

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (Contemporary Version)

I am no longer my own, but yours.
 Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
 Praised for you or criticized for you.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
 And now, O wonderful and holy God,
 Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
 you are mine, and I am yours.
 So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

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Church Schedule

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday School/
 Confirmation 9 am

Adult
 Sunday
 School
 9 am



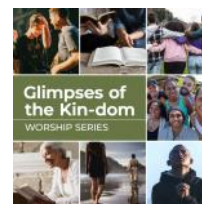
Worship
 starts
 at 10:15 am

January/February Worship Series

Jan 8th "The Water's Fine"
 Jan 15th "Not Lacking"
 Jan 22nd "Have the Same Mind"
 Jan 29th "Blessed Are"
 Feb 5th "You Are"
 Feb 12th "But I Say"
 Feb 19th "Super Sunday"

"Glimpses of the Kin-dom"

Matthew 3:13-17
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 5;1-12
 Matthew 5:13-20
 Matthew 5:21-37
 Matthew 17:1-9



SERVE...



United Women in Faith

Thursday, January 5 at 1:00 pm



CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm



Weekly Facebook Devotional
Thursdays at 9:30 am



ASPIRE
of Gowrie

Pastor will be visiting the Care Center on January 26 at 2:00 pm

PRAY...

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

Please pray for those with on-going health concerns: Ginger M., the Aspire of Gowrie Care Center staff, residents and families. Those who are in the hospital. Those who are having medical test. Those who are healing: Norma (Nancy L.'s Mother), Paula M. (Carl S.'s Mother). Pastor Jim D., Tami D.. Those who are starting fresh. Those who grieve:

Pray for those affected by the tornados in the southern states.

Pray for those travelling over the holidays.

GATHER...



9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation
9:00 Adult Advent Study
10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am



Sunday, January 8 at 5:30 pm at GUMC
Sunday, January 22 at 5:30 pm at GUMC



Human Relations Sunday, January 15
Stone Soup to follow Worship



Please help take down Christmas Decorations after Stone Soup January 15. Any decorations missed will be taken down January 22



CELEBRATION...

January Birthdays



Jan. 1: Debbie D.

Jan. 15: Nancy T. & Oakley T.

Jan. 5: Joelle L.

Jan. 17: David H. A., Nate B., & Terry W.

Jan. 6: Ryan R.

Jan. 7: Martin V. & Brantley W.

Jan. 19: Tanner W.

Jan. 8: Rita K.

Jan. 22: Alyce L.

Jan. 10: Barb F. & Jennifer F.

Jan. 24: Jean H.

Jan. 11: Nancy M.

Jan. 26: Mary S.

Jan. 12: Gary B. & Gina S.

Jan. 28: Sibyl B.

Jan. 13: Janet R.

Jan. 30: Paige S.

Jan. 31: Robert J.

Sorry if we missed your birthday. Please let the office know.



Peace of Christ be with you all!



I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. Often times it is tempting to let myself fall into the thought that it's just another year and it may be just the same as the next, and in so doing I don't get very excited about the change of the Calendar.

However, I know that each year is a bit different than the last, some more so than others. In rejoicing at the new year, I am recognizing that God brought me through another year, through the pain and difficulties, and out onto the other side. Or if I am still struggling the new year brings hope of things yet to come. In rejoicing at the coming of the new year, I am rejoicing at the new things God will do and has done.

So that makes me think again about the parties many people put on or attend on New Year's Eve or about the celebrations I see televised. When the clock reaches midnight, it is expected to have a little celebration, with noisemakers, confetti, sing "Auld Lang Syne", and maybe even to kiss. Happiness seems to be in the air. That happiness however is short lived and is swept away as easily as the confetti.

However, rejoicing is different altogether than short term happiness. It is not an emotion but is more of a gift. Rejoicing dwells in the places of angels. Rejoicing is the Joy that comes from relationship with God the Father, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit.

I've never been much of a partyer. At the weddings of family and friends I have enjoyed watching those who can responsibly do so. They laugh, dance, sing and have a way of including others in their happiness. But what I have come to realize is that what I am really looking for is Rejoicing. Rejoicing is open to all, even those of us who take life a little too seriously.

So this New Year's let us Rejoice. Our God loves us and is always doing a new thing, even when we don't know it or may not be at the heart of it. God is moving. God is moving in our world, in our nation, in our communities, in our families, in our lives and in our churches. God moves. This is cause for great rejoicing!

O Lord, you are a God who is always creating and working. Thank you for bringing us to another new year, 2023. May the new year be filled with you Lord. You in the form of moments with those in need, you in the form of moments with family, you in the form of moments of redemption and forgiveness, you in the form of humility, you in the form of the great Joy that you bring into our lives. May it be, so that we can know you in a deeper way in 2023 and so that we can serve you. In Jesus Name.

Amen.

Happy New Year and May God Bless you and yours in 2023.

Pastor Susan



2022 was a busy year for Gowrie UMC. We appreciate your support throughout the year. Thank for your generous gift.

