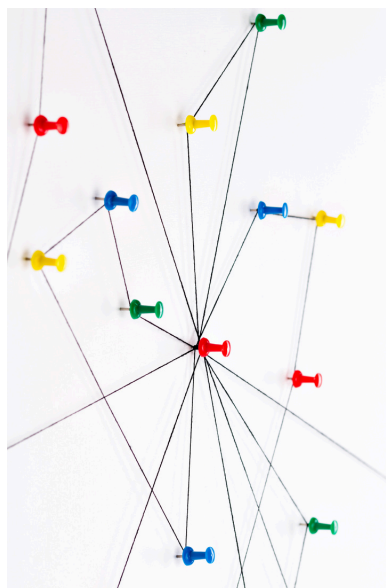




OUR CHURCH

I find myself thinking a lot about connections this month. We recently hosted our CalHamster Circuit meeting here at the Gowrie UMC. I was personally unable to make it to the meeting, but was impressed with the turnout that was related to me via my husband and Pastor Susan. These meetings don't always seem to be a priority for everyone, but it sounds like they had a good conversation. Discussed topics that are impacting our Church and other Churches near by. These conversations make us think outside of ourselves and our churches. For our circuit that connection also helps everyone with resources. People to lean on and talk to when we don't know the answer.



How do we find connection? We know that we are connected to our families, our children, siblings, and parents. We are connected to our Church thru Pot-Lucks, Lasagna Dinners, and Soup Suppers. The Ladies are connected thru UWF, the Christmas Bazaar, and May Basket Sales. We connect with our community thru Downtown Markets, Trunk or Treat, Online/Video Worship, the 4th of July Chicken Dinner, Our Blessing Box and Midwest Missions Ingathering Kits. All these connections are important to who we are as a Church.

Now here is the trick..... can we make more connections? Do we want to make more connections?

There are always those who need more. Whether that is more money, more time, more understanding, or more love. The world will always have a place for us to connect to. The key is finding what WE want to connect to. The most important thing is our connection to Christ and secondly to each other thru Christ.



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Written by Carrie Dalley



SERVE

- **Council** - October 13th 6:30 pm
- **Confirmation Adult Volunteers** - Wednesdays Need 2nd adult for Confirmation, please sign up in Narthex.
- **"Singing the Favorites"** October 11.
- **Lasagna Dinner Workday** Oct. 3rd 9 am
- **Lasagna Dinner** Oct. 4th - Come serve starting at 9am.
- **Trunk or Treat** Sign up for a trunk, to bring candy or to serve Hot Chocolate.
- **Ingathering Now thru November 7**
 - Please bring items for Ingathering kits, brochures in the Narthex.
- **Send an card** - to someone in a nursing home/homebound from our congregation, our community, etc.

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
 - 9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Reading
 - 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation
 - 10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **Lasagna Dinner** Oct 4 After Worship
- **Charge Conference** Oct 25 6:00 pm
 - Fort Dodge, First UMC
- **Trunk or Treat** Oct 30 5-7 pm
- **All Saints Sunday** Nov 1

PRAY

Please call in or email your prayer request, changes and updates to the office.

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Joan Orness, Colleen Traster, Mike Krayenhagen

Health Concerns: Kitty (Pastor's Friend in SD), Viney Mulder, Gabe & Jess Olson From Paton and their twins, Carol Orness. All those fighting cancer. All those suffering from chronic pain. All those experiencing family distress, divorce, financial difficulties, chemical dependency etc.

Grief: Family of Richard Learned. Family of Roger Brandes.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for SE Valley Schools.

Pray for Church of Damascus Road Prison Ministry.

Pray for the people of Nepal and Venezuela as they recover from natural disasters.

Pray for all people living in war torn counties.

Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

CELEBRATE

October 4
World Communion
Sunday



October 11
Pastor Appreciation
Day

October 25
Laity Sunday



October 30
Trunk or Treat

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Gowrie UMC once again has a beautiful group of confirmation students. Five young people, a wonderful example of the best and brightest. They are wonderful examples of children who are raised knowing the name of Jesus. They have gone to Sunday School and VBS. Their parents have honored their Baptismal vows and done their best to raise them in the faith. In addition, these 5 young people have been raised in our church body here at Gowrie UMC. We have had the opportunity to love these young people and rejoice with them in the Joy of life in Christ and live our lives as an example of how to walk with Jesus.



