

III. DISCIPLESHIP

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

IV. CARING

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

VISITATION TEAM MINISTRY

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

V. SHARING

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Mary Jo Carnine, Rod Bainbridge, Carolyn VanAmberg, Marci Brown, and Jeff Blum

INGATHERING COMMITTEE

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

OUR SHARED MINISTRY

LITURGISTS FOR JANUARY

January 6 Glenda Parrish
January 13 Roni Timmerman
January 20 Jan Cook
January 27 Jerri Hunt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

January 6 Pastor Cris
January 13 Roni Timmerman
January 20 John Cook
January 27 Mary Cowan

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

January 6 Don and Jeanne Blackstone
Chuck and Julie Tolzin
January 13 Dan and Barb Kratz
Bob and Peg Parker
January 20 Dean and Glenda Parrish
Matt and Nicole Hoskinson
January 27 Norma Fox
Jerri Hunt and Tony Hunt

USHERS FOR JANUARY

January 6 Shelley Lenz
Kim and Karen Aduddell
Chuck and Julie Tolzin
January 13 Bob Simonsen
Jerri Hunt and Tony Hunt
Chuck and Julie Tolzin
January 20 Dick Point
Jeff and Patty Brown
Craig and Monica Schmidt
January 27 Lowell Bennink
Jerri Hunt and Tony Hunt
Craig and Monica Schmidt

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Date	Worship Attendance	General Fund	Next Generation
December 2		11,480.00	210.00
December 9	148	5,334.00	1,314.00
December 16	168	5,550.00	204.00

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTED

Budget expense 50 weeks into the year: \$264,550
Received to support budgeted expenses: \$212,648

CRUNCH TIME

We approach the end of the year with receipts substantially short of our budgeted expenses to date. We will soon be faced with some hard decisions regarding when we must simply borrow the shortage and add further debt to our future. Your support at this time is truly important.

CONTACT US

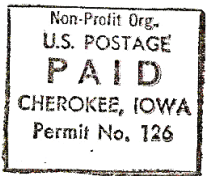
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January 2019 UMW Buzz



No January Unit Meeting

Executive Board – Monday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

Sunday, January 20th - UMW Recognition Sunday

January Circle Meetings

Program from new Program Book - Pledge Service

Joy Circle – Wednesday, January 16th - 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
Hostess: Sally Knoben Program: Mary Chisman

No January Circle Meeting for Charity or Grace Circles

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and Peggy Corrington and all of their family. Jim's mother, Sally L. Corrington, 87, of rural Cherokee, passed away Friday afternoon, December 14th, in the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. Visitation and a time of sharing memories with the family was held on Saturday, December 22nd, at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Eric and Samantha Van Roekel on the birth of their daughter. Madison Moon Van Roekel was born at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on Thursday, November 29th. She was welcomed home by her big brothers Lance and Christopher. Madison's proud grandparents are Jill and Jared Peterson of Cherokee, Jon Myers of Missouri, Melissa Van Roekel of Missouri, and David Smith of Minnesota. Madison's great-grandparents are Lorrene Sullivan of Aurelia and Russell Paeper of Cherokee.

THANK YOU FROM STAN SITZMANN

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Your very generous gift for the Cherokee Needy Children's fund was greatly appreciated! May God bless all of you!

-Stan Sitzmann

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Thanks to all cookie bakers and cookie consumers! On Sunday, December 9th, we were able to assemble 120 plates of Christmas cookies from your extremely generous submission of over 2,100 cookies, raising \$600 to support the many ministries of St. Paul's. YOUR participation is what makes this project so enjoyable and so successful!

THANK YOU FROM THE KELLYS

We would like to thank "our friends at church" for the cookies and Don Witcombe for bringing them to our home. THEY ARE GONE!

-Clint and Marlene Kelly

THANK YOU FROM MARY LAMPMAN

Thank you for the delicious plate of cookies!

SALVATION ARMY THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with this year's Salvation Army bell-ringing. Many hands helped ring the bells, collecting money and spreading the word about the Salvation Army. Without your help, the Salvation Army would be unable to assist individuals and families during times of crisis. Thanks, again, for your support!

-Mary Jo Carnine

(Salvation Army Volunteer for Cherokee County)

THANK YOU FROM MERIBETH

We have such generous people in our congregation! Thank you to everyone who has donated paper to the church office over the past several months! It has been greatly appreciated, and our paper supply for both our weekly bulletins and our monthly newsletters looks good for many months to come.



