



# St. Mark's United Methodist Church

## April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Happy Easter Sunday!



*Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:*

**Ushers: David Bywater & Boyd Crosby**

**Scripture Reader: Ann Showers**

**Acolyte: Melanie Justice**



**Easter Lilies at the altar are in memory/honor of:**

Lynn Dornfeld (Parker & Bywater Cousins)

Jerry Berwald (Jane Berwald)

Carmen Webber & Steve Person (Diane Berwald)

Stan Aldinger (Husband, Father, Grandpa – Aldinger Family)

Keith Thayer & James Thayer (Husband & Son of Nancy Thayer)

The Parents of Neil & Jeanne Bennett

The parents of Bob & Sherry Kesselring



**Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule: April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Ushers: Deb Jansen & Linda Prybil

Scripture Reader: Kathy Welsh (Proverbs 17:22)

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald

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

**Facebook - [www.facebook.com/stmarksumcic/](http://www.facebook.com/stmarksumcic/)**

**Office – (319)337-7201 - Email – [office@stmarks-umc.net](mailto:office@stmarks-umc.net)**

**Rev. Alberta Ervin – (712)269-6968 – Email – [alberta.ervin@iaumc.net](mailto:alberta.ervin@iaumc.net)**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Death has been defeated; the grave has lost its sting.

People: Love's redeeming work is done—Christ has won the victory!

Leader: Let us lift high our voices in praise,

People: For Christ is alive, and we are alive in him!

All: Alleluia! Amen.



Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
v. 1, 2, 3, 4

pg. 302 UMH  
with Organ & Handbells

A Time for All God's Children

Pastor Alberta


Special Music

Hallelujah  
Chorus from Messiah G.F. Handel / adapted Adam & Matt Podd

Chancel Choir

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

Hebrews 2:14-15

Ann Showers

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 895 UMH

Hymn of Preparation

Crown Him With Many Crowns  
v. 1, 2, 4

pg. 327 UMH

Scripture

John 20:21-22

Pastor Alberta

Sermon

The Victory of Christ

Pastor Alberta

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
*One verse from screen only, then v. 1 & 3 from hymnal*

pg. 89 UMH

Benediction

Pastor Alberta

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful

Words on Screen

Postlude

# Announcements & Weekly News



**Today's Special Offering:** No special offering today – Happy Easter.

**Easter is a time to rejoice, reflect, & renew our faith in the miracle of resurrection.**



**Graye Matters April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Skylight Seating Area**

**The book for this month is: "The Four Winds" By Kristin Hannah**

Graye Matters is a monthly book club that meet at St. Mark's the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

*Additional information regarding this months book is listed in the newsletter.*

**United Methodist Men**



**UMM Meeting & Breakfast is April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

The guest speaker will be: Tony Morrow

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 April 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker this month is Tony Morrow, the manager of the Hy-Vee on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

–see Bob Kesselring for details.

*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 the "United Methodist Men".*



**United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfast Following Worship:**

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

The next pancake breakfast will be on: May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Breakfast is following Worship in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend – it is always delicious & fun!*



**United Women in Faith: April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Executive Board meeting in Room 108-109 at 11 a.m.

**Free Lunch Program: April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Address: 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, April 12<sup>th</sup>** for volunteers to prepare tater tot casserole (*recipe provided*) and bring in next Sunday; April 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Also needed are bars and cookies. Please bring these donations to church Sunday morning April 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. The opportunity to volunteer on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning as early as 10:30am: *preparing silverware packets, salad, dining room setup, serving food at noon, & clean up after 1:00pm.*



Any questions, contact St. Mark's faithful Free Lunch Coordinator, Truda Kruger 319- 354-5595.

The Free Lunch program is an amazing opportunity to help feed those in need of a good meal within our community.

*See the April newsletter for more information regarding the Free Lunch Program.*



# Weekly Calendar April 5<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>

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

- 04/05:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
**Happy Easter!**
- 04/06:** 10:30am – 11:30am: Weaving Team–Room 103  
5:30pm – 6:30pm: Trustees Meeting – Small Conference 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
- 04/07:** 9:30am – 11:00am: Grayye Matters – Wesley Room  
6:00pm – 7:30pm: Odd Fellows – Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA Meeting – Room 102
- 04/08:** 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stockings & Other Occasions – Room 102 & 103  
4:00pm – 5:00pm: Men’s Book Club – Fireside Room  
5:00pm – 6:30pm: SPRT Meeting – Small Conference 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
- 04/09:** 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 & Rooms 108-109
- 04/10:** 6:30am –8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Board Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room  
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA– Room 102
- 04/11:** 8:00am –10:30am: United Methodist Men Breakfast & Guest Speaker – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
9:00am – 11:00am: OA of Iowa – Room 102  
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings & Other Occasions – Rooms 102 & 103
- 04/12:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary  
10:30am – 12:30pm: Focus Forward – Room 109

*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)*

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

**Just for fun!** – Everyone (all ages) is welcomed to participate in the Easter chick hunt! You will find many tiny baby chicks throughout the church. The mama chick has been in the office sitting on her eggs & now has a filled Easter eggs/goodies basket beside her. For each chick you return to the basket you can redeem for an egg/prize. Do you know why eggs are used in celebration of Easter? See more information in the office & on bulletin boards – I hope you all have fun with this activity.

