

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

30 Questions to ask Yourself or Your Kids about Church

(these are some great questions to ask ourselves or our kids, try it!)

1. What Bible story or verse did you talk about today?
2. If someone asked you to retell the Bible story from memory, could you do it? Show me.
3. What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
4. Would you want to be like the main person in today's Bible story? Why or why not?
5. What was the coolest or most interesting thing you learned today?
6. Do you feel like God was telling you anything during church today?
7. How did you feel after hearing today's Bible story?
8. Did you laugh at church today? What was so funny?
9. What was the best thing that happened at church today?
10. Did you have a prayer time at church? What did you pray for?
11. Who is your best friend at church?
12. What is your favorite thing to do at church?
13. Did you learn any new words or ideas at church today?
14. What was the most boring thing you did at church today?
15. If you could change anything about church today, what would it be?
16. Rate your day at church on a scale from 1-10. Why did you pick that number?
17. Did anyone ask a really good question at church today? What did they ask?
18. Does anyone in your room need prayer? What do they need prayer for?
19. Were you helpful at church today? How so?
20. Is there anything you want to do differently because of what you learned at church?
21. What did today's lesson teach you about God?
22. What did today's lesson teach you about yourself?
23. If you were in charge of kid's church, what new rule would you make?
24. If you were in charge of kid's church, what rule would you get rid of?
25. Did you play any games or do any activities at church? Did it teach you anything?
26. Tell me something I don't know about the Bible.
27. If I sat with you in kid's church, what would surprise me?
28. What do you think God was trying to teach you through today's lesson?
29. What is your favorite thing about your leader at church?
30. If an angry T-Rex were loose in your room at church, what is one thing you would grab before running out?

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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

No Meeting in August
1:00 pm on September 7th
Tearoom Outing



Council

Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm



Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



Singing the Favorites Choir

August 20 Joint Choir with
Zion during Worship at the
Park. and September 10

PRAY...

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

Congregational Prayer Focus: Children in the SEV School District, School Kits, Birthing and Health Kits.

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

Health Concerns: Rob Hansen, Vern and Mary Bauer, Jim Davis, Kate (Joan Orness's Granddaughter). All those recovering from surgery. All those fighting cancer.

Grief: the family of Ron Jome.

Pray for those suffering in domestic violence or family violence situations

Pray for Ukraine.

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

GATHER...



Bible Study

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



Membership Sunday

August 13th During
Worship Service



Worship In The Park

Sunday, August 20 at the Gowrie
City park with Zion at 9:30 am

Backpack Blessings



Next Step Youth Group

Kick-off at Dolliver Park TBD



Sunday School Kick-off

September 10 at 9:00 AM



Celebrate...

August and September Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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



Membership Sunday, August 13th

*Let us Rejoice and Celebrate
Church Membership!*

***"As members we promise to faithfully participate
in our church's ministries by our prayers,
presence, gifts, service and witness."***

- New Members will be Welcomed
- We encourage all members and friends to come celebrate.
- We will have a time of fellowship and treats following Worship.

If anyone is interested in joining Gowrie UMC, please contact Pastor Susan at 515-351-7050.



Grace and Peace to You,

I have been pondering the ministries of Gowrie UMC over the years. Ministries of the church are generated by God's work in each one of us. The Holy Spirit works and is the original conceiver of creative and beautiful ministries that bring the light of Christ inside and outside of the church body. Our job is to respond to the Spirit and to encourage others as they respond to the Spirit.

Lay people of different gifts and graces are at the heart of the ministries of our church (1 Corinthians 12). As a Pastor, I play a role of encouraging, making a way for new ministries, problem solving and engaging in ministries which I am called to (Leading worship, pastoral care, administration of the church etc.), in addition to ministries God places on my heart.



I think of ministries over the years at Gowrie UMC such as...

- Children's Christmas Programs
- GUMC building projects/upkeep
- Adult and Youth Sunday School
- Young Women's retreats
- Basket (in-kind) ministries
- Meals at Homeless Shelters
- Children's Special Music
- Christmas Youth Visits
- Covenant Prayer groups
- Summer Special Music
- In Home Bible Studies
- Habitat for Humanity
- Flowers for sanctuary
- Folding newsletters
- Confirmation Mentors
- Youth fall leaf raking
- Christmas Eve Service
- Easter Sunrise Service
- Next Step Youth
- Chicken Dinners
- Confirmation trips
- UWF May Baskets
- UMYF cookie sale
- Lasagna Dinners
- Committee Work
- Music Ministries
- In the Door Gifts
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Parade Entries
- Puppet Ministry
- Prayer Shawls
- Online Worship
- Quilt Auctions
- UMW Bazaar
- Ingathering
- Facebook
- Kite Events
- Glory Bells
- Care Center
- Help Fund
- Joy Drives
- Worship
- Banners
- Nursery
- Caroling
- Council
- Quilters
- Choir
- VBS
- and many others...

