

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

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A Meditation for November

The Solitude You Inhabit

From "Abiding in Hope" Iowa Conference

By: Rev. Dr. Mary Lautzenhiser Bellon

I must venture
into solitude to find you –
oh, not just the sounds of breath
from the rhythmic lungs of God,
but all of you and all of us:

the me folded away and hidden,
the egret low on the water,
the bear slumbering in winter,
the friend whose comfort saved my grief,
the stranger picking melons in the produce aisle.

I must venture
into solitude where my beloved-ness gathers
around me like a prayer shawl
and I am deaf to calls to search elsewhere;
I become so gathered that I see and hear
Beloved-ness rolling from the sky,
bubbling up from the streams
invisibly rich with inbreath.

I hear
some who do not even know
the sound beneath sound
the love beneath love,
the healing beneath the healing.

I must venture
into solitude to find the world
and to love it like the Mystery of life loves.

I must hold very still,
open all the windows I have closed
and wait for the color, the cup and the bread, appearing
over the sacrament of this creation,
this treasure that contains you and me.

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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
November 2 at 1:00 pm



Council
November 8 at 6:30 pm



Singing the Favorites Choir
November 19
Come Sing with us.



Ingathering
November 4 at Trinity UMC Fort Dodge
Volunteers needed.



Let's get ready for Advent and Christmas!
November 26 after worship at Gowrie UMC. Please join us as we bring down decorations and get ready to participate in this Holy season. Luncheon hosted by UWF.

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, Pastor Jim Davis. All those recovering from surgery and from organ transplants. All those fighting cancer.

Grief: Families of Donna Monson, Darlene Eklund and Donna Ziemer

Congregational Prayer Focus: Midwest Missions
Ingathering Personal Hygiene and Birthing Kits
Pray for Israel.

Pray for Men's Emmaus Weekend October 26-29.

Pray for Women's Emmaus Weekend
November 3-5.

Pray for farmers safety during Harvest.

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

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

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



GATHER....



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



Bible Study
Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 at Joan Orness's home, All Welcome!
Apostle's Creed Study



Facebook Devotional
Thursdays at 9:30 am



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 22
Gowrie United Methodist Church 7:00 PM



United Methodist Student Day
November 26
Special Offering
towards Scholarships

Celebrate...

November Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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



All Saint's Sunday

November 5
Let us lift up our Saints who passed away this year.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 22 at 7pm at Gowrie UMC. Come enjoy fellowship at this joint service with Zion Lutheran.

I thank you for the cards of appreciation that we received during October.

Blessings,
Pastor Susan



Grace and Peace,

We enter a season of thankfulness. We become aware of those things we are thankful for: our God and our Church home, health, family, our communities, our homes, and the food that the Lord puts before us. We are thankful for the ways in which we are full and even those ways in which we are empty. It is those empty places that our Lord fills, repairs and brings hope. In our Churches, we feel the changes of current culture, we feel the strains and stresses within our denomination, we feel our hearts pulled. We feel.



And then there are the things that we know. We know that Christ died that we may be made right with God through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). We know that God wants the world to be saved through him (John 3:17). We know that God gave the church a command to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). We know that God wants us who believe to “²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.” Acts 20:25-29.

When I focus on what I feel, I can become overwhelmed. When I focus on what I know, I am released. God is God. Overall, I am thankful.

I invite you to join me in giving thanks for our Church body this November. Pray every day for her. Pray that she will be strengthened. Pray that she will know her God in a deeper way. Pray that she will nurture her members. Pray that each one of us who are Gowrie United Methodist Church, will “Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God.” Pray that each one of us will feel moved to intentionally invite a friend or a neighbor to church. Pray that we will be ready to meet them at the door and love them with Christ's Love.

We like Paul “focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. ¹⁵ Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶ But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.”
Philippians 3:13-21

I am thankful for you, the Body of the Gowrie United Methodist Church.

Pastor Susan

November Sunday Services

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



Adam Family
Keith & Dena Sytsma

November 5th & 12th
November 19th & 26th

November 5th

Time Change/Fall Back
Communion: Deb Tvrdik & Crystal Wilks
Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks
Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks



Wednesday, November 22nd 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Tech:



November 12th

Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Music: Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers:
Color Bulletins: Gary & Kendale Vosberg

November 26th

Christmas Decorating
Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
Music: Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Paul & Rita Kail
Color Bulletins: Deb Coughlon



November 19th

Choir Sings
Worship Leader: Eric Adam
Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins
Music: Jeff Patterson
Altar Flowers: Eric & Alex Adam
Color Bulletins: Gail McCloud



Sunday, November 19

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
before worship to Select
and Practice Music



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

Thanksgiving Eve Service



November 22
7:00 PM At Gowrie
United Methodist
Church.

Offering will go towards Food Pantry gift
cards to Market on market .

Let's Get Ready For Advent & Christmas









Sunday, November 26th
After Worship
At Gowrie UMC



We will be bringing down all our Advent &
Christmas Decorations, including trees and
wreaths. A Luncheon will be provided by
the UWF.

