



St. Mark's United Methodist Church September 20th, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Ushers: Deb Jansen & Jeremy Showers

Scripture Reader: Brenda Mayer

Acolyte: Melanie

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Ann Parker & Dennis Preslicka

Scripture Reader : Ann Fenner

Acolyte: Izzy & Nevaeh

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have taught us that one person can make a difference.

People: You called Noah to build an ark in the middle of nowhere.

Leader: Noah, with his immediate family was the fresh start for humanity after the flood.

People: Lord, you have called and I have said yes to serve you.

Leader: Lord, where do you need us to serve?

People: Lord, teach me how to be your leader today.

Opening Hymn

One More River

from screen

A Time for All God's Children

Pastor Alberta

Special Music

Hope Abides

by Brenda Austin

Handbell Choir

Offertory & Prayer – Doxology

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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

Genesis 6:11-22

Brenda Mayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn of Preparation

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

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Scripture

Genesis 9:7-17

Pastor Alberta

Sermon

One Person Can Make a Difference

Pastor Alberta

Closing Hymn

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

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Benediction

Pastor Alberta

Benediction Song

I've Got the Joy Down in My Heart

see slides

Postlude

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

Announcements & Weekly News



Today's Special Offering: Operation Backpack

The Backpack Program identifies food insecure children on an annual basis. Each Friday, local schools send a bag of single-serve food items home in the backpacks of hungry children so that they may be fed over the weekend. With the help of schools, volunteers, & community partners, HACAP is able to feed hundreds of children in our community.



**Please place donations to this special offering in the yellow envelope; located in the offering tray & at each usher stand. See today's usher for questions & thank you for your generous gifts!*



Study starts today! **Going Deeper with God's Leaders**

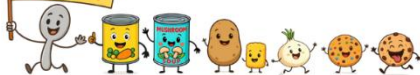
Sunday's Sept. 20th – Oct. 25th 11am - 12:00pm

Join Pastor Alberta each Sunday following worship in Room 104 for a conversation style study to go deeper into the sermon of that day.

**There is no sign up necessary, no materials or cost, & no obligation to attend each week. This study is open to everyone! For more information, see the handouts located in Fellowship Hall & Narthex, or contact the office.*

Everyone is welcome! We hope you will join us!

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM



Iowa City Free Lunch Program: Mon. Sept. 21st

Address: 1105 S. Gilbert Court, Iowa City

Ways you can help:

- ❖ Remember to bring in the tater tot casserole with you on Sunday & place in the fridge.
- ❖ Also needed: bars & cookies. Please bring these donations to church Sunday morning. *Desserts do not have to be individually pkg, just label "FLP" & place in the kitchen*



Volunteers are needed on Monday, September 21st at 1105 Gilbert Court, beginning as early as 10:30am. Volunteers can help by: preparing silverware packets, salad, dining room setup, serving food, & clean up after.



They have been short volunteers the past few times, so anyone able to help Monday, please contact Truda so we do not lose our spot in this wonderful mission.

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. **120 meals are served daily!** Thank you to all who help make this possible.

United Women in Faith **September 23rd 1:00pm** **in Fellowship Hall**

Please join the United Women in Faith for a general meeting in Fellowship Hall on the 23rd.

New members are always welcome to come in & see what they are all about & join – no need to sign up prior.

Any questions, please see Mary Brown





NSI call for donations



September, we are collecting personal hygiene items.

These include:

male & female incontinence
briefs such as depends &
poise. Tampons & pads.



“Help those having a hard time making it through.”

Please consider helping the community.
Anything we can do is greatly appreciated.

*Please place all donations in the marked bin located
in Fellowship Hall & thank you for donations.*



Warm Winter Wear: Oct. 11-17th

This spell of cool weather reminds us that winter is coming. The Consultation of Religious Communities (CRC) & the Community Outreach Division of the Iowa City Police Dept. are again co-sponsoring this year's Warm Winter Wear Distribution during the week of Oct. 11 - 17.

Please see the flyers in Fellowship Hall & the Narthex for a list of items needed. You may bring your donations to St. Mark's soon - there will be an area in Fellowship Hall for these much-needed items.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make this very large community event run smoothly. If you are able to help during this important event.



Please see the QR code for access
to the Sign-Up Genius.

See Mary Brown for any questions.



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

Do you lead a mission that has a calling for donations & need space to collect/store items?

The church is busy now with reservations in each room weekly! Can you believe it!? This is so wonderful but also means that reservations are extremely important.

If you are needing to use the church for a meeting or activity: Please contact the office to ensure the room is available the entire length of time you need to use it. *Not every event/reservation will be on the printed calendar as some private events are left as such.*

If you are needing space in the church to store items, for a collection/donation: This too needs to be relayed to the office prior to the collection taking place. Not to “approve” or “deny” any donation but to reserve the space needed to store the items, manage potential overflow of items, & ensure a proper space is set up for your mission to succeed.

The office will need to know:

1. Who is in charge of the collection?
2. What type of collection bin/boxes are donated items being accepted & stored in? When are these arriving to the church?
3. How will the donations of items be handled, i.e. who/when/how often will donations be moved from the collection area to a designated assigned storage area to keep all rooms/areas neat & uncluttered?
4. How much space do you anticipate needing for donations?
5. Have you spoken to Trustees – this step is not that a ministry needs approved but space within the church, no matter if a room or storage, does need approved & reserved so that each room in the church can present neat, tidy, & function as it needs to for each group/reservation using the space.

This is in no way meant to discourage or make any mission difficult, but meaning to have things well planned out & keep the church neat, tidy, & looking as beautiful as possible for all to enjoy! 😊 Thank you so very much for your cooperation & all the hard work that is put into these wonderful missions & ministries that make us all proud of St. Mark's! You are all a wonderful, dedicated, & giving group of people who certainly brighten the community in so many ways. *Thank you so much* -Mandy

*Any questions or concerns please contact the office or a member of Trustees:
Dave McDowell, Body Crosby, Nancy Krutzfield, Donna Higgins, & Bob Bassett.*

The weekly calendar may not be on upcoming bulletins as space in the bulletins is limited & we are so busy now it is getting pretty long. If it is not in the bulletin it will be sent by email. The calendar will continue to be posted in the Narthex & is available for viewing on our website.