



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

July 12th, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Jeanne Bennett & Donna Higgins

Scripture Reader: Mary Brown

Acolyte: Melanie Justice

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Boyd Crosby & Kay Seagren

Scripture Reader: Ann Showers (Matthew 2:1-12)

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald & Nevaeh Kendall

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

***NEW Website: www.smumcic.com**

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



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of all greatness, we have come to worship your name.

People: We come to give you our lives, our dreams, our hopes.

Leader: In your mightiness, you have proven all is possible in you.

People: You answered Hannah's prayers. In return, she fulfilled her promise to you.

Leader: You have heard our prayers, hope, and dreams. We await your answer.

People: In return, we have promised to open our hearts to you. We have promised to use our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness so that you may work through us in the world.

All: Come Lord Jesus, Come into our hearts and into the world.

Opening Hymn	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Pg. 496 UMH
---------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------

Special Recognition	2026 Graduate: Tatum Hale
----------------------------	----------------------------------

Special Music	Nichole Messerschmitt
----------------------	------------------------------

<u>Offertory & Prayer</u> – 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 Samuel 1:9-18	Mary Brown
-------------------------	------------------------	-------------------

Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Alberta
------------------------	-----------------------

The Lord’s Prayer	Pg. 85 UMH
--------------------------	-------------------

Hymn of Preparation	A Mother Lined a Basket	Pg. 2189 TFWS
----------------------------	--------------------------------	----------------------

Scripture	1 Samuel 1:19-28	Pastor Alberta
------------------	-------------------------	-----------------------

Sermon	Hannah's Precious Gift to God	Pastor Alberta
---------------	--------------------------------------	-----------------------

Closing Hymn	Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire	Pg. 492 UMH
---------------------	--	--------------------

Benediction	Pastor Alberta
--------------------	-----------------------

Benediction Song	Set Forth By God’s Blessing	Pg. 664 UMH
-------------------------	------------------------------------	--------------------

Postlude



Announcements & Weekly News

Today's Special Offering: Iowa UMC Camping Ministry



The mission of Iowa Methodist Camps is to allow our youth to explore Christ's love in a safe and welcoming environment.

Our annual campaign has become vital to the sustainability of our outdoor Christian faith experience for both our youth and adults. The campaign, and the campaign's success allows both Okoboji and Wesley Woods U.M. Camps to thrive and move into the future.

**Please place donations to special offering in yellow envelope; located at each usher stand, or ask your usher for assistance.*

Thank you for your generous gifts!



Knit & Crochet Group
July 15th 11:30am – 1:00pm
in the Skylight Seating Area

Everyone is welcome to bring their knitting and crochet project to enjoy fellowship while crafting.

Missions Trip July 15th
Meet at 7:00 am
in the church parking lot.



Everyone is welcome to join this
1-day mission trip to:
Midwest Missions in Jefferson, IA.

We will be assembling food kits, personal item kits & school kits in two- 2-hour sessions.



There will be cars & drivers available so you can ride along with others, see sign up in Fellowship Hall. The carpool group will leave from St. Mark's at 7:00am. & head to Midwest Mission in Jefferson Iowa. Plan to arrive back to town in the late afternoon, same day.

There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall, please write your info in if you are planning to attend. *Sign up is located between the bulletin boards, on top of the donation bins.*

Please see a member of the Missions Team, or Paul Schroeder, for any questions.



Special Recognition:

Today we honor senior Tatum Hale who graduated this year from West Liberty High School.

Tatum is looking forward to attending college at University of Northern Iowa this fall for music education.

(Tatum is the daughter of Mandy, who is the office administrator for St. Mark's)

Church Clean-Up-Day: July 18th at 9:00am to Noon

Please join the Trustees, if you are able, for a church clean-up day! There are tasks for both indoor & outdoors.



We are hoping to: wash windows, finish painting, picking up sticks, tidy up the playground, move equipment in the shed, label cabinets, etc. There is no need to sign up, if you are able to help we would love to have you!

Please see a member of Trustees for any questions: Boyd Crosby, Nancy Krutzfield, Donna Higgins, & Bob Bassett.

**It is with heavy hearts that we
announce the passing of June Seydel.**

Funeral service will be at **Lensing Funeral & Cremation**

605 Kirkwood Ave, Iowa City, IA 52240

Funeral & Visitation on: Monday, July 13th

Visitation 10:00am – 11:00am

Funeral starts at 11:00am

-See LensingFuneral.com for the full obituary-



Instagram:

St. Mark's now has an IG account! Feel free to give it a follow to keep up to date with things going on in the church!



St.Marks_UMC_IowaCity

Change of offices:

If you are in the building regularly you may have already noticed, that Pastor Alberta's office has moved across the hall & Mandy has moved into her old office. We also have some wonderful volunteers who have been filling in the main office desk:



Huge thank you to:

Kay, Donna, Nancy, & Sherry for volunteering at the front desk!

Feel free to stop in & say Hello!

Weekly Calendar for July 12th – July 19th

- 07/12:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
- 07/13** 10:00am – 12:00pm: Weaving Team – Room 103
6:00pm – 7:00pm: American Sign Language (*Free Class*) – Wesley Room
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall & Fireside Room
- 07/14:** 5:00pm – 6:30pm: SPRT Meeting – Small Conference Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA Meeting – Room 102
- 07/15:** 11:30am – 1:00pm: Knitting & Crochet Group – Skylight Seating area
1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stocking & Other Occasions – Room 103
4:00pm – 5:00PM: Men’s Book Club – Fireside Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm: American Sign Language (*Free Class*) – Wesley Room
- 07/16:** 6:30am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Meeting– Fellowship Hall
- 07/17** 11:30am – 12:00pm: Iowa City Public Library Book Mobile – Parking Lot
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA– Room 102
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Dungeons & Dragons – Fireside Room
- 07/18:** 9:00am – 12:00pm: Church Clean Up Day – Indoors & Out
9:00am – 10:00am: OA of Iowa – Room 102
- 07/19:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
10:30am – 12:30pm: Finance Meeting – Room 108-109

This weekly calendar may change as events are altered, added, or cancelled.

Please see our website for the most up to date calendar of events.

-Private events will not be listed in the bulletin-

Are you planning to use a room but not on the schedule yet?

Please contact the office to make sure a space is available & have it reserve for your needs; we are happy to schedule you!

Thank you!