

GWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIBELINE NEWSLEADER

APRIL/MAY 2*23

Easter is not a day. It's a season & a way of life. This year, consider beginning your Easter preparation an entire week before so you experience Jesus' last week on earth as a man. These seven days are called Holy Week because without the crucifixion, there would have been no Resurrection Sunday. Had Christ not hung on the cross, taken on our sins, and defeated Satan's power, His rising again would not have been as meaningful. We wouldn't be singing hymns about it. The New Testament probably wouldn't have been written. And no one would have eternal life.

Have we ever thought about the meanings of the days leading up to Easter?

(Maundy Thursday – the Day of the Last Supper)

Maundy is an old English word for washing, so it reminds us how Jesus lowered himself — literally and figuratively — to wash his disciple's feet. Then they celebrated Passover, recalling when God, through Moses, delivered their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt. The night before, they put the blood of a lamb on the door mantle so the angel of death would pass them by. This foreshadows how Jesus will deliver us from the slavery of sin through his death on the cross as the Lamb of God.

(Good Friday - the Friday before Easter)

This is the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. From the early days of Christianity, Good Friday was observed as a day of sorrow, penance & fasting, a characteristic that finds expression in the German word Karfreitag, meaning Sorrowful Friday.

(Easter Saturday)

On the Christian calendar, this is the Saturday following the festival of Easter, the Saturday of Easter, or Bright Week. In the liturgy of Western Christianity, it is the last day of Easter Week.

(Easter Sunday)

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday & marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of easter triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday. It is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

Easter is the perfect time for the beginning of Spring. It starts to shed off the cold of winter & bring on the warmth of new life in nature, new growth, new hopes, new faith. We can lift our faces to the sun & thank the Lord for all He has given to us. Thank Him for the life of Jesus, His son. It is a time to rejoice. Praise God, He is risen.

"He is not here. He is risen." Luke 24-6. Gail M.



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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; Facebook live; later on Channel 575 at







SERVE...





Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 pm, Work day: April 20 from 10am-2pm Sale Prep: April 28 at 10 am May Basket Sale: April 29 at 8 am

Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council

Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm



Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



Care Center

Pastor to Aspire Care Center on April 27 & May 25 at 2:00 pm



Bell Choir

Wednesday's at 5 pm **Times Vary**



CELEBRATION...

April Birthdays

April 1: Dave K.

April 2: Jake S.

April 19: Nate J., Paul K., &

Gary V.

April 3: Ethan T. & Jake S.

April 22: Dave T. & Darin W.

April 5: Bergan D. & Ed S.

April 24: Kate C.& Gage S. April 25: Mike K.& Don R.

April 6: John F.

April 27: Dick H.

April 7: Joyce K.& Ron W.

April 28: Braeden J.

April 8: Bertie D.

April 12: Amanda C.

April 11: Kelsey P.

April 14: Dave M.

April 15: Anna C.

GATHER...



Next Step Youth Group

Sunday, April 16 & May 14 at 5:30 pm Fellowship Coffee May 14



Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 at Joan O.s home, All Welcome!



Palm Sunday Pot-Luck

April 2 after Worship @11:15 am



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY April 2, 2023, 10:15am Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 6, 2023, 6:30-7:15pm Gathering, Sharing, Serving.

GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 2023, 7:00-7:45pm Tenebrae Service

HOLY SATURDAY April 8, 2023,

All day in your home prayer and quiet in your heart.

EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023,

7:30am Sunrise Service rural Gowrie – call office for location

9:00am Children's Gathering and Egg Hunt at Gowrie UMC

10:15am Worship

Belong Believe Gowrie United

Methodist

Church

Become





May Birthdays



May 3: Laurie L.

May 4: Cherryl E.

May 22: Ryan S.

Drake T.

Sorry if we missed your birthday.

Please let the office know.

May 5: Isabella D. & Logan

May 25: Kerry A. & Lincoln

S.

May 6: Matt B. & Carl S.

May 26: Matt R.

A.

May 7: Charlotte A.

May 27: Larry S.

May 11: Emerson A., Parker

May 29: Rene C.& Dena S.

J., Donna L., & John L.

May 30: Carrie D.

May 13: Donna Z.

May 14: Mary P.

May 18: Staci H.

May 21: Carter B., Madolyn B., Ryan C., Cheyenne J.,

Joan O., Berna T., &

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

Friends

It has been a meaningful lent. We have gathered to worship and fellowship both in our congregation and jointly with Zion. Jesus modeled the same for us. He gathered together with his disciples, and they worshiped and they fellowshipped.



