

# GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

### JUNE/JULY 2023

#### "SHELTER FROM THE STORM"

Destined for India in 1830, Scottish missionary & educator, Alexander Duff, was hopelessly caught in a storm at sea.

Shipwrecked by the crashing waves, he and his fellow passengers survived on a desolate & tiny island off the coast of East Africa.

Indeed ~ God HAD "sheltered them from the storm."

Grateful to be alive, another miracle followed when Alexander Duff's water-logged BIBLE inexplicably washed up on the tiny island's beach.

Drying the ocean-soaked pages in the air & bright sunlight, Alexander read Psalm 107 to his fellow castaways, which gave them inner hope & newfound courage. He found these verses to be prophetic:

"He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven." (Psalm 107:29)

Wondrously, following a rescue and a SECOND shipwreck, Alexander Duff miraculously landed in India ~ where his missionary & education work continued, at long last.

This true-life story of survival and faith in God's "master plan" resonates with us today. How HAS God carried you through "stormy seas?" How DOES Alexander Duff's desire to encourage other castaways inspire us in OUR faith life?

Let us continue together in our faith journey as a congregation, as witnesses to God's presence in our lives!

In faith, in fellowship ~

Darin Wooters

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#### Church Schedule

Tuesday 9 am-3 pm

Wednesday 9 am-5 pm

Thursday 9 am-3 pm

#### Worship Schedule

Worship starts at  
10:15 am; Facebook  
live; later on Channel  
575 at  
11:00am



## SERVE...



### UWF

June 1 at 1:00 pm,  
\*No Meeting in July\*



### Council

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm



### Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



### Care Center

Pastor to Aspire Care Center  
on June 15 and July 20.



### Singing the Favorites Choir

June 18 and July 16

## PRAY...

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

**Nursing Home or Care Facilities:** *Sunny Knoll in Rockwell City; Ginger Marquis. Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge; Donna Light.*

**Health Concerns:** Vern and Mary Bauer, Jim Davis, Kate (Joan Orness's Granddaughter)

### Grief:

Pray for those suffering domestic violence or family violence situations

Pray for Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.

Pray for the Iowa Annual Conference.

Pray for all those who go hungry for lack of nutritious food.

Pray for the safety of our children throughout the summer.

Pray for our graduates.

## GATHER...



### Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 at  
Joan Orness's home, All Welcome!

**No Bible Study in July**



### 4th of July

4th of July Annual Chicken Dinner.  
Boxed Lunches & Pies.  
Come serve with us.



### Bonfire Supper Church

Thursday July 20 at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.  
At Colleen Traster's Meadow.



### VBS

July 24-25 from 6 pm-8:30 pm.  
Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church



# Coming Together

## CELEBRATION...

### June and July Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

# As the Body of Christ

Peace and Grace,

The Iowa Annual Conference is a conference of 750 churches. We recently held a Special Conference on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with the focus of voting on the churches that have chosen to disaffiliate. 83 churches or 11% have voted to disaffiliate. We will miss their presence and their participation in our conference. It is a moment of grief for them and for us.

We in the United Methodist Church are experiencing the painful reality of schism. John Wesley talked of schism, warning against it and encouraging unity. The United Methodist Church is not new to schism because we are a church which encourages diversity in thought. The church experienced schism over ordaining women pastor and over slavery issues. In both cases the church eventually reunited. There have been small denominations that have broken away from the United Methodist Church early on, and they continue to minister to their congregations and communities very actively, one of these being The Church of the Nazarene and others who are part of the holiness movement.

Schism is very difficult, but it is not the end. In our case, it is the beginning for a new denomination and a fresh reevaluation for the denomination that continues. Currently, the congregations in our circuit and closest to us in proximity have maintained their presence with the United Methodist Church.

The purpose of the poll on May 14<sup>th</sup> was to give your church leadership a sense of who we are. Our council has yet to meet to discuss and then to share the poll with you. What is clear is that Gowrie UMC is a church of diverse thought. Many of us worry about how decisions of the larger United Methodist Church may impact who we are, and if we will be forced as a congregation to do or accept things that are outside of our beliefs.

We do not know what 2024 General Conference may decide. We do know that it will be made up of brothers and sisters of the United Methodist Church from around the world who are like us in having a diverse set of beliefs. We do know that the UMC appoints Pastors to charges that will help that church prosper in their mission and ministries, which are determined by the church.

