

TECHNICAL TEAM

Chair: Jeff Fiedler
 Sound: Donna Lucas, Jeff Blum, Chuck Tolzin, and Shelley Lenz
 Video Production: Bob Simonsen, Rich Cook, and Dan Bechtel
 Graphics Production: Pastor Cris Decious
 Project Livestream: Jeff Fiedler, Kent Lundquist, Bruce Dagel, and Bob Simonsen

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Merlin and Andrea Munson, Jim and Peggy Corrington, Tom and Linda Rutter, Bob and Peggy Parker, Curt and Kristal Phillips, Rod and Priscilla Bainbridge

III. DISCIPLESHIP

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM LEADER:
 Melissa Schlenger

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Chair: Patti Blum
 Patti Blum, Sue Paulsen, Sheree Hausmann, Linda Struck, Barb Kratz, and Mary Jo Poggenklass

IV. CARING**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

Coordinator: Ervina Scott
 Ervina Scott, Mary Chisman, Jerry Larson, Sharon Ben-nink, Sue Paulsen, Linda Appleby, Mary Jo Carnine, Joan Lucas, Leah Dagel, Barb Henn, and Roni Timmerman

VISITATION TEAM MINISTRY

Coordinator: Meribeth Adams
 Meribeth Adams, Jan Cook, Sally Knoben, Julia Meinking, Betty Point, Roni Timmerman, Don Witcombe, and Pastor Cris Decious

V. SHARING**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Sue Parker
 Sue Parker, Jan Cook, Mary Jo Poggenklass, Norma Fox, Karla Wilkie, and Nancy Sears

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Chair: Carolyn VanAmberg
 Rod Bainbridge, Carolyn VanAmberg, Marci Brown, Jeff Blum, and Cheryl Gordon

INGATHERING COMMITTEE

Roni Timmerman, Jeanne Blackstone, Barb Kratz, Sally Knoben, Norma Fox, and Darly Gochenour

OUR SHARED MINISTRY**LITURGISTS FOR FEBRUARY**

February 2 Kristal Phillips
 February 9 Monica Schmidt
 February 16 Roni Timmerman
 February 23 Chuck Tolzin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 Linda Burkhardt
 February 9 Teen Time Youth
 February 16 Roni Timmerman
 February 23 Chuck Tolzin

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 Lee Ann Christensen
 John and Kay O'Connor
 February 9 Julia Meinking
 Rod and Liza Parker
 February 16 Jeff Fiedler
 Stan and Brenda DeRoo
 February 23 Marci Brown
 Jeff and Patti Blum

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 The Knoben Team
 February 9 The Knoben Team
 February 16 The Knoben Team
 February 23 The Knoben Team

OUR STEWARDSHIP

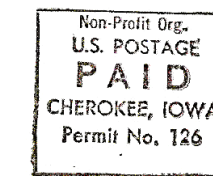
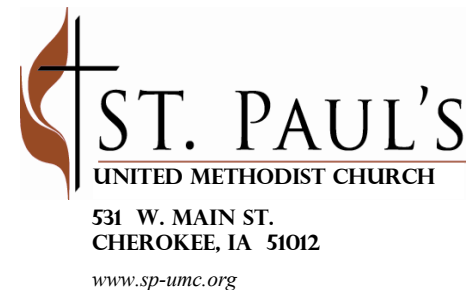
<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Next Generation</u>
December 22	133	11,765.00	439.00
December 24	233		
December 29	62	8,324.00	164.00
January 5	118	3,849.00	159.00
January 12	127	2,676.00	194.00

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED

Budgeted needs 3 weeks into the year: \$13,242
 Received to support budgeted needs: \$6,495

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

February 2020 UMW Buzz

Executive Board – Monday, February 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

February Circle Meetings

Program - p. 49 *How The Light Gets In*

Joy Circle – Wednesday, February 19th - 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
 Hostess: Barb Kratz Program: Sally Knoben

Charity Circle - Wednesday, February 19th - 1:30 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
 Hostess: Roni Timmerman Program: Ervina Scott

No February Meeting for Grace Circle

NO UNIT MEETING IN MARCH—ATTEND SERMONS A LA CARTE

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of David Lee Lund. Dave Lund, age 84, of Cherokee, formerly of Holstein, passed away on Saturday, December 28th, at UnityPoint Health—St. Luke's in Sioux City. A funeral service for Dave Lund was held on January 18th at the Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Holstein, with the Rev. Doresa K. Collogan officiating.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Steven Richard Casey. Steve Casey, age 67, passed away on Monday, January 20th, at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center, with his family by his side. A funeral service for Steve Casey was held on January 23rd, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with Pastor Cris Decious officiating.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Tyler and Heidi Gerstandt on the birth of their daughter. Ruby Alva Gerstandt was born at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center on Monday, December 23rd. Ruby's very proud grandparents are Denny and Laurie Gerstandt of Cherokee and Stephen and Carol Renter of Fremont, Nebraska.

THANK YOU FROM THE PETERSON FAMILY

The Peterson Family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards, memorials, thoughts, and prayers for Jerry. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! A special thanks goes to the dining room help: Sharon Bennink, Sue Paulsen, Roni Timmerman, Micki Conley, Sherry Held, Rodney Bainbridge, Jeff Blum, Joan Lucas, Peggy Corrington, Jeanne Blackstone, and Don Blackstone. (We didn't have all of your addresses, but we are so appreciative of everything you did that day.) May God bless all of you!

-Joyce Peterson and family

THANK YOU FROM NICOLE HOSKINSON

I'd like to thank everyone in our St. Paul's Church family for continuing to lift me up in prayer. I've been truly overwhelmed by the number of cards and notes that I've received. I can't begin to tell you how much your support has meant to all of us! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family!

