



St. Mark's United Methodist Church July 19th, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Boyd Crosby & Nancy Krutzfield

Scripture Reader: Ann Showers

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald & Nevaeh Kendall

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Ann Parker & Deb Jansen

Scripture Reader: Lowell Fenner (John 4:7-15)

Acolyte: Melanie Justice



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, our hearts are open, our eyes are open, and our ears are open to you.

People: We are your prophets of today.

Leader: You live in our hearts, whisper in our ears, and you show us the future with our eyes.

People: Lord, help us witness to the world what you have revealed to us.

Leader: Lord, we are your servants.

People: We serve as your Passionate Spiritual Disciples, leading others with the prophecies you tell us to share with the world.

Opening Hymn	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1, 2, 3, 5	Pg. 57 UMH
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Special Music	Speak & We Will Hear Joseph Martin & Jimbo Stevens	Chancel Choir
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<u>Offertory & Prayer</u> – Doxology	Pg. 95 UMH
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 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	Matthew 2:1-12	Ann Showers
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Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Alberta
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The Lord’s Prayer		Pg. 85 UMH
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Hymn of Preparation	Take My Life, and Let It Be	Pg. 399 UMH
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Scripture	Luke 2:36-38	Pastor Alberta
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Sermon	Anna the Prophetess	Pastor Alberta
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Closing Hymn	God Hath Spoken by the Prophets v. 1, 3	Pg. 108 UMH
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Benediction		Pastor Alberta
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Benediction Song	As We Go	Pg. 3183 W&S
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Postlude



Announcements & Weekly News



Today's Special Offering: CommUnity Food Bank

The CommUnity Food Bank at Pepperwood Plaza provides produce, bakery, deli, dairy, health, baby, hygiene and non-perishable items. Residents of Johnson County, IA can receive grocery assistance once per week. Clients may choose their own items with some limits based on family size. Pre-made bags are available for individuals who prefer not to shop. Shopping at the Food Bank is completely free and confidential.

**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!

United Women in Faith July 22nd meet at 7:00am Field Trip Off Campus

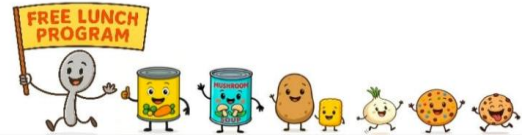


July 18 will be Mission U at FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny campus. The theme is: "Experiencing Emmanuel. How do we experience God in times of joy and in challenging times of anxiety, fear, or sadness?"

Iowa City Free Lunch Program.

St. Mark's Day for Free Lunch is: July 20th

Address: 1105 S. Gilbert Court, Iowa City



1. Please bring pans with casseroles with you on Sunday, July 19th.
2. Also needed: bars & cookies. Please bring these donations to church Sunday morning, July 19th.
3. The opportunity to volunteer on Monday, July 20th at 1105 Gilbert Court, Iowa City beginning as early as 10:30am. *Volunteers can help by: preparing silverware packets, salad, dining room setup, serving food, & clean up after.*

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

NSI (Non-Snap Items) Meeting July 27th 10:45a.m. – 11:30am in Room 101



Are you concerned about the SNAP benefits being cut? We are. Because of the recent cuts to SNAP there are many items people need that are no longer available with the existing benefits.

We are proposing a monthly collection & delivery of Non-SNAP items to the local food pantries.

Each month we will collect different items not covered by SNAP.

We hope to share our enthusiasm for this ministry with you. Brenda Mayer, Sherry Kesselring and Julie Troyer. -See the monthly newsletter for more information about the NSI ministry.

Items we are collecting for July include: Baby Items!

Can you believe they have cut SNAP benefits for baby items? Believe it or not but diapers are not included in benefits. So, this month of July we are collecting baby items. We ask that you bring diapers in all sizes, wipes, diaper cream, bibs, or anything else you would like! Donations go to: Iowa City Compassion & CommUnity Food Bank.



*-Please place all donations in marked bin located in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!!!*



Weekly Calendar for July 19th – July 26th

- 07/19:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
Drop off casseroles & desserts for Free Lunch Program
10:30am – 12:30am: Finance Meeting – Room 108-109
- 07/20** 10:00am – 12:00pm: The Loomatics/Weaving Team – Room 103
10:30am – 1:30pm: Free Lunch Program – 1105 S Gilbert Court Iowa City
4:00pm – 6:00pm: The Loomatics/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
- 07/21:** 9:00am – 12:00pm: Chapter JF P.E.O – Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 7:00pm: Odd Fellows – Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Executive Council Meeting - Room 109
6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA Meeting – Room 102
- 07/22:** 7:00am: United Women in Faith Field Trip – Meet in the parking lot.
1:00pm – 5:00pm: Christmas Stockings & 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
- 07/23:** 6:30am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Meeting– Fellowship Hall
- 07/24:** 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
- 07/25:** 9:00am – 10:00am: OA of Iowa – Room 102
1:00pm – 4:00pm: Christmas Stockings & Other Occasions – Room 103
- 07/26:** 9:00am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary

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!

Coming Soon....

**Fireside Fellowship:
August 2nd 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Sponsored by Focus Forward



Everyone is invited
to a fun evening of
music, games,
campfire, s'mores,
& fellowship!

More information located on the
bulletin boards in
Fellowship Hall & Narthex.

Coming This Fall: Ministry Summit 2.0!

Get ready—Ministry Summit 2.0 is coming this fall!

Join us for an exciting time filled with games, great food, & lots of fun as we gather together as a community.

This year, our discipleship pathways will cross again as we grow together—learning, loving, & sharing God in meaningful & impactful ways. Whether you are new or have been part of the journey before, there's something for everyone.



Mark your calendars & come ready to connect, be encouraged, & celebrate what God is doing among us!

-The Focus Forward Team

