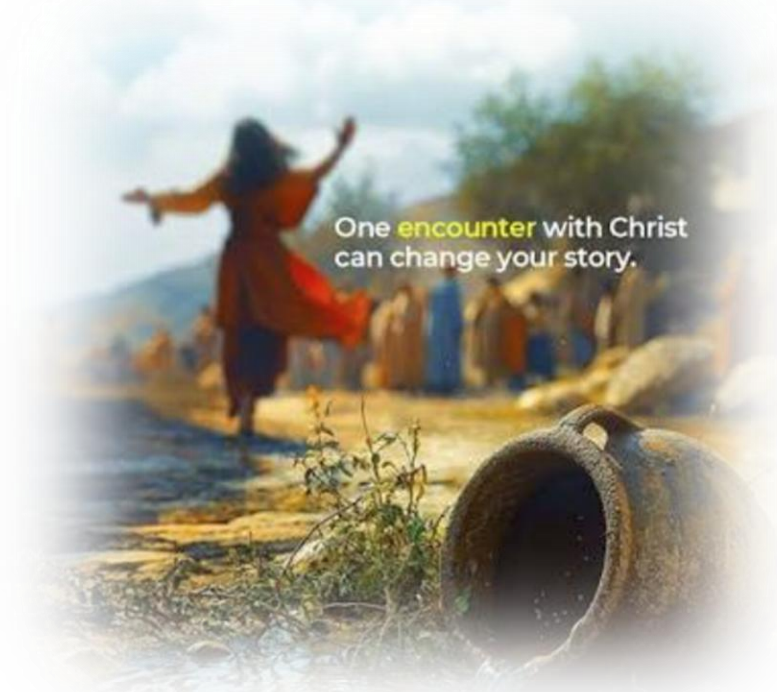




St. Mark's United Methodist Church July 26th, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Ann Parker & Deb Jansen

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

Acolyte: Melanie Justice

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:

Communion Servers: Brenda Mayer, Diane Berwald, Kae Tritle,
& Carol & Dennis Preslicka

Ushers: Lee McKnight, Donna Higgins, & David Bywater

Scripture Reader: Ann Fenner

Acolyte: Izzy Berwald & Nevaeh Kendall

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, you come into our lives as a stranger, but you know everything about us.

People: We welcome you as a stranger in our lives, but we long to know more about you.

Leader: You treat us as family even when we are sinners.

People: You offer us unconditional love, grace, and mercy.

Leader: You set us free to go into the world loving You as our God and our neighbors as you love us.

People: Lord, let us witness to the world as we pass on all we know about you. Let us shout from the mountain top your love for the world.

Opening Hymn	Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	Pg. 277 UMH
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Special Music	America The Beautiful	Megan Bywater
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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	John 4:7-15	Lowell Fenner
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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	The First One Ever	Pg. 276 UMH
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Scripture	John 4:19-29	Pastor Alberta
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Sermon	Finding the Water of Life	Pastor Alberta
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Closing Hymn	When We All Get to Heaven v 1, 2, 3	Pg. 701 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:

The 52 Club



The 52 Club provides an awesome opportunity to make a difference in people's lives for only \$1.00 a week!

The money supports local, national, & international projects. The money is also used for unexpected emergencies.

The Missions Committee urges members to join the 52 Club annually. A good way to do this is to donate \$52 each year on your birthday.

**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!

**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.



July Collection has been for: Baby Items!



**August Collection:
Personal Grooming Items**

*Please place all donations
in the marked collection bin located
in Fellowship Hall (between bulletin boards).*

Thank you for your kind donations

**Are you leading or part of a group
who meet in the church?**

Please use our new sign in sheets:

Each room has a black metal hanging file organizer (*located near the door*) with a folder that holds the check in forms.

Once completed please place back in the folder for collection & entry.

**If your room does not yet have a file organizer hung, you will find these forms on the table.*



Welcome! Please Check In.

I know the dreaded word of "paperwork" can be frustrating but I am asking you all for a favor - could you please be so kind to complete a "Check-In" sheet at each group meeting so that I may log who/how many are attending groups for our year end statistical report?

I promise it will only take a moment of your time as I have tried to make it a quick, simple form. Just write the names of all who attend, whether the leader wants to record it, or you leave it out for all members to write their names. Place a check mark next to the leader(s) of the group & that is it! *If there is a member joining you, who would not be in our computer system, they are welcome to complete a "New Member" half sheet with the options to be added to our email list &/or directory - this is optional*

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this new practice & know I appreciate your help with this so very much.

-Mandy

Weekly Calendar for July 26th – August 2nd

- 07/26:** 9:30am – 10:30am: Worship – Sanctuary
- 07/27:** 10:00am – 12:00pm: The Loomatics/Weaving Team – Room 103
 10:45am – 11:30am: NSI Ministry Meeting – Room 101
 4:00pm – 6:00pm: The Loomatics/Weaving Team – Room 103
 6:00pm – 7:00pm: American Sign Language (*Free Class*) – Wesley Room
 6:30pm – 8:00pm: Endowment Committee Meeting – Room 108
 6:30pm – 9:00pm: Scout Troop 250 – Fellowship Hall & Fireside Room
- 07/28:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm: “We Do Recover” Group of NA Meeting – Room 102
- 07/29:** 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
- 07/30:** 6:30am – 8:30am: Old Capitol Kiwanis Meeting– Fellowship Hall
- 07/31:** 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
- 08/01:** 9:00am – 10:00am: OA of Iowa – Room 102
- 08/02:** 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!

Finance Update

Request for Payment or Reimbursement:



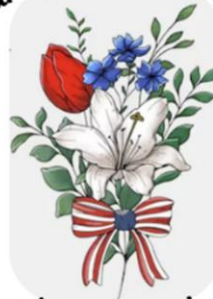
The Finance Team would like to share a new policy for submitting a 'Request for Payment' Form. Please submit these forms to the office **within 60 days** of the purchase date to receive reimbursement for goods or services provided to the church.

Please be sure to fill out the form entirely and include all necessary receipts.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Please see a member of the Finance Team for any questions:
 Bart Troyer, Ann Fenner, Markus VanTol, Dennis Stevens, Christina Leopold, or Lee McKnight.

Thank you for joining us



in Worship!

NEWSLETTER:

Deadline for the newsletter is fast approaching – please get your articles to the office no later than **10am on Tuesday, July 28th**

Thank you!

Facebook:

Please follow our NEW Facebook page to keep up to date on all things going on here at St.Mark's!



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Instagram:

St. Mark's now has an IG account! We welcome everyone who uses this form of social media to give us a follow!



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