Ministries are the work of the Holy Spirit to make disciples of Jesus Christ through individuals and a body of Christ. Ministries of the church are God's work through dedicated, God loving, Spirit filled Lay People and Pastors. So when you are asked to help someone with a ministry, think of how you can lift one another up and encourage each other in your ministries. For example: we come alongside to help (even if the ministry is not our gift), we pray, we donate toward a ministry, we lift up the ministry in our conversations with thankful hearts, we stay open to the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives, we mentor one another and share our ministries. All of this is part of being an active body of Christ, making disciples for Christ.

Some ministries are timeless and adapt to changing needs. Over time certain ministries will fall away and others will rise up. Our ministries work to stay current and relevant to people of today. Both continuity and change in church ministries keep things vibrant and alive here at Gowrie UMC.

Let us all listen for the voice of the Spirit. I encourage you to actively engage in and support the ministries of Gowrie UMC, no matter your age or your gifts. There is a place for you.

I Thank God For You and the Ministries of Gowrie UMC.

Pastor Susan

August Sunday Services

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



Jane Frahm
Gail McCloud

August 6th & 13th
August 20th & 27th

August 6th

Communion: Glenn Rohden and Pastor Susan
Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Dennis & Barb Tucker



Hymn Sing Sunday

August 20th Worship in the Park; Joint Choir with Zion

Joint with Zion Lutheran Church **9:30 am**
Host: Jeff & Mary Patterson



August 13th

Worship Leader: Johny Mike Lizer
Tech: Bergen & Carrie Dalley
Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Dennis & Barb Tucker

Membership Sunday

August 27th

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Dave & Judi Tjepkes
Color Bulletins: Dave & Judi Tjepkes

Sunday, August 20

We will have a Joint Choir with Zion Lutheran Church During Worship in the Park! Everyone is welcome! Please watch for more details in the weekly bulletin.



August Mission-School Kits



- Midwest Missions Ingathering kits
- List in Narthex (Ingathering Brochure)
- Bring finished kits to Church Narthex

These kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. Thank you for your support!



Backpack Blessing

◇ August 20 at 9:30 am

◇ Worship in the Park with Zion Lutheran Church at the Gowrie City Park

◇ Kids Bring your School Backpack

◇ Everyone bring Lawn Chair

◇ Fellowship following Worship in Shelter House



SEV Elementary Sock and Underwear Drive

- Through August 6
- All sizes needed.
- Tax Free Weekend August 4-5
- Bring all donations to the Church Narthex

Thank you for helping kids in our community!



September Sunday Services



9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575



Paul & Rita Kail

September 3rd & 10th

Don & Paula Wiklander

September 17th & 24th

September 3rd

Communion: Nuss Family
Worship Leader: Jennifer Field
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks
Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks

September 10th Sunday School Kick-Off; Choir Sings

Worship Leader: Eric Adam
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Alan & Shirley Wooters

September 17th

Worship Leader: Owen Nuss
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Alan & Shirley Wooters

September 24th

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins
Music: Jeff Patterson, TBD
Altar Flowers: Gail McLoud
Color Bulletins: Deb Coughlon

Come &
Have Fun!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 10th
at 9:00 am

Mark your calendar.



Handbells We will be starting small group bell practice on Wednesday, September 13th at 5 PM. If you feel called to play Handbells with us please come to a practice and join us. We welcome anyone who wants to learn!



Sunday, September 10

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
before worship to Select and
Practice Music



September Mission- Personal Dignity and Birthing Kits



- Midwest Missions
- Ingathering Kits
- List in Narthex
- Bring finished Kits to the Church Narthex.

These items provide mothers with a sanitary place to give birth and the tools to care for themselves and their babies after. Thank you for your support!



United
Women
in Faith

August

United Women in Faith
No Meeting in August

September

United Women in Faith
September 7 at 11:15 am at the
Church. Centennial Tea Room
Outing. Please Call Shirley to
reserve your spot by September 1st.

"and we know that all things God works for
the good of those who love him, who have
been called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28 (NIV)

"The Lord announced the word. And
great was the company of those who
proclaimed it."
Psalm 68:11 (NIV)



2023 Vacation Bible School



Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered for our community VBS program this year. The kids had a great time and learned a bunch about Jesus!

Supper Church-Bonfire

We had beautiful weather and
wonderful fellowship.



Hidden Acres will be hosting their **Senior Saints Day** on October 3, 2023. Senior Saints Day is for anyone age 50+ looking for a change from their normal routine. Come to Hidden Acres for a day and enjoy coffee and cinnamon rolls, fellowship and worship, and a special guest speaker. They'll also serve lunch and organize several afternoon activities for your enjoyment. Cost is

\$15.00 at the event. Please call ahead to register @ 515-547-2751.