The genuine friendships that are apparent among the disciples and Jesus is one of the most beautiful things we see in that Passover meal in the upper room. They ate together, they worried together, they questioned, they learned and yes, they worshiped and prayed. Jesus prayed for the disciples first and the world second. We see the power of relationship. It is through these relationships that we, the gentile world beyond that upper room, know Jesus our Savior.

This Lent I enjoyed looking out at a full church during the Lent services. Methodists and Lutherans both turned out and fellowshipped and worshiped. It was beautiful. Worship represents the vertical love of God to human and human to God. Fellowship represents the horizontal love of one human to another.

There are other ways we show our love to God and for our fellow humans. However, worship and fellowship, are key to building our relationships with God and our fellow believers. When we neglect either of these two, the church body cannot be sustained over time. It is worship and fellowship that hold us together. Our faith in God is built upon relationship, we simply cannot live a Christian life alone. It is not possible.

So, as we enter into this Holy Season, let us treasure our relationship with God and with fellow believers. We here at Gowrie United Methodist Church are blessed. Let us come together as a church to worship. Let us come together as a church to fellowship.

Hosanna, Jesus is King.

Hallelujah, Jesus has Risen and is Alive in us today.

Hallelujah!!!





PRAY...

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



Nursing Home or Care Facilities: Sunny Knoll in Rockwell City; Ginger M.. Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge; Donna L.. Aspire in Gowrie: All Staff and Residents.

Health Concerns: Vern and Mary B., Jim D., Kate (Joan O.'s Granddaughter)

Grief: Richard (Sue C.s Brother), Families of Earthquake Victims, families of University of Michigan shooting victims

Pray for those suffering domestic violence or family violence situations

Pray for all the Residents of Mississippi as they recover from tornados.

Pray for the families and schools who lost loved ones in the recent shootings.



April 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



Vern B.

April 2 and 9

Worrel Family

April 16, 23, and 30



April 2nd **Palm Sunday**

Communion: Mary & Jeff P.

Worship Leader: Jennifer F.

Tech: Glenn R.

Music: Colleen P. & Jeff P.

Pastor Susan Altar Flowers: Color Bulletins: Dave and Judi T.

April 6th Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM

Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.

April 7th Good Friday, 7:00 PM

Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.

April 9th **Easter Sunday/Sunrise Service**

Rural Gowrie, Call Office for Location

April 9th **Easter Sunday**

Worship Leader: Darin W.

Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.

Music: Jeff P., TBD Altar Flowers: **Easter Lilies**

Color Bulletins:



April 16th

Holy Humor Sunday

Worship Leader: Gary V.

Tech: Emma S.& Family

Music: Jeff P., TBD

Altar Flowers:

Color Bulletins: Paul & Rita K.

April 23rd

Worship Leader: Mary P.

Gary & Kendale V. Tech:

Jeff P., TBD Music:

Altar Flowers:

Color Bulletins: Eric & Alex A.

April 30th

Worship Leader: Kendale V.

Tech: Owen N.& Lincoln A.

Music: Jeff P., TBD

Altar Flowers:

Color Bulletins: Eric & Alex A.

Sunday, April 16

The Gowrie UMC Choir

will be "Singing the Favorites" during Worship Service.

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Practice and Select Music



Toddler Room

Please welcome the use of a new Toddler room in the Old Narthex. This is meant to be a Quiet place for toddlers to go when sitting in the pew is just to much. Parents can watch children from their pew or pull up a chair at the back of the sanctuary to still participate in Worship.



April

United Women in Faith Next Meeting: April 6 at 1:00 PM Work Day: April 20 from 10 am-2 pm (subject to change)

Sale Prep: April 28 at 10 am Sale: April 29 at 8 am

Program: May Baskets Serving: Linda K.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."



Palm Sunday Pot-Luck

Gowrie UMC will be hosting a Pot-Luck Dinner on April 2 directly following worship. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish to share.



There will be a freewill donation taken to help pay for the replacement/fixing of our upstairs windows.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER CELEBRATION Sunday, April 9th 9:00 am



Easter Egg Hunt / Craft / Story Time



April/May Easter Worship Series A Living Hope

The Easter season is about living into the new reality of the resurrected Christ. The shocking news that death is not the end of the human story takes some reorientation. So, Eastertide is where we let this knowledge wash over us, and we begin, with joy, to embrace this new way of living.

April 16	Fullness of Joy
	John 20:19-31
April 23	Loosening the Bonds
	Luke 24:13-35
April 30	Guardian of the Soul
	John 10:1-10
May 7	Like Living Stones
	John 14:1-14
May 14	Always Be Ready
	John 14:15-21
May 21	Casting Your Cares
	John 17:1-11

Easter Lilies

Order your Easter Lily with Foxtail Florist at 515-352-3355 or bring your own lily to the church starting **Tues. April 4th**



Please place Lilies in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact the office at 515-352-3715 by Tuesday, April 4th to let us know the names to be remembered for the bulletin.

