St. Mark's United Methodist Church
October 25th , 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Scripture Reader: **Bob Kesselring**
Acolyte: Izzy & Nevaeh
Ushers: Kay Seagren & Sherry Kesselring

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:

Scripture Reader: Averie McCormick
Acolyte: Melanie
Ushers: Ann Parker, David Bywater, & Lee McKnight
Communion: Kae Tritle, Nancy Krutzfield, Ann Parker, and Dennis & Carol Preslicka

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: God, we know that nothing is impossible with you.

People: You have taught us that no problem is too great for you.

Leader: Nehemiah teaches us that when you are our partner, we can build anything with the team you send us.

People: Lord, help us as we start this next adventure with you.

Opening Hymn	**God Made From One Blood** v 1, 2, 5	**#2170 TFWS**
Scripture Reader	**Nehemiah 1:1-11**	**Bob Kesselring**
Special Music	**The House That Love is Building** *Sarah Hart, arr. Rick Modlin*	**Chancel Choir**
Bible Presentation		**Cindy McDowell**
A Time for All God's Children		**Pastor Alberta**

Offertory & Prayer – Doxology **# 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.

**If you are paying via Tithe.ly app, please be sure to change "Fund" to General; Thank you for your gifts!*

Pastoral Prayer		**Pastor Alberta**
The Lord's Prayer		**# 895 UMH**
Hymn of Preparation	**Jesus, United by Thy Grace** v 1, 2, 4, 5	**#561 UMH**
Scripture	**Nehemiah 2:1-10**	**Pastor Alberta**
Sermon	**Nehemiah: No Problem Is Too Big When You Have Help**	**Pastor Alberta**
Closing Hymn	**Forward Through the Ages**	**#555 UMH**
Benediction		**Pastor Alberta**
Benediction Song	**As We Go**	**# 3169 W&S**

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship! – We hope to see you again soon. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee time.

Announcements & Weekly News

Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend events at St. Mark's; you do not have to be a church member to join any of the study's, missions/ministries & see what we are all about.

Today's Special Offering

IOWA CONFERENCE *of the* UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ingathering

6th Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday November 7th, 2026.
The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Our times have changed. The methods & means may change. The work of being in mission continues. The five sites are Cedar Falls, Cherokee, Fort Dodge, Mount Pleasant & Greenfield.

**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!

LAST CHANCE

Please join us after worship for the last sermon study:

Going Deeper with God's Leaders

11am - 12:00pm in Room 104

Nehemiah: No Problem Is Too Big When You Have Help

This is a conversation style study going deeper into the daily sermon focusing on God's leaders in the Bible.

United Women in Faith

October 28th at 1:00 pm
General Meeting
Fellowship Hall

New members welcome!
See Mary Brown for questions.



Dont forget to grab your pumpkin!



Pumpkin's are free will donation that will go to helping our Christmas Stocking Ministry with supplies & gifts.



Please mark all payments "Pumpkins" & place in the locked box in the Narthex or drop in the office.

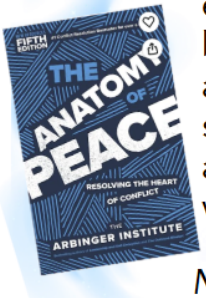
Thank you for your kind donations!



LAST DAY

Anatomy of Peace Study
Thursdays in October
6:30pm - 8:00pm in Room 104

Join Pastor Alberta Thursday nights all October to go deeper in the lessons of The Anatomy of Peace.



Please feel free to join this study even if you do not have the book, didn't go to the first, &/or are just wanting to see what this study is all about. You will walk away from each session with a valuable lesson.

No sign up necessary.
Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

To fill the stockings, we are looking for:

Christmas Stocking Ministry

If you are interested in donating to the Christmas Stocking Ministry, please see the bulletin board in the Nartex, the October newsletter &/or the donation bin in Fellowship Hall.

Please place all donations in the marked bin located in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generous donations! Please see Brenda Mayer with any questions regarding this ministry.

ALL SAINTS DAY
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST



November 1st
Daylight Savings

Don't forget to turn your clocks back at 2:00am



FALL CLEANUP DAY!

November 7th
9:00am – 12:00pm

Please join us November 7th from 9:00am - 12:00pm to work together & clean up of the grounds of St. Mark's to help keep our church beautiful for all to enjoy & worship. The more volunteers the quicker & lighter the work will be. No need to sign up; we hope you can join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a favorite rake, blower, or tool that helps you clean the yard, please feel welcome to bring it along! We appreciate everyone who is willing & able to help!
-Hosted by St. Mark's Trustee Group

Charge Conference

2026 Charge Conference:
November 8th
from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
at: North Liberty UMC

If you have not done so already, please be sure to go to our Facebook page & push the "Follow" button. This will help keep you up to date on news, events, & updates from the church.
If you feel called to do so, we would appreciate you sharing it with others as well!
Thank you so very much!

NEW QR Code for the NEW Facebook Page



Thank you for joining us in worship!

We hope to see you again soon!





NSI



Non-SNAP-Items

Donations accepted this month:
Pet items.
Dog food or dog treats.
Dog toys & dog beds.
Leashes & collars. Cat food & litter.
Anything that will be of use.

Next NSI Meeting:
November 2nd
at 9:45am
in Room 101
No meeting in October

"Just because the powers that be cut benefits to our most vulnerable doesn't mean they should have to suffer. Pets provide comfort & companionship & need care. Help our most at risk take care of their furry friends!
Please when you're at the store remember our little guys & pick them up something!"

Please place all donated items in the marked collection bins located in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you for your kind donations!





See Brenda Mayer, Julie Troyer &/or Sherry Kesselring for any questions regarding the NSI ministry.