Council Meeting Minutes

Gowrie UMC
Administrative Council Minutes
June 21, 2023

Attendance; Pastor Susan, Jeremy Viles, John Lizer, Rita Kail, Carl Sandgren,
Gary Vosberg

Devotion and Prayer for our church by Pastor Susan. Call to order at 6:45pm by John Lizer.

Missions; July- Ladies dignity drive, August – Underwear and socks for SEV elementary in Farnhamville. End of August-School Kits.

Motion was made by Gary to approve June minutes. 2nd by Rita- motion carried. Finance summary where reviewed and approved as read.

Gary read SPPRC recommendations to increase reimbursements for those filling the pulpit to \$150.00 and also pay for mileage if requested at current state recommendations, new forms where reviewed. Motion to approve increase reimbursements by Jeremy, 2nd by Rita - motion carried.

Trustees; Carl said that cart holding utensils in kitchen was fixed

UMW Rita informed that UWF are off for summer. September, they will start up again with an outing at a Tea Room.

Pastor; August 20th service in the park, meal following.

Carl closed with prayer, Jeremy made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Pastor.

Next meeting August 9th 6:30PM

Minutes by Gary Vosberg

Thank You!

Thank
you to
all who

helped with the Annual
Chicken Dinner on the 4th of
July. This ministry is
possible because of you.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone
who groomed the
flowerbeds and
bushes outside the
church. Wonderful Job!!

**August 2023-July 2024
Serving Opportunities Books**
are available. Please Pick up your
copy in the church Narthex.
Thank You!!



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Coming Together

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



As the Body of Christ

Gowrie United Methodist Church



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Happy Birthday! Brooklyn Lee 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	31 Pastor's Sabbath	1 9am-3pm Office Open	2 Happy Birthday! Emma Sytsma Jenny Ganef Steve Tucker 9am-5pm Office Open	3 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	4 Pastor's Prep Day	5
6 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship Hymn Sing Sunday	7 Happy Birthday! Randy Johnson Pastor's Sabbath	8 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	9 9am-5pm Office Open 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:30 Grotto Confirmation Trip	11 Happy Birthday! Sue Crouch Pastor's Prep Day	12
13 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship Mem- bership Sunday Fellowship Following Worship	14 Happy Birthday! Emily Joyce Pastor's Sabbath	15 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	16 9am-5pm Office Open	17 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	18 Happy Birthday! Ben Johnson Graydon Gustofson Pastor's Prep Day	19 Happy Birth- day! Max Johnson
20 Happy Birthday! Lisa Willardson 9:30am Worship in the Park/ Backpack Blessing Fellowship Following Worship	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	23 Happy Birthday! Bruce Long School Starts 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation	24 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	25 Happy Birthday! Pat Lomicka Pastor's Prep Day	26 Happy Birth- day! August Akins
27 Happy Birthday! Judi Tjepkes 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	30 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation	31 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	1 Pastor's Prep Day	2 Happy Birth- day! Brian Wiklander

Worship Live on Facebook and on later Channel 575 at 11:00 am

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3 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	4 Happy Birthday! Jamie Dalley Pastor's Sabbath Labor Day 	5 Happy Birthday! Bretton Farnham 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	6 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation	7 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 11:15 am UWF Meeting 	8 Pastor's Prep Day	9 Happy Birthday! John Lomicka
10 Sunday School Kick-Off 9:00am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee in Narthex 10:15am Sunday Worship	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	13 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation 5pm-6pm Bell Choir	14 Happy Birthday! Jeff Patterson Karen McCubbin 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	15 Happy Birthday! Dick Learned Pastor's Prep Day	16 Happy Birthday! Lexie Rice
17 9:00am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee in Narthex 10:15am Sunday Worship	18 Happy Birthday! Myrna Jacobson Pastor's Sabbath	19 Happy Birthday Ginger Marquis 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	20 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation 5pm-6pm Bell Choir	21 Happy Birthday! Rich Tucker 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	22 Pastor's Prep Day	23
24 Happy Birthday! Deb Coughlon 9:00am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00am Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee in Narthex 10:15am Sunday Worship	25 Happy Birthday! Jolene Johnson Pastor's Sabbath	26 Happy Birthday! Avery Akins 9am-3pm Office Open 2pm Bible Study at Joan's 3:30 Pastor's Script. Work Zoom Meeting	27 9am-5pm Office Open 3pm-4pm Confirmation 5pm-6pm Bell Choir	28 Happy Birthday! Carolyn Sandgren 9am-3pm Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	29 Pastor's Prep Day	30 Happy Birthday! Shawn Blunk