St. Mark's United Methodist Church
November 8th, 2026



Today's Wonderful Worship Volunteers Include:

Scripture: Mary Brown
Acolyte: Izzy & Nevaeh
Ushers: Donna Higgins, Sherry Kesselring, & David Bywater
Communion Servers: Nancy Krutzfield, Angie Bywater,
Kae Tritle, Dennis & Carol Preslicka,

Next Week Worship Volunteer Schedule:
Scripture: Kathy Welsh
Acolyte: Melanie
Ushers: Dennis Preslicka & Kay Seagren

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Announcements & Weekly News

~Everyone is welcome to all groups/ministries ~

~ You do not have to be a St. Mark's member to participate –

Today's Special Offering:

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) gifts given play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response. 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year are directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most.

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.

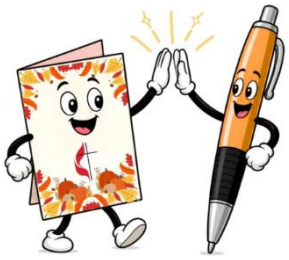
Thank you for your generous gifts!

Today

2026 Charge Conference
November 8th 4:00pm - 6:00pm
at North Liberty First: UMC
85 N Jones Blvd, North Liberty, IA 52317

Charge Conference

Faithful Connections



Please join us this month:
Thursday, November 12th
at 10:00am in the
Wesley Room

"Join us reaching out & reminding others that we are ALL COGPOW – Children of God, People of Worth. With the news, elections, & disasters around the world, wars, - oh, just everything that's happening in our lives, everyone needs a moment of reassurance of God's presence. We can provide that moment!" -Brenda

See the newsletter for more information on this ministry.



Request for pictures!

We are starting to build our website & we need your pictures. No matter if they are recent or past, if you have some favorite images you could send the office we would truly appreciate it! Please email: office@stmarks-umc.net and have the email title be "Pictures" or "Website. Thank you!!!

- *Mandy*



Saturday November 14th at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall

UMM

United Methodist Men Breakfast & Guest Speaker

St. Mark's United Methodist Men's group meet in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00am for breakfast & a guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend! This breakfast is hosted by the United Methodist Men but is not only for men.

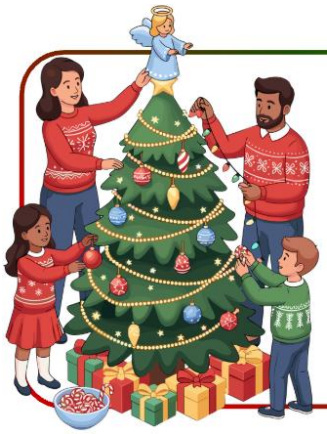
The guest speaker this month is Chelsea Markle from The Arc of SE Iowa.

- See Bob Kesselring with any questions.

The UMM make a hot & fresh pancake breakfast for everyone to enjoy on every 5th Sunday. Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship & breakfast after worship on these dates. It is always a lot of fun & delicious! The next 5th Sunday is November 29th however, the pancake breakfast is scheduled for the following week due to the holidays.



Please join us December 6th for pancakes!



Hanging of the GREENS

November 22nd

Please join us after worship as we decorate the church for Christmas & enjoy fellowship! More details on our website.

NSI Next Meeting: November 30th from 9:45am - 10:30am in Room 101

Donations accepted this month: Holiday Items

"The month of November we are gathering holiday items. These would include holiday meal ingredients such as corn, pumpkin, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, etc.



Also extras to make the holiday special such as decorated paper plates and napkins or decorations. Anything that you think would be useful or fun to celebrate the Holidays, the sky is the limit!" - Julie



Please place all donated items in the marked collection bins located in Fellowship Hall. See the monthly newsletter &/or Brenda Mayer, Julie Troyer, or Sherry Kesselring with any questions regarding the NSI ministry.



Items needed to fill the Christmas Stockings, if you would like to donate include:

- Grippy socks for all ages
- Paperback books for Young Adults *(senior high student)*
- Decks of cards &/or card games for any ages.
- Special Request for Iowa City Rehab: 1 – 12 pack cans of pop in: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, & Diet Sprite *(one of each of these)*.

The Christmas Stocking ministry is also looking for volunteers to help deliver the stockings next month. Please see Novembers monthly newsletter for more details.

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.

The Fleece Blanket Project: Starting next month but donations are being accepted now.

The Fleece Blanket Project will start in December & are raising funds/fabric to get started. Each blanket takes two different pieces of fleece 2 yards each. With JoAnn's closed Hobby Lobby is the local source of fleece & have their material 30% off every other week. If this is something you would like to support, please donate money to purchase fleece or bring donated fleece to the church during November & the Team will prepare it for tying.



Please see the monthly newsletter for more information.

Fleece Blanket Project Team: Kay Seagren, Bonnie Jenkins, & Joyce Kral

There are labeled envelopes on top the locked box located in the Narthex for cash/check donations.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord, we know you are alive in our hearts.
People: Lord, stir your Spirit within me mixing my soul with yours.
Leader: Lord, our ears are ready to hear your voice.
People: Lord, clear the noise in my mind, so I can pay attention to your voice.
Leader: Lord, we are ready for your great awakening.
People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come into my heart.

Opening Hymn	**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise v ,1 3, 4**	**#103 UMH**
Scripture Reader	**1 Corinthians 3:1-17**	**Mary Brown**
Special Music	**A Place at the Table**	**Deaf Notes Choir**
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	**Now Praise the Hidden God of Love**	**#2027 TFWS**
Scripture	**John 15:1-11**	**Pastor Alberta**
Sermon	**Meeting God**	**Pastor Alberta**
Communion		**# 2257 TFWS**
Closing Hymn	**I Come With Joy v 1, 3, 5**	**#617 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!