-Nicole and Matt Hoskinson, Ty, Trae, Tenley, and Tara

NEEDY CHILDREN'S AUCTION THANK YOU

Stan Sitzmann informed us that St. Paul's UMC donated \$1,391 to the 2019 Needy Children's Auction. What a great way to support Stan's 50th, and final, Auction! Thank you to everyone who helped with this long-time Cherokee event. Together we can make a real difference in our community!

-The Missions Committee

THANK YOU FROM JAN COOK

A big thank you from Jan Cook for all of the kindness and concern shown in the past weeks, during the time of my surgery and recovery. Thank you, church family. I look forward to thanking you in person!



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"The mailbox is full and cannot accept any more messages at this time ... goodbye!" I listened to this message as I was trying to reach out to the spouse of someone who had passed away in January of last year. I had officiated at the funeral of this lady's husband. Whenever I get this message, it seems to frustrate me more than any other. How is she ever going to know that I called? This was the third time that I called her number in a week, and I got the same message each time.

I thought about how much this happens in life. It seems more often than not when we try to reach out, people are not able to accept the love that we are trying to give. At times, there is something or someone blocking the message that we are trying to get across. When I get this message on someone's machine I am disappointed, because I know that this person will never even know that I tried to reach out to them with love.

As frustration sets in, I realize how God must feel when God reaches out to us and our lives are so full that he receives the same message. "Sorry, God, my life is so full that I cannot accept any more messages at this time ... goodbye!" God is trying to reach out and love us, but we are too busy to even realize that he is attempting to communicate his love to us! February is the month that we celebrate love.

I wanted to bring the love chapter into our lives this month. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 says to us, "If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels, but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. 3 If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever. 4 Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, 5 it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, 6 it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. 7 Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails."

The scriptures tell us that God is love. So, take a moment and reread these verses, but everywhere it says the word love, substitute it for the word God. See how these verses will then light up our understanding of who God is. Spend some time listening to the God of love who loves us. God has been reaching out to you. Has God been getting a busy signal or a message that says your mailbox is full? My challenge to you this month is to reconnect with a God who loves you more than anything!

See you Sunday.

-Pastor Cris

THANK YOU TO THE PIE LADIES

We would like to thank the "Pie Ladies" for the generous donations they recently made to St. Paul's! They gave \$500 to the General Budget and \$200 to the Landscaping Fund. We so appreciate these contributions!

THANK YOU FROM THE WOLTMANS

A big thank you goes out to all our family, church family, and neighbors. Thank you for all your prayers, thoughts, calls, cards, visits, and food sent during my illness and recuperation. Loren and I greatly appreciated everything, and it won't be forgotten. Thanks again!

-Darlene and Loren Woltman

45TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE PARKERS

We extend our warmest congratulations to Bob and Peg Parker who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 25th! If you would like to send them a congratulatory card, their address is 1887-580th Street, Cherokee, IA 51012.

GREAT NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE!!!

Work is still being done to arrive at the final number, but it certainly appears we have closed 2019 in the black. A sincere **THANK YOU** goes to the church staff for all their work in keeping expenses in line and to you, St. Paul's family, for your year-end gifts and generosity! Any excess funds will be put in a "rainy day" account for future needs.

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED

Through the first three Sundays of the year, one of which we had no worship due to weather, we have received \$6,495 toward budgeted needs of \$13,242.

FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE

After circulating the chart to provide flowers for this year, we have the following five dates still open. If you'd like to furnish flowers for June 7th, August 2nd, August 16th, or October 18th, please let Meribeth know. Thank you so much!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Paul's Evangelism Committee will be meeting in the church library at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4th.

VISITATION TEAM MEETING

St. Paul's Visitation Team will be meeting in the church office at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5th.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Paul's Missions Team will be meeting in the Schuldt Dining Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11th.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chair: TBA
Judy Grienke-Miller, Peggy Rasch, Cheryl Gordon, Marci Brown, Bruce Dagal, and Charlie Leissler

Ex-officio members and General Officers
Church Treasurer: Burkhardt & Dawson
Transitional Treasurer: John Cook
Financial Secretary: Sarah Cook
Lay Leader: Mary Jo Carnine
Lay Members, Annual Conference: Mary Jo Carnine, Linda Burkhart, and Jennifer Decious

Subcommittee: 2020 Vision Team

John Cook, Sue Parker, Linda Appleby, Linda Christensen, and Bruce Dagal

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Linda Burkhart
Leah Dagal, Jean Anderson, Mike Taylor, Linda Burkhart, Norma Fox, Linda Appleby, and Bill Jentz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Don Blackstone
Dick Point, Roni Timmerman, Linda Christensen, Chuck Tolzin, Louie Hausmann, and Don Blackstone

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Stan DeRoo
Stan DeRoo, Peggy Rasch, Kristal Phillips, Tom Rutter, Sheree Hausmann, and Deb Taylor

Subcommittee: Audit Committee

Chair: Rich Cook
Marci Brown, Rich Cook, and Karen Aduddell

Subcommittee: Memorial Committee

Chair: Ervina Scott
Jerri Hunt, Monica Schmidt, Linda Rutter, Ervina Scott, Norma Fox, and Shelley Lenz

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Pastor Cris Decious
Cheryl Gordon, Joyce Goodrich, Carolyn VanAmberg, Micki Conley, Judy Jentz, and Marci Brown

CHURCH HISTORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Connie Hankens
Mary Chisman, Jerry Larson, Connie Hankens, Micki Conley, Neil Phipps, and Jodi Phipps

II. WORSHIP

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Pastor Cris Decious
Sharon Bennink, Peggy Rasch, Jeanne Blackstone, Jan Deedrick, and Linda Christensen

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Sherry Held, Betty Point, Meribeth Adams, Heather French, and Pastor Cris Decious