The missions and ministries of this church body will go on, much as it has in the past. They will reflect our communities needs and the work of Christ in our midst. We walk forward with the love of Christ and love of others directing our primary command as a church, which is to make disciples. Let us embrace one another in new ways, caring for each other with the love that Christ offers us.

Blessings

*Pastor Susan*



# June Sunday Services

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575



Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Dale Brandt

June 4th & 11th  
June 18th & 25th

## June 4<sup>th</sup>

Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley  
Tech: Emma Sytsma & Family  
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers: George & Eleanor Anderson  
Color Bulletins: Marj Johnson

## June 11<sup>th</sup>

Communion:  
Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren  
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg  
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:



## June 18<sup>th</sup>

### Father's Day/Choir Sings

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers: Alan & Shirley Wooters  
Color Bulletins:

## June 25<sup>th</sup>

Worship Leader: Eric Adam  
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg  
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## Sunday, June 18

The Gowrie UMC Choir  
will be "Singing the Favorites"  
during Worship Service.

Please Meet 30  
Minutes  
before worship to  
Practice  
and Select Music



## Summer Worship

This summer  
we will keep  
our worship time at 10:15 am.  
Glenn & Pastor Susan are at  
church at 9:30 am and will  
host coffee through the  
summer. Come have Coffee  
with us! Feel free to bring  
simple treats if you wish.



## Gowrie Community Pantry

The Gowrie Community  
Pantry has asked for  
assistance this year with  
donations. With the increase of participation in  
the Pantry supplies have dwindled and are in  
need of replenishing. As such we will continue  
our Food Pantry Mission through June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Items Needed include:** Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut  
Butter, "Helper" Meals, cereal, tuna, beans  
(kidney, northern, and chili), Mixed Vegetables,  
Cream of Soups, Pancake Mix, Pancake syrup,  
Baking products, Jello/pudding, Laundry Soap.

2023 Iowa Annual Conference Session

REMEMBERING  
who we are



Keep us in Prayer.



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The United Methodist Church

June 2-4,  
2023 at the  
RecPlex in  
West Des  
Moines, IA

## Bonfire Supper Church

We will be having a special evening Church on July 20  
at Colleen Traster's Meadow at 6:30 pm. We will cook  
on a bonfire and share fellowship with our children.  
We will have a short meditation and musical service.



Please contact the office for  
details and so that we know  
how many people to prepare  
for. Everyone is Welcome!



# July Sunday Services



10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575



Alan & Shirley Wooters

July 2nd & 11th

Adam Family

July 16th, 23rd, & 30th

## July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Communion: Nuss Family  
Worship Leader: Darin Wooters  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## July 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chicken Dinner  
Come serve with us.

## July 9<sup>th</sup>

Worship Leader: Kendale Vosberg  
Tech: Emma Sytsma & Family  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers: Jim and Jane Frahm  
Color Bulletins:



## July 16<sup>th</sup>

Worship Leader: Eric Adam  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## Choir Sings

Eric Adam  
Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Jeff Patterson, TBD

## July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship Leader: Jennifer Field  
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## July 30<sup>th</sup>

Worship Leader: Johnny Mike Lizer  
Tech: Glenn Rohden  
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD  
Altar Flowers: Jim & Jane Frahm  
Color Bulletins:

## Ladies "Dignity" Drive

Ladies of all ages have a continuing need that remains unmentioned but can be costly if family funds are limited. From June 18-July 9, please bring Women's monthly personal hygiene products to

GUMC and leave in the Narthex in the Marked Basket. You may also donate items online at Amazon.com by searching for the GUMC List. Ladies "Dignity" Drive or by typing in <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1ZLKOU7Q6FM>.



## Sunday, July 16

The Gowrie UMC Choir will be "Singing the Favorites" during Worship Service.

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Practice and Select Music



## 2023 Vacation

### Bible School

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church

July 24-25 from 6pm-8:30pm

"Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus cares "FUR" you!"

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kris Nerem-Lowery at [knerem@yahoo.com](mailto:knerem@yahoo.com) or cell# 402-518-0017





United  
Women  
in Faith

## June

United Women in Faith  
Next Meeting: June 1st at 1:00 PM

Program: Colleen Traster  
Serving: Judi Tjepkes

## July

United Women in Faith  
No Meeting in July

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7(NIV)

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

## May Basket Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make our May Basket Sale a Success!



## 4th of July Chicken Dinner

Our 4th of July Dinner has continued successfully because of those who have volunteered to lead and serve. We thank all who have done so in the past and present. We are currently looking for a group of volunteer leaders who are interested in learning how to prepare and plan for this annual ministry. Those interested would work alongside Gary this year as we plan for 4th of July. This team would then plan next year. Please contact Gary Vosberg or the office if interested. Leadership is needed for this ministry to continue. Thank you.



