

### VISITATION TEAM MEETING

The St. Paul's UMC visitation team will be meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the church office.

### APPLE CRISPS

We will be making apple crisps in the church kitchen from 9:00-noon on Monday, October 7th and Tuesday, October 8th. **All help would be greatly appreciated**, as we hope to make 125 crisps in those two days. We would like to thank the Lundquist family for donating the apples.

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Paul's Nominations Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, at 10:00 a.m. in Feller Lounge.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Paul's Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in Feller Lounge.

### PORK LOIN AND SWEET CORN DINNER

Our annual pork loin and sweet corn dinner will be held in the dining hall immediately following church on Sunday, October 13th. Please bring a salad to share. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going toward our church budget. Any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated!

### TEEN TIME CINNAMON ROLL SALE

The Teen Time annual cinnamon roll sale will be held in the narthex on Sunday morning, October 27th. The proceeds will go toward the Christmas gifts we purchase for the boys who reside at the Midwest Christian Home. We appreciate the support our congregation gives each year toward this important mission. May God bless you always!

-Craig, Monica, and the "Teen Time" youth

### CARE & SHARE SHOP/NOISY CHANGE

Trustee Chairman, Don Blackstone, asked that I share information about St. Paul's Care & Share program and the Noisy Change collection.

The Care & Share Thrift Shop opened in the fall of 2018, with a startup cost of about \$2,860. The shop is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and it is manned by volunteers. At the end of July 2019, it has generated \$542 over and above the initial startup cost.

The Noisy Change offering helps support St. Paul's youth ministries. In recent years, it has generated about \$1,500 annually. To the end of July 2018, \$891 had been contributed compared to \$706 this year. The Youth Ministries fund started the year with a balance of \$12,646. Taking into consideration collections and expenses to the end of July, the fund is at \$10,503.

-Stan DeRoo, Finance Committee

### OUR SHARED MINISTRY

#### LITURGISTS FOR OCTOBER

October 6 Linda Burkhart  
October 13 Glenda Parrish  
October 20 Jan Cook  
October 27 Children's Sabbath

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

October 6 Linda Burkhart  
October 13 Karissa Wych  
October 20 Connie Hankens  
October 27 Children's Sabbath

#### GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

October 6 Jeff and Patti Blum  
Moonie and Andrea Munson  
October 13 Julia Meinking  
Lee Ann Christensen  
October 20 Jeff and Patti Blum  
Doug and Darly Gochenour  
October 27 Jeff Fiedler  
Doug and Darly Gochenour

#### USHERS FOR OCTOBER

October 6 Peggy Rasch  
Rod and Marci Brown  
Moonie and Andrea Munson  
October 13 Trent and Korrie Coombs' Family  
October 20 Lynn Meikle  
Tim and Kim Wych  
Darrel and Sue Paulsen  
October 27 Al and Barb Henn  
Three Youth

#### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Date	Worship Attendance	General Fund	Next Generation
August 11	80	1,344.00	99.00
August 18	97	3,449.00	240.00
August 25	122	2,085.00	283.00
September 1	94	3,100.00	249.00
September 8	104	3,250.00	452.00
September 15	140	6,557.00	99.00
September 22	138	8,919.00	189.00

#### OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED

Budgeted needs 38 weeks into the year: \$171,418  
Received to support budgeted needs: \$139,330

#### CONTACT US

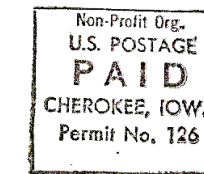
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## October 2019 UMW Buzz



**Executive Board Meeting - Monday, October 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the dining hall**

**October Unit Meeting - Wednesday, October 9th at 1:30 p.m. in Feller Lounge**  
Hostess: Charity Circle Devotions: Charity Circle Program: Assemble Ingathering Kits

**October Circle Meetings**  
Program p. 20 - Women Expanding the Table of Inclusion

**Grace Circle - October 9th, 7:00 p.m. in Feller Lounge**  
Hostess - Jean Anderson Co-Hostess - Jerri Hunt Program: Marci Brown

**Joy Circle - October 16th, 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall**  
Hostesses - Jeanne Blackstone and Barb Kratz Program - Glenda Parrish

**Charity Circle - October 16th, 1:30 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall**  
Hostess - Patti Blum Program - Sharon Bennink

