



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

March 22nd, 2026

Then
JESUS
said to
His disciples,
IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME,
HE MUST DENY HIMSELF,
AND
take up
his CROSS
AND
FOLLOW
ME.
MATTHEW 16:24

Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Jeannie Bennett & Sherry Kesselring

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Davis

Acolyte: Melanie Justice

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule: March 29th

Ushers: Kay Seagren & Nancy Krutzfield

Scripture Reader: Bob Kesselring (1 John 4:8-10)

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald

St. Mark's UMC, 2675 E. Washington Street, Iowa City

Facebook - www.facebook.com/stmarksumcic/

Office – (319)337-7201 - Email – office@stmarks-umc.net

Rev. Alberta Ervin – (712)269-6968 – Email – alberta.ervin@iaumc.net

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 & partnerships. Together they equip people at their point of need to move out of poverty & inspire them to be of service to others.



Lenten series study group has started– Please join us if you are interested! Sunday, after Worship, at 11:00 am in Room 108-109

Hosted by Pastor Alberta.

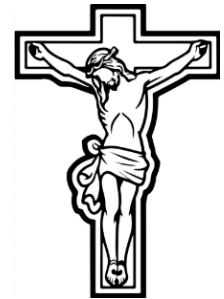
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in a Lenten study group study following Worship in Room 108-109 every Sunday until Easter.

The book for this series is:

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion”

By Adam Hamilton; see the March newsletter for additional information.

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



United Women in Faith:

The United Women in Faith meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 12:00pm (noon).

This will be a general meeting and Potluck in fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a delicious dish to share as well as enjoy fellowship and a wonderful meal.



Easter Plants

Easter plant order forms were emailed 3/17/26. You can find printed copies on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex, as well as in the office.

Cost \$20 per plant

Orders due: March 31st

Please see Diane Berwald for any questions. Thank you!



Donations needed for Easter Baskets

Easter will be here before we know it & the deadline to get items in before they are sent off is approaching quickly.



Easter Baskets:

- Chocolate Bunnies
- Individually wrapped tooth brushes
- Easter plush



Donations accepted for Christmas Stockings: Winter hats, mittens, young adult/teen books, level 1 reader books, & individually wrapped toothbrushes.

Please see Brenda Mayer for any information or questions. Thank you for your gifts!

Weekly Calendar March 22nd – March 29th

No further reservations in Room 104A-104B (Youth Room) -closed for renovations

- 03/22:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am – Noon: Lenten Study “Why Did Jesus Have To Die?” – Rooms 108-109
- 03/23:** 10:30am – 11:30am: Weaving Team–Room 103 (*Missions Room*)
6:00pm – 7:00pm: American Sign Language & Deaf Notes Choir (*Free Class*) – Wesley Room
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall & Fireside Room
- 03/24:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA Meeting – Room 102
- 03/25:** 12:00pm – 1:30pm: United Women in Faith – Fellowship Hall
1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stockings & Other Occasions – Room 103
4:00pm – 5:00pm: Men’s Book Club – Fireside Room
5:30pm – 7:15pm: American Sign Language & Deaf Notes Choir (*Free Class*) – Wesley Room
6:30pm – 7:15pm: Handbell Choir – Music Room
7:15pm – 8:15pm: Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
- 03/26:** 6:00am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Meeting– Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – 11:00am: Iowa City Bookmobile – Church Parking Lot
6:00pm – 8:30pm: Cub Scout Pack 251 – Fellowship Hall & Room 108-109
6:30pm – 10:00pm: Focus Forward – Wesley Room
- 03/27:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA– Room 102
- 03/28:** 9:00am – 11:00am: OA of Iowa – Room 102
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings & Other Occasions – Fellowship Hall
- 03/29:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
11:00am – Noon: Lenten Study “Why Did Jesus Have To Die?” – Rooms 108-109
This is the last day of our Lenten Study

*This weekly calendar may change as items get altered/added/cancelled. Please see our website for the most up to date calendar of events. *Are you planning to use a room but not on the schedule yet? Please contact the office to reserve the space & make sure it is available; we are happy to schedule you! Thank you! (Private events will not be listed in the bulletin)*

Next Week:

United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast Following Worship:

The United Methodist Men make pancakes each 5th Sunday, of months with 5 Sundays.

The next pancake breakfast will be on: **March 29th**

Breakfast is following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome & encouraged to join!



*Thank you for joining us in Worship!
We hope to see you again soon!*