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I have to tell you that recently I went through a Facebook meltdown with some family members that I haven't seen in quite a few years. They had posted a few "jokes" that made me wince. Now, I am not against humor (as you know), but I am also not one for what I would call 'insensitive' humor. Plainly spoken, when we joke about politics and make fun of people who disagree with us politically, the only ones included in the humor are those who agree with us. It is another way of isolating us from one another. I want you to know that I love my family, but I wasn't going to just let it go. I lightly wrote to them that the jokes rubbed me the wrong way and made my wife and me feel a lack of love. I encouraged them in three small sentences to be a little more sensitive to those whom they love and call 'friends' on Facebook and not put people down for their political opinions and beliefs. What I got back from them was a barrage of scolding and paragraphs of shaming for not agreeing and believing exactly what they believed! Their arguments were so weak and disjointed I was left confused and very sorry that I had said anything. At the end, they included a statement that said that they were shocked that I could call myself a Christian or a pastor and not agree 100 percent with what they believed.

My friends, when we disagree I believe that there is room for healthy discussion and discourse to encourage one another. God gives us ears to listen and a mind to decide for ourselves what we agree with or disagree with. This is called free will. We have the freedom to choose who and what we want to believe. But nowhere in the scriptures are we called to scoff, scold, mistreat, and shame each other, ripping the body of Christ apart limb from limb. God has not called his body into a civil war to destroy each other.

I decided that we need to hear this in an age where we are online with so many individuals that we have agreed to be friends with on the internet. Some of those people are friends, some are family members, some we have never met, and some we know intimately. I want to encourage everyone to be good listeners. Listen to those who don't agree with you MORE than those who agree with you. Allow people an ear to hear. There are times that we need to listen to figure out the facts from the feelings and the truth from the lies. Listen to allow the Holy Spirit to work out in you the ability to see something from a different point of view. Allow yourselves the luxury of disagreement.

I, in fact, enjoy formats and forums that allow us to do exactly that in this world. I look forward to good debates that challenge my thinking. Most of the time we have to be motivated to explain why we believe a certain way. Think about how boring life would be if we all agreed on everything. If we all liked the same colors and the same music, life wouldn't be diverse and interesting. As we move into the new year, I want to encourage every person in our church to allow yourself to be moved and challenged by God in ways that you had never previously thought possible. This happens as we learn to open up and accept and love people who are different from us, not the same. God created a colorful world in which we live, let's embrace it and learn from a creative God who loves everyone.

See you Sunday!

-Pastor Cris



These children took part in the Christmas program entitled "The Christmas Story" that was presented in the St. Paul's sanctuary on Sunday, December 16th.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR CRIS

I would like to thank the teachers and the children for the wonderful Christmas program that was presented to us on December 16th. I know a lot of hard work and many details go into putting on a children's Christmas program, and I am so thankful that we have a group of talented children and adults who are willing to minister to our church family in this way!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 30TH

Our St. Paul's youth will not have Sunday School on December 30th. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The St. Paul's Church office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Please note that any end-of-the-year offerings to the church will need to be postmarked by December 31, 2018. Thank you!

CARDS AND NOTES FOR DAN BECHTEL

Dan Bechtel is battling health issues, and we know he'd appreciate hearing from his St. Paul's family. Please send cards and notes to this address: Dan Bechtel, P.O. Box 6159, Omaha, NE 68106-0159.

UPDATE ON DENNIS BAHR

Dennis Bahr is residing at Accura HealthCare (formerly known as Country Side Estates) while waiting to have a hip replacement on Tuesday, January 15th. Dennis greatly misses his St. Paul's family, and we know he'd love to receive notes and cards or get visits. Dennis's address is 921 Riverview Drive, Cherokee, IA 51012.

2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chair: TBA
John Cook, Craig Schmidt, Judy Grienke-Miller, Cheryl Gordon, and Marci Brown

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 Burkhardt, and Jennifer Decious

Subcommittee: 2020 Vision Team

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

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Linda Burkhardt
Bill Jentz, Linda Appleby, Leah Dager, Jean Anderson, Mike Taylor, and Linda Burkhardt

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Subcommittee: Audit Committee

Karen Aduddell, Marci Brown, and Rich Cook

Subcommittee: Memorial Committee

Chair: Ervina Scott
Deb Taylor, Norma Fox, Jerri Hunt, Monica Schmidt, Linda Rutter, and Ervina Scott

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Judy Jentz, Marci Brown, Cheryl Gordon, Joyce Goodrich, and Carolyn VanAmberg

CHURCH HISTORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Connie Hankens
Micki Conley, Dorothy Clow, Mary Chisman, Jerry Larson, and Connie Hankens

II. WORSHIP

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Pastor Cris
Nichole Lundquist, Linda Christensen, Sharon Bennink, Peggy Rasch, and Jeanne Blackstone

MUSIC COMMITTEE

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

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 Dager, and Bob Simonsen

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Tom and Linda Rutter, Bob and Peg Parker, Merlin and Andrea Munson, Jim and Peggy Corrington, Doug and Darly Gochenour, and Al and Barb Henn

(On the back side of this page, you will find the Leadership Team members for the Discipleship, Caring, and Sharing Committees.)