**Upcoming Events... No November Unit Meeting**  
**UMW Election Day Luncheon - Tuesday, November 5th**  
**Executive Board Meeting - Monday, November 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the dining hall**

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Darla Good and all of her family. Darla's brother-in-law, Ronald "Ron" Hicks Good, age 65 of rural Meriden, passed away Thursday, August 22nd, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A family graveside service was held on August 31st at Oak Hill Cemetery west of Cherokee.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Wade and Mary Cowan and all of their family. Mary's grandfather, Charles "Chuck" Edward Perrin, 92, passed away September 7th at Accura HealthCare in Cherokee. A funeral service for Chuck Perrin was held on September 11th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee, with Father Mark Stoll officiating.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Noah and Sarah Decious and all of their family. Sarah's grandfather, Howard William Shear, 67, passed away September 11th at Mercy One Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. A memorial service for Howard Shear was held on September 16th at the Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, with Garret Reeves officiating.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Clint and Marlene Kelly and all of their family. Marlene's sister, Delores (Jensen) Vannatta, age 89 of Le Mars, Iowa passed away September 16th at the Good Samaritan Society of Le Mars. A funeral service for Delores was held on September 20th, at the United Methodist Church in Le Mars, with Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula officiating.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Jordan Phipps and Stephanie Gerver who were married on a beach in Virginia on July 4th. Jordan is the son of Dana and Pandora Phipps of Cherokee and Susan Beebe of Traverse City, Michigan. Stephanie is the daughter of Chris and Betty Gerver of Perry, Iowa. Jordan and Stephanie Phipps will make their home in South Korea.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Konrad Campe and Kelsey Stoever on the birth of their son. Jackson Lowell Campe was born at CRMC on September 4th. Jackson weighed 6 lb., 14 oz. and was 19.5" long. He was welcomed home by his brother Dominic and his sisters Aaliyah and Madison. Jackson's proud grandparents are Kevin and Cheryl Campe of Cherokee and Tim and Kimberly Stoever of Spencer.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Matt and Melanie Sumner of Guthrie, Oklahoma on the birth of their daughter. Wrenly Sumner was born on Tuesday, September 10th, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. Wrenly arrived at 12:47 a.m. weighing 8 lb., 1 oz. She was 21" long. Her very proud grandparents are Jim and Peggy Corrington of Cherokee and Doug and Carol Sumner of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Mary Lampman is Wrenly's great-grandmother.



# THE DOME

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
October 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Coming into Jericho, people were disappointed at Jesus's decision for dinner and lodging for the evening with such an undesirable individual! Out of all the wonderful people in town to have dinner and spend the night with, they couldn't believe that Jesus chose Zacchaeus. After all, his swindling from tax collecting and dishonest dealings with the people was widely known. Wasn't there a nice priest to spend the evening with and not cause such a stir in town?

However, after only one evening with Jesus, they swiftly changed their opinions as they found that Zacchaeus had a changed heart. Did they hear him right? Zacchaeus said that he was going to repay anyone whom he had cheated in the past, four times as much. Zacchaeus also said that he was going to give half of his possessions to the poor. The economy of Jericho was about to change! There was much rejoicing at these words. This man had changed. Some believed right away and others said they were waiting to see if he really changed. Change comes swiftly when someone is touched by the love of Jesus. The people were asking what had Jesus said and done? Whatever it was, things were going to be different around town!

I remember this story from the Bible because of a simple song that we sang in Sunday School as a child growing up. I don't remember the whole song, but we sang,

*'Zacchaeus was a wee little man  
And a wee little man was he  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree  
For the Lord he wanted to see*

*And when the Savior passed that way  
He looked up in the tree  
And said, 'Zacchaeus, you come down!  
For I'm going to your house today!  
For I'm going to your house today!'*

One changed person has the power to change history! Everywhere that Jesus went, towns and people were changed! Broken hearts were mended. Sickness and diseases were completely eliminated. People were healed, eyesight and hearing was restored, and attitudes changed. Everywhere Jesus went, God was glorified.

Because one man changed his mind and outlook, history was about to change for many others. As Zacchaeus changed his heart, he became a generous and compassionate man. People noticed that Zacchaeus wasn't forced to do all these wonderfully generous things. He made a choice to live his life differently and allow his changed life and decisions to help change the situations around him. He would give half of his possessions to the poor!