You can pick up your Easter Lily after the 10:15 am Sunday Service on April 9th.

Following Christ To The Cross



Maundy Thursday: 6:30 pm

Time of Fellowship and Communion

Good Friday: 7:00 pm

Let us center our minds on Jesus



Holy Humor Sunday April 16



After Lent and emotional Holy Week, this is a service of Joy and celebration.

Come experience a little silliness with us, let us come together and laugh.

Coffee Corner

You may have noticed the changes in the corer of the Southwest corner of the Narthex. Sunday mornings we will have a fresh Carafe of coffee on the shelf, in addition to the Keurig if you would like. Grab a cup of coffee before worship and offer a cup to another. Feel free donations to the coffee and tea corner are always appreciated.

May 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



Gary & Diane B.

Crystal W. & Mike K.

May 7 and 14

May 21 and 28

May 7th

Communion: Deb T.& Crystal W.

Worship Leader: Carl S.

Tech: Gary & Kendale V. Music: Colleen P.& Jeff P.

Altar Flowers:

Color Bulletins: Eric & Alex A.

May 14th Mother's Day; Senior Recognition Day

Worship Leader: Mary P.

Tech: Bergan & Carrie D.

Music: Jeff P., TBD
Altar Flowers: Gary & Diane B.
Color Bulletins: Gary & Diane B.



May 21st

Sunday School Recognition

Worship Leader: Anna C.

Tech: Emma S. & Family

Music: Jeff P., TBD

Altar Flowers:

Color Bulletins: Rita & Paul K.

May 28th Choir Sings

Worship Leader: Johnny Mike L.

Tech: Owen N. & Lincoln A.

Music: Jeff P., TBD
Altar Flowers: Rita & Paul K.

Color Bulletins: George & Eleanor A.

May 29th

Memorial Day



Congratulations to Martin V. as he was accepted into a advanced program at University of Iowa. He will be finishing his last year of high school on campus at Iowa City!



Sunday School Recognition

Sunday May 21st



May

United Women in Faith
Next Meeting: May 4 at 1:00 PM

Program:

Serving:

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NLT)

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

Can you find 40

Sunday, May 28

The Gowrie UMC Choir

will be "Singing the Favorites" during Worship Service.

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Practice and Select Music



Congratulations



Emma S.

Cooper N.

Jamie D.

Graduates!

God has a great plan for you. Jeremiah 29:11

We will be recognizing our Graduates
During Worship May 14th



Fellowship Coffee

Next Step Youth Group will be hosting a fellowship coffee on May 14th following Worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Summer Worship will remain 10:15 am.

Let's enjoy a summer of Worshiping together!



Memorials

Carole W.

Bell Music



Nurse's Day May 6th

Recognizing our Nurses: Our Retired Nurse:

Dena S. Deb C.

Alexandra A.

Kerry A.





May Basket Sale at Gowrie UMC Saturday, April 29th 8:00 am until sold out

"Grab and Go"
Coffee and Cookies





Thank you for joining us for the Shrove Tuesday Supper.



Gifts have been donated to the UMC Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to High School Graduates, and the Emergency Help Fund.



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Lenten Soup Suppers. All of the soups, bars, and other items, and serving/clean-up.

All were greatly appreciated!





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We Invite You to Join us!



Every day is a holy day if you live into the truth of the everpresent God. Every moment is a moment rich with possibility and hope; every relationship is a potential insight into the activity of the Spirit; every conversation is a living word of grace and peace. "Best of all," John Wesley supposedly said as his last words, "God is with us." Amen.

Yet there are times and seasons that seem even more holy. There are moments that reverberate with the living presence of the living God, and our only proper response is to fall to our knees in awe of grace. These eight days are one of those times.

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PALM SUNDAY	"This is the Day"	April 2, 2023	10:15am	Worship	
			11:15 am	Palm Sunday Potluck	
MAUNDY THURSDAY	/ "Commanded to Love"	April 6, 2023	6:30-7:15pm	Gathering, Sharing and Serving.	
GOOD FRIDAY	"Dancing in the Dark"	April 7, 2023	7:00-7:45pm	Meditation at the Cross	
HOLY SATURDAY	"Hush"	April 8, 2023	All day at home	Prayer and Quiet in your heart.	
EASTER SUNDAY	"The End that Wasn't"	April 9, 2023	7:30am	Sunrise Service rural Gowrie - call office for location	
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Gowrie United Methodist Church April 2023



						
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Gowrie United Methodist Church May 2023



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