Confirmation is the reaffirmation of the baptismal vows made by their parents. In confirmation they will learn more about Jesus and how to have a relationship with him, God's role in their life, the United Methodist Church, the Bible and about their faith. Confirmation is a journey that they will walk together, they also walk it with their church body. Our students will come to church, will help with worship, will read scripture, and will participate in church projects/missions.

Then they will again be before you, taking vows before you, witnessing to their faith. You will then have another opportunity to take a vow to nurture them in Christian faith and life. So I name them for you and place them before you, so that you may be in prayer for them and so that in this next year and in years to come you will come alongside them in lives connected by faith.



**Charlotte Adam, Avery Akins, Traysen Gutshall,
Tayden Gutshall and Brantley Worrell**

Pastor Susan

October Worship Series

Pressing on: You are invited over the next four weeks to stop, take a breath, and mine Paul's wisdom for pressing on toward Christ as we move through the struggle together.

Always Give Thanks: We turn for the next three weeks toward thanksgiving. The lectionary invites us to start our thanksgiving early. Before the turkey and pumpkin pie, we have the opening salutation of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians: "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly..." (verse 2).



Oct. 4

Exodus 20:1-20
Phil. 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46



Oct. 11

Exodus 32:1-14
Phil. 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



Oct. 18

Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians
1:1-10



Oct. 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 22:34-46



Nov. 1

Joshua 3:7-17
1 Thessalonians
2:9-13

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study

9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

10:15 Worship

Sunday Worship and Facebook live,

later on Web-Cal Channel 575



Cottington Family October 4 & 11

Nate & Brenda Brandes October 18 & 25

October 4

Communion:

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

World Communion Sunday

Jeff & Mary Patterson

August Akins

Colleen Plamer & Jeff Patterson

Keith & Dena Sytsma

Colleen Palmer

Jane Frahm



October 11

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Choir

Eric Adam

Nancy Vogt

Owen Nuss & Carrie Dalley

October 18

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Chelsey Worrel

Jeff Patterson

August & Avery Akins

October 25

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Laity Sunday

Jeremy Viles

Tom Hlubek

Bergan & Carrie Dalley

Extravagant Giving

In September:

- Reached out to our community during the Downtown Market.
- Welcomed our children back for children's Sunday School for a school year of learning.
- Welcomed CalHamster Circuit to our church and connected with church learders from around our area.
- Started Confirmation for 5 young people who will learn and grow in their faith.
- Welcomed Caroline Baker (from NY state), dtr of Rev Ralph Baker (served at Gowrie UMC from 1941-1946), to worship.
- Enjoyed a Hymn Sing and praising God.
- Pastor Susan along with other area Pastors met with SE Valley school leadership over lunch to connect and pray for the school-year ahead.
- Celebrated 3rd quarter birthdays with cake, fellowship and even a little song!



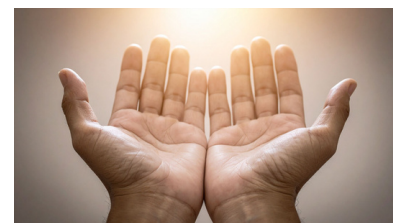
**All this is possible
because of your
Generosity!**

You are God's Church!

September Offerings

\$7,829.16

Thank You!



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Ingathering



November 7, 2026

Trinity United Methodist Church

Please bring all items, or assembled kits into the church by **October 25**.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush - individually packaged
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz - lid taped
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz - lid taped
- 1 One-gallon resealable plastic bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.
\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag.



We will collect items for any kit that is in the midwest missions brochure.

We are building 6 Personal Dignity Kits together. Please look for Shampoo, Lotion and Deoderant.

STUDENT KIT

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair student scissors
- 1 One-handled cloth bag*

Place all items in the cloth bag or a grocery sack.



Want to add to your own and other's worship experience?

We are looking for volunteers!

Running the clicker, or operating the soundboard/camera.

No experience needed to start!

You will be working with someone experienced to learn.



Please talk to Carrie in the office, or Pastor Susan.



All Saints Sunday
November 1

Let us remember all of the saints who have gone before us. Please join us for All Saints Day Worship Service.