## SEV Elementary Sock and Underwear Drive

We will be holding a Sock and Underwear Drive from July 16-August 27. Bring socks and underwear to the Gowrie UMC and leave in the Narthex. We will have a basket or box set up. Please feel free to take advantage of any Back to School Sales or Tax Free Day! Thank you for helping the kids in our community!



# Council Meeting Minutes

## **Gowrie United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Attendance: Rita Kail, Chelsey Worrel, Jeremy Viles, John Lizer, Pastor Susan**

Susan read a Devotion and prayer.

Call to Order at 6:38pm by John Lizer.

Motion was made by Chelsey Worrel to approve April Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy –motion carried

Missions for upcoming months was discussed and decided on: May – Food Pantry, June and July – Ladies Dignity Drive , August – Underwear and socks for SEV elementary in Farnhamville.

Discussed Congregational straw poll this coming Sunday. Friends who have worshiped with us long term but are not members and confirmed youth will be able to participate in the vote.

Joint worship in the park August 20<sup>th</sup> with Zion. Discussion is on-going between us and Zion for a cookout after service. Council suggested keeping it simple - More discussion next month

4<sup>th</sup> of July Dinner Discussion: –Rubber bracelets are in the process of being purchased. Lidderdale is planning on 300 meals for \$10.50/meal and tickets will be \$16/per meal. Meal includes chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, bun, pie, and bottled water.

Education: Chelsey reported Sunday School's last day will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.

UWF: Rita reported 502 May Baskets were sold resulting in raising \$1,949.

Pastor's report: Susan reported on District Conference this past Sunday. New DS, Michel Lundula was in attendance. They emphasized churches reaching outward and taking care of the community.

Discussion on a Bonfire with our church at Colleens this summer.

Reviewed 2023 Charge Conference Goals.

John closed with a prayer.

Jeremy made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita – motion carried

**Next Meeting: June 21, 2023 at 6:30pm**

### **Families Forward Services**

July 1, 2023, Bidwell Riverside Center and Hawthorn Hill will officially merge into Families Forward, an organization where the original four programs—Bidwell Pantry, Child Development Center, New Directions Shelter, and The Home Connection—will work together to provide compassionate, life-changing assistance to families and their path to self-sufficiency. You can learn more by visiting [www.familiesforward.org](http://www.familiesforward.org) or following them on social media.





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## 4TH OF JULY CHICKEN DINNER after the parade

### Menu:

Chicken, Scalloped Potato's, Baked Beans, Buns and slice of pie. Comes with butter, plastic fork and knife.

Cost: \$16.00/serving

There are several ways you can help make this year's dinner a success:

- \* Volunteer to be part of leadership team
- \* You may choose to join us that day to cut pies
- \* Help with the dinner/clean-up
- \* Simply come and enjoy a great dinner

For the bakers you can support this fundraiser by signing up to bring 2 pies. No time for baking? Tom Thumb in Fort Dodge bakes an excellent home-made pie!

**Sign up to serve or donate pies by stopping by the church  
Or by calling the church office at 515-352-3715.**

Tickets are on sale now at the church office. **\$16.00 for boxed dinner.**

Thank you for your generous support of your  
Gowrie United Methodist Church!

Let's get ready...

To Serve the Lord  
To Love our Community  
To Celebrate our Freedoms

Maybe you can't be there for one reason or another, in that case you may make a monetary donation. Please have monetary contributions in by Sunday, June 25, 2023, and indicate that it is for the 4th of July Chicken Dinner. (the money will help cover the cost of additional expenses. Please prayerfully consider a minimum donation of \$20.) Your gift encourages the continuation of this fun annual ministry of the church, that dates back to **1888**.








# Gowrie United Methodist Church

## June 2023

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28 9:30 Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship (See Bottom)	29 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Dena Sytsma Rene Corell Pastor's Sabbath	30 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Carrie Dalley 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study	31 9am-5pm Office Open	1 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Deb George 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1:00pm UWF Meeting	2 Pastor's Prep Day Iowa Annual Conference	3 Iowa Annual Conference
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