Jesus still has this kind of an effect on the world today. When we respond with the love and compassion of the Lord, St. Paul's Church families today can have this same effect on the world! I believe that as we freely make decisions with our compassion and generosity to the poor, it will make a difference in our church and our town, and change history! Jesus has chosen to come to our home today. When we give our hearts to Christ, he comes to live with us from this day forward. We can trust that God will forever be with us and lead us into life-changing decisions in our church and our town! Let's allow generosity and compassion to flow through each one of us today here at St. Paul's so that we can change history.

See you Sunday!

-Pastor Cris



## MAIL CALL FOR WAYNE WITCOMBE

**Wayne Witcombe had the privilege of attending an Honor Flight on September 10th, sponsored by his nephew Gary. Mail Call was a special surprise for Wayne as he received two packets of mail with letters and cards from family members and friends expressing their appreciation and thanks for his service to our country. Wayne served in the Army during the Korean War.**

## THANK YOU FROM ALLY TIMMERMAN

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you so much for helping send me to camp at Okoboji again this year. I had a great time with my friend Britt! My favorite things were roasting marshmallows, swimming, canoeing, and sleeping in the cabin! Thanks again!

-Ally Timmerman

## THANK YOU FROM DIANA DAVIS

I want to thank all of my mother's friends at St. Paul's who sent cards for her recent 96th birthday! Mom (Phyllis Miller) still considers Cherokee her home, and her face lights up when she receives mail. I'm forever indebted to those of you who have kept in touch with Mom since her move to Council Bluffs in 2011. Thank you, again, for making her birthday so special!

-Diana Davis

## THANK YOU FROM MATTHEW MOSBACH

Thank you for helping me go to camp! We had a Bible Study twice a day. Thank you for sponsoring activities. I really liked it so much and the activities were Game Zone, archery, go karts, and swimming. I liked the songs a lot, and I liked how we did it by campfire. I really liked the camp very much, and I want to go back.

-Matthew Mosbach

## THANK YOU FROM JEFF AND PATTI BLUM

We would like to thank our church family for all the cards, notes, and gifts sent to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

-Jeff and Patti Blum

## THANK YOU FROM HANNA LUDWIG

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, and prayers when I had my eye surgery in Omaha. A special thanks goes to Pastor Cris, Linda Burkhart, Linda Appleby, and Linda Christensen for the flowers and teddy bear. My other eye will be done on September 30th in Omaha.

-Hanna Ludwig

## THANKS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*We give because much has been given to us!* The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our chicken dinner after church on September 15th. We had a great turnout with plenty of delicious food for all to enjoy! Thank you, Peg Rasch, for your donation of the DQ ice cream we used for our dessert. The committee appreciates all the support from our congregation throughout the year, and this is one way to sit down and enjoy some fellowship time together and benefit St. Paul's missions projects at the same time. Thank you for the \$100 in donations for the winter coat drive and the \$828 free will offering which will be used for mission projects.

-Sue Parker, Missions Committee

## 2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

We would like to thank the following church members who are serving as Sunday School teachers for our youth this year: PreK-2nd (Laura Benson, Nicole Hoskinson, Kristi Kannegieter, and Kim Wych); 3rd-6th (Mandy Christensen, Korrie Coombs, and Tasha Timmerman); 7th & 8th (Amy Stief); Substitute Teachers: Mary Cowan, Missy Jenness, and Melissa Schlenger; Club 78 (Linda Appleby, Linda Burkhart, Linda Christensen, and Pastor Cris); and Teen Time Youth Fellowship (Craig and Monica Schmidt).

## WOULD YOU TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

We are looking for one more Sunday School teacher, preferably for the PreK-2nd grade group, but we could make it work for the older group, too. It's a very easy job, as we provide everything. You just have to come lead the group, and you only have to teach ONE Sunday a month! Please consider joining our team, as we have MANY teachers whose own kids are aging out of Sunday School, so we need to start getting new teachers in order to keep our program going. Please contact Korrie Coombs, Kim Wych, Tasha Timmerman, Laura Benson, Melissa Schlenger, or Kristi Kannegieter if you are interested in helping with Sunday School. Thanks!

## UPDATE ON KAY TURNQUIST

Kay Turnquist has moved from Cherokee. Kay's new address is 1819-23rd Street, Apt. 238, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.