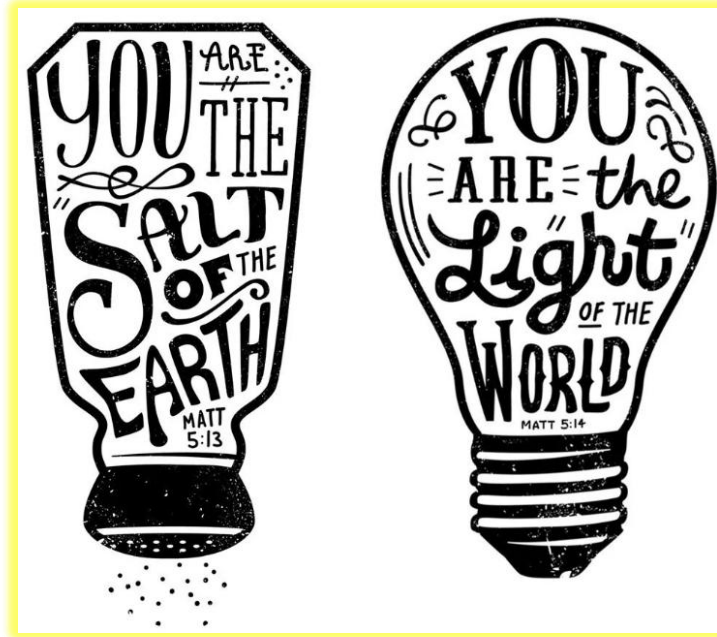




**St. Mark's
United Methodist Church
February 8th, 2026**



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Nancy Krutzfield & Cam Davis

Scripture Reader: Avery McCormick

Acolyte: Melanie Rose Justice

Today's Special Offering: Emma Nugent Scholarship Memorial

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule: February 15th:

Ushers: Izzy Berwald & Dennis Preslicka

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Davis

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Prelude



Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, we know what it is like to be filled to overflowing with great love for you and others in this world.

People: We feel you love in the depth of our souls.

Leader: We have lived through great trials that have dimmed the light that once shined bright into the world.

People: Our love for you is strong and growing stronger every day.

Leader: Help us, Lord, open the shades of our lives so that your light might shine through us into your world.

People: Lord, fill our hearts with joy, excitement, and love so that we can be a beacon of light for others to follow.

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

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A Time for All God's Children

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

This Little Light of Mine

Chancel Choir

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Avery McCormick

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn of Preparation

Bring Forth the Kingdom

pg. 2190 TFWS

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Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Pastor Alberta

Sermon

Restoring God's Salt & Light

Pastor Alberta

Communion

pg. 2257 TFWS

Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine

pg. 2173 TFWS

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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: Emma Nugent Scholarship Fund

This special offering is a memorial to Emma Nugent. The funds are used to support the Emma Nugent Memorial Scholarship.

Book Study: "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 25th, February 1st, 8th, & 15th
Everyone is invited to attend in the Wesley Room from 10:45am - 11:30am



"The Anatomy of Peace" Book Study Starts Today at 1:00pm

with Pastor Alberta



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The Arbinger Institute

Please join us – Everyone is welcome – A 4-week book study in Room 108 starting today!
"Are you struggling, as I am, with feelings of anger, frustration, confusion about the events in Minneapolis? I am unsure how to respond in a way that recognize we are children of God. If you are having similar struggles, please join me starting Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 pm in room 108. Pastor Alberta will guide us in a book study that will help us have open, respectful conversations. We will be reading the book "The Anatomy of Peace." If you have questions, please talk to me." - Nancy Krutzfield

Cinnamon Roll Sunday is here! Pick up your delicious cinnamon rolls today!

Pick up your cinnamon rolls today, after Worship, between 10:30am – 11:30am.

A big thank you to everyone involved, from Kathy making arrangements, all the wonderful bakers, and, of course, everyone who purchased rolls to help make this event a success another year! **Thank you!!**

Proceeds will go to the Emma Nugent Memorial Scholarship; Emma was a big part of this annual activity and she was always 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



United Methodist Men

UMM Meeting & Breakfast is February 14th at 8:00am The February Guest Speaker is Nicole Messerschmitt



Everyone is welcome and invited to join the United Methodist Men for breakfast and fellowship from 8:00 am to 9:30 am on Saturday February 14th in Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker this month is our very own wonderful organist and pianist of St. Mark's who brings the gift of music to our services. Join us in a delicious breakfast and time where we can get to know Nicole better as she shares the journey that led her to St. Mark's.

*The UMM host breakfast with a guest speaker once a month and everyone is invited to attend.
This breakfast is not just for men, but hosted by "United Methodist Men".*

Hooray, Hooray, it's Church Cleaning Day! This Saturday, February 14th from 9:00am to Noon.

If you are able and willing to help us do some cleaning and light painting inside the church we would greatly appreciate it! You do not need to bring anything but yourself, but if you have these items, and would want to bring them to use, it could be very helpful:



- Painting supplies (paint is provided)
- Hand vacuum

Any and all help is very appreciated and helps keep our facilities looking fresh and clean to enjoy by us all. *Please feel free to contact the office or a member of Trustees, during business hours, if you have any questions or concerns. Again, thank you all so much!*



Weekly Calendar February 8th to February 15th

- 02/08:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
10:30am – 11:30am: Cinnamon Roll Sunday! – Pick up your cinnamon rolls
10:45am - 11:30am: Book Study: 3 Simple Questions – Wesley Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108
- 02/09:** 10:30am – 11:30am: Loom Mat Making –Room 103
6:00pm – 7:00pm: ASL – ASL/Youth Room
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall
- 02/10:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm: SPRT Meeting – Small Conference Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm: NA Meeting – Wesley Room
- 02/11:** 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
- 01/12:** 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
- 02/13:** 6:30am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Board Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room
7:00pm – 9:00pm: NA Meeting - Room Wesley Room
- 02/14:** 8:00am – 10:30am: United Methodist Men Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
9:00am – 11:00am: Overeaters Anonymous – Room 102
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings – Room 103
- 02/15:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
10:45am – 11:30am: Book Study: 3 Simple Questions – Wesley Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm: The Anatomy of Peace Book Study – Room 108



*Thank you for
Joining us in
Worship!*



Upcoming Events at St. Marks



- **February 8th – March 3rd: “The Anatomy of Peace” Book Study**
Following Worship, 10:45am – 11:30 in the Wesley Room
- **February 18th – Ash Wednesday; Beginning of Lent**
Worship at 6:30pm
- **February 22nd – Easter Sunday – Lenten Series**
“Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” Book Study
Study following Worship, 11:00am in Room 108-109