

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord* has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 4:12-13

I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for showing me patience and kindness while I was learning the secretary's job. It has taken most of this year for me to begin to feel comfortable with everything that is expected and necessary. I continue to learn everyday ways to better serve our congregation.

This newsletter is just one part of the many little jobs that are included in the secretary's job description. It is of course a joint endeavor with members of the Church Council, Pastor Susan, UWF, congregation, and community members. The whole reason behind all this collaboration and effort is to continue the ministries of Jesus Christ through Gowrie United Methodist Church.

The newsletter is sent out to many people in the community. Local Churches and businesses also subscribe to our monthly newsletter. With so many people, churches, and businesses involved every month occasionally I misspell things or miss a birthday. Please know that in good faith I work to include everyone on the birthday list who has a birthday in those months. Also please keep in mind that we only put those who receive a newsletter and their children on the birthday list. If a present or past congregation member has opted to not receive the newsletter their birthday will not appear on the birthday list. This also goes for those who have not given me their birthdays to put into the system.

Always remember if you have a correction or something to add to the newsletter please let me know. It is important that I know so I can make corrections for the future. I appreciate your grace and encouragement, as I work to address the many changing jobs involved in the secretary's position.

I deeply appreciate your grace and support.

Carrie Dalley

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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

October 5 at 1:00 pm



Council

October 4 at 6:30 pm



Singing the Favorites Choir

October 8



Trunk or Treat

October 30 From 5:00-7:00 pm

GATHER....



Sunday Worship

9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 am Worship service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575



Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at Joan Orness's home, All Welcome!



World Communion Sunday

October 1

Charge
Conference

Charge Conference

October 15 @2:00 pm



Mission Sunday

October 29



Pray for those suffering in domestic violence or family violence situations.

Pray for all those impacted by natural disasters in Morocco (earthquake) and Libya (flooding).

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

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 Bauer.. All those recovering from surgery and from organ transplants. All those fighting cancer. All those in Hospice: Darlene Eklund.

Congregational Prayer Focus: Trunk or Treat and UMCOR relief for Maui.

Pray for farmers safety.

Pray for upcoming Charge Conference. October 15th.

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

Celebrate...

August and September Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 8th

Your SPRC encourages you to write a note of encouragement and appreciation to Pastor Susan during October.

Pastor Susan Rohden
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LAITY SUNDAY

Oct. 15th

We Celebrate all you do to love and serve God and this community.



Grace and Peace to You,

It's October and fall is in full swing, God's beauty is everywhere for us to see, in our community and in our church. In October, we celebrate the beauty we see and experience through our Lay members in our church. Through you, as you live out your covenant promise to participate in the ministries of your church in Gowrie through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.



Through the work of the Spirit, the life of the church is the Laity. Lay leadership and servanthood are key to the actions and effectiveness of the church. God's work in a community through the Church happens as laity go forth into the community to love and share the gospel.

Our church council sets ministry goals for the year as part of Charge Conference. We set goals because without a map, we go nowhere. This year, council members discussed the need to be invitational and inclusive, in our church building and out in our community. We explored forming small casual invitational groups that included both our laity and community members that we invite and include intentionally. We talked about the bon fire last summer and how the small group that attended was full of God's Spirit and it would be the perfect approachable place to invite others into. It is in small more intimate groups where we can truly get to know one another and witness our faith. We encourage you to share your ideas of how we can go out into our community.

This year our D.S. Rev Michel Lundula has encouraging words for us. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Rev. Michel challenged the churches in our District to share God's love in our Jerusalem. Our Jerusalem is Gowrie and the surrounding area.

In October we celebrate our Laity. Your gifts and graces. The spirit of love you take into our community. May God Bless you all as you go forth this coming year. You are loved by your God. You are strengthened by your God. You are chosen by your God to participate in God's mission on this earth. I praise God for you.

Pastor Susan

October Sunday Services

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



Cottingham Family

October 1st, 8th, 15th

Nate and Brenda Brandes

October 22nd & 29th

October 1st

Communion: Jeff & Mary Patterson
Worship Leader: Anna Cottingham
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Music: Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: David H. Anderson

World Communion Sunday



October 22nd

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins
Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Linda Brandes
Color Bulletins: Jane Frahm

Hymn Sing



October 8th

Worship Leader: Johny Mike Lizer
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Dalbert Isom

Pastor Appreciation/Choir Sings



October 29th

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Colleen Goodwin

Mission Appreciation Sunday

October 15th

Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: David H. Anderson

Laity Sunday/Charge Conference/ Children's Choir



Sunday, October 8th

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
before worship to Select
and Practice Music



Laity Sunday

October 15

Join us in
Celebrating our
Lay ministries!
Children Will Sing!