Pastor Susan
Carrie D.

Jeff P.
Randy C.



January Sunday Services



9:00 am Sunday School - Children
 9:00 am Adult Coffee and Conversation
 10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Denny & Barb T. Jan. 1st & 8th
 Dale B. Jan. 15th, 22nd, & 29th

January 1st

Communion: Gary & Kendale V.
 Worship Leader: Johnny Mike L.
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.
 Music: Colleen P. & Jeff P.
 Alter Flowers:
 Color Bulletins:

January 8th

Worship Leader: Carl S.
 Tech: Gary & Kendale V.
 Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD
 Alter Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Rita K.

January 15th

Worship Leader: Anna C.
 Tech: Emma S. & Family
 Music: Jeff P., TBD
 Alter Flowers: Colleen P.
 Color Bulletins: Dale B.

January 22nd

Worship Leader: Jennifer F.
 Tech: Owen N. & Lincoln A.
 Music: Jeff P., TBD
 Alter Flowers: Crystal W.
 Color Bulletins: Crystal W.

January 29th

Worship Leader: Mary P.
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.
 Music: Ardis S. & Jeff P.
 Alter Flowers:
 Color Bulletins:



Sunday, Jan. 15
The Gowrie UMC Choir
 will be "Singing the Favorites"
 during Worship Service.



Please Meet 30 Minutes before
 worship to Practice and Select Music



Human Relations
Sunday
Stone Soup
Jan. 15 after Service



Let us all come together and share.
 Bring an ingredient for soup,
 either for beef or chicken soup.
 Leave a baggie of chopped or diced
 ingredients in the kitchen
 before Sunday School or before Church.
 Need: 2 volunteers to dump and stir.
 This year, let us all help in clean-up.
Following lunch - take down decorations.

Gowrie United Methodist Church January Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:15 am Worship Service, Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am 	2 Pastor's Day Off	3 Office Open 9am-3pm	4 Office Open 9am-5pm	5 Office Open 9am-3pm 9:30 Facebook Devotional 1:00 UWF Meeting 7:00 Make up Advent study at Fred V.'s	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
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United Women in Faith



January



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Server: Shirley W.

Program: Rita K.

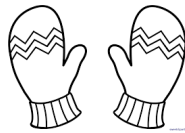
Next Meeting: January 5 at 1pm

2023 Pledge Cards

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “ plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Thank You!!



The Mitten Tree was another success this year! Your generous donations will be delivered to the local schools to be distributed as needed. They are thankful for your yearly donations!

Gowrie UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar

On Dec 3rd, the UMW held their Annual Christmas Bazaar which was very successful!

The talents of our church members who baked, made candies, made decorative items, who served that day and who planned this event are all appreciated. Proceeds will go to missions.



The Gowrie Community Pantry would like to thank everyone who donated in 2022. As always needs have a tendency to increase with time. Current needs are listed below.

Thank you for your generosity!

Personal Care Products: Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Female Hygiene products. Spaghetti/Marinara Sauce (no noodles), Peanut Butter, Spaghetti-O’s, Boxed Pasta Side Dishes, and Paper Towels.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias



- Wilks family In Memory of Loved Ones
- Alan and Shirley W. In Memory of Jimmy and Phyllis W. and Henry and Mable Y.
- The Tjepkes Family In Memory of our grandson Bradley T.

Ministries and Missions in 2022



As a Church we have participated in many ministries and missions through out the 2022 year. Please enjoy this time to reflect on all the things that we have worked on and participated in this past year!

- Collection of totes and duffle bags for the Youth Shelter—17 totes
- Visiting and Making blankets for Lotus Community Center (Next Step)— 5 Blankets
- Breakfast cereal drive for Gowrie Community Pantry
- Collection of Plastic Food Containers for Des Moines Area Food Pantries
- Collection of Pill Bottles for countries in Africa, to store & preserve medication.
- Beacon of Hope (personal care products)-Two full boxes
- Food pantry Meal kits
- Salvation army to help pay for noon meals—\$115.00
- Ingathering kits—3 personal dignity kits, 9 student school kits, and 4 birthing kits
- CWS Blanket Monetary Donations—\$211
- UMCOR Monetary Donations—\$75.00
- Trunk or Treat—300 People were loved by us that night
- Gideon International (Bibles for Jesus Birthday)

The council enjoyed choosing missions from the ideas you provided. It was meaningful to come together and give to others as a church body.

We thank the Lord that we are able to do so.



Thank You!



Thank you to the men who helped clear out our flower beds for the season. They look much better!

Thank You!



Thank you to Eric A. for setting up our new Nativity. Thank you to everyone involved in it's purchase!

"Dear Church Members ~



The project to collect empty pill bottles has come to an end. Thank you for your help with this mission project over the past year!"



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 **Coming Together**

In Case of Inclement Weather



Snowy

Channels 5 and 8 will be notified should Church be cancelled or Facebook Only.
 Service will be on Facebook

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As the Body of Christ 