Gowrie United Methodist Church

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday! Will Halligan 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship Baptism Luncheon (Adam & Gutshall Families)	30 Pastor's Sabbath Trunk or Treat 5-7	31 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting	Happy Birthday! Jenson Sandgren 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir	2 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	Happy Birthday! Austin Thielmann Pastor's Prep Day	4 Happy Birthday! Nikki Wilks Ingathering
5 Happy Birthday! Adam Tucker Chris Lee All Saint's Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 	6 Happy Birthday! Bryant Wilks Pastor's Sabbath	7 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting	Happy Birthday! Alan Wooters Camille Jepsen 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir	9 Happy Birthday! Allison Rice 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	10 Happy Birthday! Dalbert Isom Jill Viles Kendale Vosberg Pastor's Prep Day	11 Happy Birthday! Chase Rice Dennis Tucker Funeral for Darlene Eklund
12 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	13 Happy Birthday! Eleanor Dorsey Pastor's Sabbath	14 Happy Birthday! Eric Adam 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting	15 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir	16 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	17 Pastor's Prep Day	18 Happy Birthday! Cade Cottingham
19 Happy Birthday! Paula Wiklander 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/ Choir 	20 Happy Birthday! Ross Halligan Pastor's Sabbath	21 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting	22 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at GUMC 	23 Happy Birthday! Leonard Schneider Madyson Barker Office closed for Thanksgiving! 	24 Pastor's Off	25
26 Happy Birthday! Betty Byson United Methodist Student Day 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:15 Advent/Christmas Decorating 2nd Luncheon by UWF 	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 3pm Pastor's Zoom Meeting	Happy Birthday! Eli Eller Kevin Kruse Siena Gutshall 9am Office Open 3pm Confirmation 5pm Bell Choir	30 Happy Birthday! Nina Dalley 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	1 Happy Birthday! Ella Farnham Pastor's Prep Day	2

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



United Women in Faith

November

United Women in Faith
November 2nd at 1:00 PM

Program: Thank Offering

Serving: Gail McCloud

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6 (NIV)



UWF Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

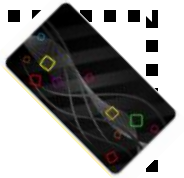
December 2nd from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Come Enjoy a Time of Fellowship and Shopping! Fresh Home Baked Goods Available! Handmade Crafts for Sale! Coffee and Treats for a Free Will Offering!



November Mission: Food Pantry Gift Cards to Market on Market

In mid-November the Community Pantry will be relocating to a new location at 1004 Market Street. Let's support their mission by providing gift cards!



UMW Women Tea Room Outing

September 7 we went to the Centennial Tea Room in Jefferson to meet. We had a great meal and time of fellowship!



Annual Charge Conference

October 15 marked our Annual Charge Conference, in Fort Dodge. We were lead by Rev. Michel Lundala.



Please Note:

Are you looking for a way to save on taxes? Do you already give regularly to the Church? Are you 70 1/2 or older? Doing a Qualified Charitable Distribution may be worth looking into.

What is a qualified charitable distribution?

Generally, a qualified charitable distribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70 1/2 or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. This allows you to lower your adjusted gross income (AGI) while also satisfying the

required minimum distribution (RMD) amounts set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This can help offset other taxes, such as Social Security. If you are interested in using a Qualified Charitable Distribution for your yearly tithe please contact your tax personnel for assistance.

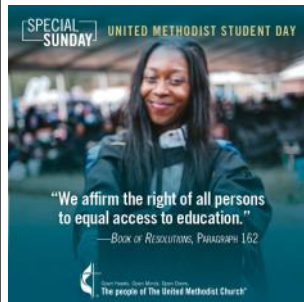
IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Ingathering

November 4, 2023

Trinity UMC in Fort Dodge

Looking for Volunteers to Unload/load trailers, run papers, and tape boxes.

Clipboard in Narthex.



November 26

Council Meeting Minutes

October 4th 2023 6:30-8:00 pm

A Place to Belong, Believe and Become.

Loving

Devotion and prayer by Pastor Susan and Judi Tjepkes.

Learning

Pastor Susan

Meeting called to Order by John, Council Chair

L3 Leading

Meeting minutes for October to be taken by Pastor Susan

Gary Vosberg volunteered to be time-keeper.

Reviewed and Approved September Meeting Minutes.

Old Business

Missions for this Year 2023– November mission will be gift cards for Food Pantry. Carrie shared that food pantry will be moving mid-November/December to a new location (1004 Market Street) where it will be on one floor. The Pantry will use the east entrance facing Elm Street.

Voted and approved Judi Tjepkes as Trustees Chair and Jill Viles as Mission Chair.

Charge Conference Forms reviewed and approved.

New Business

Deb has received a call from the GDC asking if we could vote to approve the GDC buying Wiley Edition lots from the City – Chelsey shared that GDC vote has already occurred but we voted anyway. We voted to approved the sale of the lots by the GDC. Chelsey is part of the GDC and will pass that information on.

Pastor offered a Circuit Ministry Report. Shared that circuit ministry will be discussion Fresh Expressions and how to create fresh ministries in our communities. This may give us some ideas that will help us with our yearly goals.

Draft of 2024 budget was reviewed. Deb will look into current numbers for Social Security related to current wages. All others figures are correct. Approved Budget.

Work Area Reports

Treasurer Report presented by Deb Tvrdik. Discussed and approved.

S/PPRC report by Kendale Vosberg. Salaries approved last month. No new business.

Memorial report by Crystal Wilks. No new donations as of recently. Some additions have been made to the Toddler Room by Memorials (Rug)

Education report - Chelsey Worrel left early but Sunday School is off to a good start.

Missions report by Judi Tjepkes. This month Maui as the jar collection.

UWF report by Rita Kail. This month they worked on kits for ingathering and are beginning discussion regarding possible quilt auction of some type.

Pastor's Report by Pastor Susan. Encouraged all to attend Charge Conference on October 15, 2pm at Fort Dodge First UMC. Pastor will be on vacation from 10/15-10/28.

Issues related to Carpet/hearing loop and Digital organ were tabled until November meeting.

Next Meeting: November 8th at 6:30pm

Adjourned by John. Closing prayer by Pastor Susan.

Written by Pastor Susan Rohden



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Coming Together

In Case of Inclement Weather

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



Snowy

Service will be on Facebook

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