October Missions

* Trunk or Treat



Watch for Clipboards to provide
treats, provide a trunk or Volunteer.

* UMCOR



Raising funds
to assist in relief efforts in Maui after
recent fires.



World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

The special offering provides World
Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic
Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-service
Training Program.



Charge Conference

Sunday, Oct. 15th, 2023

1:30 Fellowship Coffee and Circuit Discussions
2:00 pm Charge Conference
at First UMC, Fort Dodge

All Council encouraged to attend. All Members Welcome.



United
Women
in Faith

October

United Women in Faith
October 5th at 1:00 PM

Program: Judi Tjepkes

Serving: Diane Boerner

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "
Lamentations 3:22-23

All Saints Sunday

November 5th

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

Robert Patton

Janet Decker

Debbie Dunavan

Ron Jome



Hymn Sing Sunday, October 22

Accompanied by Nancy Vogt



Come Sing With Us!

All kids and families welcome!!

Gowrie UMC Trunk 'N Treat Monday, October 30th

3:30 - 5:00 pm Prep for Trunk 'N Treat

5:00 - 7:00 pm Trunk 'N Treat



Opportunities for you to be a part of Gowrie UMC
Trunk 'N Treat

See sign up sheet to:

Provide Candy



Provide Car Trunk



Serve Cocoa



Help with



IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ingathering



is Saturday, November 4th

In Fort Dodge



See Newsletter insert for
more information on the
Back to School Kit and
Hygiene Kit

- ◇ Everyone is encouraged to put together kits.
- ◇ October 22nd bring completed kits to the church
- ◇ October 29th all kits will be blessed during Worship

Sunday School Kick-Off 2023

Let us all pray for a great year of learning about God and fellowship with Pen-Pals.



Mission Talks

On September 10, Jill went to her home church in Winsor Heights to present a talk about her Genetic Disorder.



Confirmation Trip



On August 10th, August, Glenn and Pastor Susan took a Trip to the Grotto in West Bend. It was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship.

Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023 6:30 pm

Attendance: Pastor Susan, Carrie Dalley, Rita Kail, Judi Tjepkes, Carl Sandgren, Jeremy Viles, Gary Vosberg, and Kendale Vosberg.

Reading from James 2:2-4 by Pastor Susan followed by short Devotional.

Minutes by Carrie Dalley. Timekeeper Kendale Vosberg.

Watched video about MAP, Ministry Action Planning.

Old Business:

October Missions: Trunk or Treat and UMCOR donations for Maui.

Hearing Loop/Carpeting tabled till October.

Discussion of keyboard tabled till October.

New Business:

Discussed Church Leadership for 2024. Explored several congregation members who may be interested in committee work.

Discussed Church windows. Enquist Lumber estimated over \$11,000 in materials only.

Treasurer report discussed and approved.

SPRC presented recommendations for 2024 church staff salaries. New salaries approved for 2024 by Council Vote.

Discussed bank accounts. Interest rates are higher so Trustees presented current information and their recommendation.

Voted to combine Heartland Bank Hunter Fund and Security Savings Bank Checking account into one fund. Approved by Council Vote.

Voted to move New Heartland Bank Hunter Fund into a higher interest rate account for 10 months. Approved by Council Vote.

Voted to move Money Market from sale of parsonage to a longer term, higher interest rate account. Approved by Council Vote.

Discussed Charge Conference on October 15, 2023. Discussion on Vision and Goals for 2023-2024.

Pastor Susan will be gone following Charge Conference for two weeks.

Discussed Pen-Pal Prayer Partners.

Next Meeting October. 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Susan prayed us out into the World.

Written by Carrie Dalley

Council Meeting Minutes

August 9th 6:30-8:00 pm

Attendance: John Lizer, Jeremy Viles, Gary Vosberg, Kendale Vosberg, Rita Kail, Chelsey Worrel, Carl Sandgren, Carrie Dalley, Pastor Susan.

Prayer by Pastor Susan, Reading by Gary Vosberg (Judges 1:1-10) Devotion by Pastor Susan.

Pastor Susan shared a card from Lynn Calvert in Iowa City, IA. Encouragement to church and Pastor.

Call to Order: 6:39 PM Minutes by Carrie Dalley, Gary Vosberg Timekeeper.

Motion to approve June minutes made and carried

Old Business:

Mission Moments: August we gathered underwear & socks for SEV and School Kits for Midwest Missions Ingathering.

Rita will set up table in Narthex, to show what is included in School Kits for Congregation to see.

September Mission will be Health and Birthing Kits.