George Anderson

Roger Brandes

Dick Learned

Ramona Lind

Janet Rentschler

Patricia Vandi

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	2 Happy Birthday! Jim Frahm Lauren Johnson Pastor's Prep Day	3 Happy Birthday! Carson Joyce
4 World Communion Sunday Happy Birthday! Abbi Tucker 9am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:30am Lasagna Dinner	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6 Happy Birthday! Beth Shultz 9am Office Open	7 9am Office Open	8 9am Office Open 1pm UWF Mtg.	9 Pastor's Prep Day	10 Happy Birthday! Keith Sytsma
11 Pastor Appreciation Sunday Happy Birthday! Deb Tvrdik 9am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13 Happy Birthday! Brian Johnson Kyle McCard 9am Office Open	14 Happy Birthday! Dennis Shepherd 9am Office Open	15 Happy Birthday! Linda Kerwin 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	16 Happy Birthday! Kevin Fibiker Pastor's Prep Day	17
18 9am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	19 Pastor's Sabbath	20 9am Office Open	21 9am Office Open	22 Happy Birthday! Jane Frahm 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	23 Pastor's Prep Day	24 Happy Birthday! Susan Frahm
25 Laity Sunday Happy Birthday! Mary Bauer 9am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30am Coffee & Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 6pm Charge Conference @ Fort Dodge, First UMC	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27 Happy Birthday! Becky Kalous 9am Office Open	28 9am Office Open	29 Happy Birthday! Will Halligan 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	30 Pastor's Prep Day 5pm Trunk Or Treat	31



You are invited to participate in a year of intentional “random acts of kindness”. Each week during worship, we will scratch off a card from our “The Kindness Bucket List” We are encouraged to share this act of kindness in our daily life that week. May God bless you as you share his love.



United
Women
in Faith

2026: Mapping Our Way Forward

October 8 1:00 pm

Program: Judi Tjepkes

Server: Linda Kerwin

James 5:16 (NIV) "Therefore confess your sins to each other so that you may be healed. The power of a righteous man is powerful and effective."



United Women In Faith Tearoom Outing

We had a Great Time together at Tea Thyme in Fort Dodge to kick start our year. We look forward to working and fellowshiping together this year!



Trunk or Treat



Come Join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat. This ministry shows love to close to 100- 300 kids in our community each year. Welcoming them and their families to our Church! We are actively looking for families/individuals to host trunks for Trunk or Treat. Bring yourself and your decorated Trunk or come help serve hot cocoa!



October 30 5-7 pm



Church Council

September 8

6:30-8:00 pm

Council members present: Pastor Susan, Carrie Dalley, Denny Tucker, Rita Kail, Crystal Wilks, Gary Vosberg, Jeremy Viles, and Kendale Vosberg

Read Galatians 1 as a group as part of the Read a Chapter a Day program.

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm. Meeting Minutes taken by Crystal Wilks.

Timekeeper Pastor Susan.

Old Business

- Summer/Fall Downtown Market Report given by Gary and Jeremy. Handed out pinwheels, water and church pamphlets.
- Lasagna Dinner-October 4 after Church
- Signup for prep on October 3
- Workers for October 4
- Charge Conference Reports and Goals for October 25 discussed
- Gowrie UMC signage in town was discussed
- Printer contract will expire. Printer options were discussed. Carrie will report again in October

New Business

- Budget & Insurance options discussed.
- Discussed Leadership positions.
- Discussion about 4th of July Dinner

Work Area Reports

- Carrie reported the church is now on budget for utilities. It saved over \$200.00 for August
 - Report approved
- Confirmation classes have begun.
 - Wednesdays 6th graders from 4 to 5 pm
 - Wednesdays 7th graders from 6 to 7:15 pm
 - Sunday mornings together for application of lesson

Next Meeting October 13th at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Written by Crystal Wilks



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Service on Facebook Live and Later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am

Office Schedule

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Worship Sunday Mornings

- 9:00 am Sunday School for Children & Adults
- 9:45 Coffee & Conversation
- 10:30 Worship

Lasagna Dinner - October 4th

Come join us for a tasty meal!

11:30 am until gone !

Eat In or Drive Through.

**Menu: Lasagna with beef & sausage,
Lettuce salad, French Bread
and Dessert**

Please check the clipboard
in the Narthex for ways
you can help!

Work Day Oct. 3rd, 9:00 am