Report on 4th of July Chicken Dinner by Gary Vosberg. Everything seemed to run smoothly. Discussed options to continue this long-time ministry. Gary suggests that the council take on planning and organizing as a board. Discussion.

Research has been done and council has been discussing how to improve hearing accessibility in Worship. Hearing Loops are one option. Pastor Susan presented 2 Hearing Loop Quotes and council discussed, cost from \$5000-\$10000. Both companies recommend replacing carpets as part of job, since loop goes under carpet. Carl Sandgren to get quotes so we can assess feasibility of replacing carpeting in sections and/or all together.

New Business:

Church Leadership tabled to September Meeting

Discussed ongoing Inventory being done by Carrie Dalley. Discussed what to do with organ music since organ is not functional. Discussed removal of organ from sanctuary. Pastor Susan to ask Reiman music if they can remove.

Discussed possible purchase of Keyboard to replace organ. Options include recording options

Work Area Reports:

Treasurer: Approved treasurer report

Trustees: Rita donated a playboard for the toddler room. To be mounted on the wall.

Education: Chelsey shared new Sunday School materials "Celebrate Wonder"

UMW: Tea room visit scheduled in September to start year. Possibility of having another quilt auction.

Pastor Susan discussed upcoming Worship in the Park, Bonfire Supper Church where 16 members participated, upcoming advent series with Bishop Kennetha, and Charge Conference coming up in October.

Next meeting set for September 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Carl Sandgren prayed us out into the World.

Written by Carrie Dalley



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Coming Together

Church Office 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

All are welcome to put together kits!!

Have completed kits to the church by Saturday, Oct 22nd.

Please Note:

- All kit items must be **NEW**.
- No handprints, footprints, paw prints or camouflage on fabrics.



BACK TO SCHOOL KIT DONATIONS

We will collect the Hygiene Kits for the November 5th In-gathering.

Student Kit (\$16 Value)

- 3 Notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8" X 10 ½"
- 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 of Student Scissors
- 1 One Handle Cloth Bag or Plastic Grocery Bag

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

HYGIENE KITS

Hygiene kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves. We will collect the Hygiene Kits for the November 5th In-gathering.

Personal Dignity Kit (\$13 value)

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth – No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz – stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gallon Resealable Plastic Bag








Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.

Add a \$2 Donation for razor and toothpaste.

Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in plastic bag, remove air and seal.

Gowrie United Methodist Church

October 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 World Communion Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship  | 2 Happy Birthday! Jim Frahm Lauren Johnson Pastor's Sabbath | 3 Happy Birthday! Carson Joyce 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3:00pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting | 4 Happy Birthday! Abbi Tucker 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Council mtg. | 5 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting  | 6 Happy Birthday! Beth Shultz Pastor's Prep Day | 7 Happy Birthday! Carrie Lee |
| 8 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship Choir Sings  | 9 Happy Birthday! Parker Quinn Johnson Pastor's Sabbath | 10 Happy Birthday! Boedy Lee Keith Sytsma 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3:00pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting | 11 Happy Birthday! Deb Tvrlik 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5:30pm Bell Choir | 12 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion | 13 Happy Birthday! Brian Johnson Kyle McCard Pastor's Prep Day | 14 |
| 15 Happy Birthday! Linda Kerwin Laity Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Children Singing 2:00pm Charge Conference @ Fort Dodge First UMC  | 16 Happy Birthday! Kevin Fibiker Pastor's Vacation | 17 9am Office Open Pastor's Vacation | 18 9am Office Open 5:30pm Bell Choir Pastor's Vacation | 19 9am Office Open Pastor's Vacation | 20 Pastor's Vacation | 21 Pastor's Vacation |
| 22 Pastor's Vacation Happy Birthday! Jane Frahm Hymn Sing 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship  | 23 Pastor's Vacation | 24 Happy Birthday! Kim Sandgren Susan Frahm 9am Office Open Pastor's Vacation | 25 Happy Birthday! Mary Bauer 9am Office Open 5:30pm Bell Choir Pastor's Vacation | 26 9am Office Open Pastor's Vacation | 27 Happy Birthday! Becky Kalous Pastor's Vacation | 28 Pastor's Vacation |
| 29 Happy Birthday! Will Halligan Mission Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Blanket offering  | 30 Pastor's Sabbath Trunk or Treat 3:30-7:00 pm  | 31 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3:00pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting | 1 Happy Birthday! Jensen Sandgren 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5:30pm Bell Choir | 2 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting | 3 Happy Birthday! Austin Thielmann Donna Monson Pastor's Prep Day | 4 Happy Birthday! Nikki Wilks |

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