

# GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

### JUNE/JULY 2024

#### **"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

This has been my theme song my whole life.

I was baptized, went to Sunday School, was confirmed, joined Church in the Gowrie Methodist Church. Then Harold and I were married here and raised our kids in this Gowrie Methodist Church.

I was taught many songs over my 90 years and find myself singing them when I go to sleep or when I wake up. These songs keep me connected to Christ Jesus. He has guided me through tough times and joyous times. The songs of my faith have been a blessing for me all these many years.

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Keeps floating back to me.

I have too many favorites to list them all.

I started singing in the church choir in the 8th grade and sang until I graduated.

Good Methodist love to sing, so keep singing.

Nothing can separate me from the love of God or my Gowrie Methodist Church.

In Love,  
Joan Orness

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#### **"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

By William H. Parker

1) Tell me the stories of Jesus  
I love to hear;  
Things I would ask him to tell me  
If He were here:  
Scenes by the wayside,  
Tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus,  
Tell them to me.

2) First let me hear how the children  
Stood round his knee,  
And I shall fancy his blessing  
Resting on me;

Words full of kindness,  
Deeds full of grace,  
All in the love-light  
Of Jesus' face.

3) Into the city I'd follow  
The children's band,  
Waving a branch of the  
palm tree  
High in my hand;  
One of his heralds,  
Yes, I would sing  
Loudest hosannas,  
"Jesus is King!"



## SERVE...



### UWF

June 6 at 1:00 pm  
July No Meeting



### Council

June 5 @ 6:30 PM  
No Meeting in July



### "Singing the Favorites"- Choir

June 16 & July 14  
Come Sing with us.



### Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner

## 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*

**Health Concerns:** All those recovering from surgery and from organ transplants. All those fighting cancer.

**Grief:** Families of Tornado Victims.

### Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for those cleaning up after the tornado in Greenfield.

Pray for peace for Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all war- torn countries.

Pray for all our children and summer safety.

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

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



## GATHER....

### Sunday Worship

9:00 Adult Sunday School  
9:30 Coffee and Conversation  
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!



### Facebook Devotional

Thursdays at 9:30 am



### Walking Church

Thursdays at 10:00 am



### Bonfire Church

June 14 @6:30  
(Location to be Announced)



### Mission Sale

Hosted by Linda White  
Friday, June 7 from 8:00-4:00  
and Saturday, June 8 8:00-1:00  
All proceeds will go to missions.



**Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner**  
July 4th after Parade in Fellowship Hall

# Coming Together

## Celebrate...

### June/July Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

*Happy Father's Day!*

**Sunday, June 16**

**4th of July Independence Day**



# As the Body of Christ

Grace and Peace to You.

When I drive through the Iowa countryside, I can see crops coming up, the rain has continued to fall in many areas, the grass is green and the flowers are blooming. I also know for many, it has been a season of flooding, of wind damage and of severe tornado damage.

We experience so much here on earth, and we often categorize things quickly as good or bad. Beyond that quick response to the world around us, we know the following, which has a deeper impact on our experiences in the world. Romans 8:28 reads, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



This year, along with the freshness of Spring, we are finally on the other side of General Conference in the United Methodist Church. Although I don't know the future of the United Methodist Church, I do know that God is at work. I know that God will use me and the church, as long as I allow myself to be used for his purposes. I am called to go out, to reach out and to be a messenger of the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ and His saving grace, to all people.

I may have a quick response to the outcome of General Conference labeling it as good or bad, right or wrong. Regardless, I am here. I am part of a church that emphasizes being one. I am part of a church that knows that all people are of sacred worth. I part of a church that seeks to bring the Gospel to others in their context.

I will not pretend that in the United Methodist Church I agree with everyone or that I am not uncomfortable at times, but this has always been the case. We cannot all agree on all things. But we agree with the words of the Apostles Creed. We say together, "I believe in God the Father almighty... in Jesus Christ His Son... and the Holy Spirit...".

May the Peace of Christ go with you.

*Pastor Susan*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brooklyn Lee of North Liberty, IA. She is the Daughter of Chris and Carrie (Johnson) Lee. She came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and qualified for State Golf. The girl's golf team also came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and qualified for State Golf as a team. She goes to Clear Creek Amana School. Brooklyn is the granddaughter of Marj Johnson and the late Rick Johnson.



# Congrats Martin Viles Grad!

*God has a Great Plan for you!*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

# June Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Sunday School

9:45 Coffee and Conversation

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



Bergan & Carrie Dalley      June 2 & 9  
 Dale Brandt & Vern Bauer      June 16, 23, & 30

## June 2

Communion: Glenn & Pastor Susan Rohden  
 Worship Leader: Eric Adam  
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Altar Flowers: George & Eleanor Anderson  
 Color Bulletins: Deb Coughlon

## June 23

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson  
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma  
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Alan & Shirley Wooters  
 Color Bulletins: Alan & Shirley Wooters

## June 9

Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley  
 Tech: Glenn Rohden & Carrie Dalley  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins:

## June 30

Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren  
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins  
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Jane Frahm  
 Color Bulletins:



## June 16

Worship Leader: Darin Wooters  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins:

## Father's Day; Choir Sings



*Happy  
 Father's  
 Day!*

## Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes  
 before worship to  
 Select and Practice Music



## Bonfire Church

- ◆ You are Invited to Join us for Bonfire Church!
- ◆ June 14 And August ?? At 6:30 pm
- ◆ We will meet to enjoy Fellowship Time and a Pot-Luck Fireside Meal.



2024 IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
 June 7-9 at the RecPlex, West DM

Everyone is Welcome to attend online. Please Keep the Annual Conference in your Prayers.



IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**FILL THE TRUCK!**

June 7-9 at Iowa Annual Conference

- \* Anything listed on the Kit Brochure will be accepted. This includes items like specific handmade items and other Midwest Mission Kits.
- \* Gently Used Medical Supplies, New Bedding, Non-Electric Tools, Sewing Machines, and Bikes.
- \* Please have all Donated items to the Church by June 2

# July Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Sunday School

9:45 Coffee and Conversation

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



Dennis & Barb Tucker	July 7 & 14
Adam Family	July 21 & 28

## July 7

Communion: Crystal Wilks & Deb Tvrdik  
 Worship Leader: Glenn Rohden  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks  
 Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks

## July 21

Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley  
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma  
 Music: Nancy Vogt  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins:

## July 14

Worship Leader: **Choir Sings**  
 Johny Mike Lizer  
 Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Jane Frahm  
 Color Bulletins:



## July 28

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson  
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Bergan Dalley  
 Music: Tom Hlubek  
 Altar Flowers: Dave & Judi Tjepkes  
 Color Bulletins: Dave & Judi Tjepkes



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## 2023 Vacation

### Bible School

Hosted by Gowrie UMC

Sunday, July 14 at 4:00-7:30 PM

Monday, July 15 at 5:30-7:30 PM

Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30-7:30 PM

"Camp Firelight"

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office at 515-352-3715.

## Sunday School Recognition

We had a Great Year in Sunday School. See you this summer!





United Women in Faith

June

Meeting June 6 at 1:00 PM

July

No Meeting

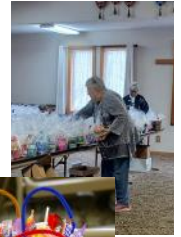
"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (CEB)

### May Basket Sale

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



### Council Minutes

May 8, 2024, 6:30-8:00 pm

Attendance: Chelsey Worrel, Carrie Dalley, Jeremy Viles, Jill Viles, Gary Vosberg, Kendale Vosberg, Judi Tjepkes, Rita Kail, Pastor Susan Rohden

With the absence of Chairman John Lizer, Chelsey Worrel conducted the meeting.

Pastor Susan opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Minutes of the April Meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### Old Business

Mission Opportunities for May:

Blanket Sunday will be on Sunday, May 12

Summer Ministries:

Discussion about having a UMC table during Gowrie Downtown Market August 22

Date for Bonfire Church

VBS will be July 14-16

Ideas for VBS Finale

General Conference Recap... Several points were discussed.

#### New Business

Jill will write a letter of encouragement for congregational giving.

Review of July 4 Chicken Dinner plans. 20.00 donation for this event must be turned in to office by June 26.

Continue review at June meeting.

Council discussed Summer Worship time. Motion was made and seconded to have church remain at 10:15 am for the summer months. Motion was approved.

Review of bank accounts. Motion made and seconded to update accounts. Motion Passed.

#### Work Area Reports

SPPRC Kendale Vosberg - New reports for review of ministry have been issued and completed.

Trustees Judi Tjepkes -

Proposal was accepted from Ben Johnson to replace 7 windows in church for \$15,000.

Smitty's will shore up retaining wall on the West side. Benefactor will assume the bill for this.

Linda White has permission to use the Narthex/Drive Thru on Garage Sale Days for Missions.

Dallas Roper will present an estimate for 2 new fans and installation in the Sanctuary.

Next Meeting June 5 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm.

Written by Judi Tjepkes.

# Council Minutes

April 3, 2024 6:30-8:00 pm

## A Place to Belong, Believe and Become

**Attendance:** John Lizer, Judi Tjepkes, Rita Kail, Chelsey Worrel, Pastor Susan, Carrie Dalley, Jeremy and Jill Viles, Gary and Kendale Vosberg

### **Loving**

Prayer lead by Pastor Susan

### **Learning**

Video from Study "Surprised by Hope"

Discussion of video and how it applies to us at Gowrie UMC and to our personal faith.

### **L3 Leading**

Carrie Dalley-minutes, Jeremy Viles-time keeper

Review February minutes. Minutes approved by council.

### **Old Business**

Jill Viles discussed many options for future monthly missions. Including a game night, pot lucks, school supply collections, cleaning of park by Sunday School, ect.. April mission will be the UWF May Basket Sale at the end of April.

Reviewed Mission Goals for 2024 and how we are serving our Jerusalem.

Administrative Goals for 2024

Discussed February 11 Potato Bar

Discussed Shove Tuesday Dinner

Looking at doing Walking Tacos in September to align with Garage Sale Days.

Discussed 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chicken Dinner. Jeremy Viles to contact Lidderdale about menu.

Discussed setting up a booth at Downtown Market. Dates August 22 and September 12.

Noted that Audit was completed by Ryan and Anna Cottingham.

Briefly discussed what to do with old organ music. May consider photographing to list on Ebay.

### **New Business**

Discussed "Fellowship" Grant for UWF. Grant would be used to promote fellowship within congregation.

Rita will be discussing with UWF.

Microsoft updates were discussed. Was suggested that we may want to set up a rotating replacement schedule for computers in Church.

### **Work Area Reports**

Treasurers report was reviewed and discussed. Report Approved.

Trustees: Have talked to Ben Johnson about Upstairs windows. Waiting for estimate. May consider replacing with contemporary windows.

Smitty's Greenhouse came and looked at front retaining wall. Waiting for estimate.

Waiting for Ronley King to do an estimate on power washing building.

Education is working on VBS. Thinking about a date mid-July.

Missions is happy to have Bridget Wiklander come alongside Jill in Missions.

Lay Member Gary Vosberg talked about Regionalization and possible changes in UMC.

Pastor's Report:

Happy for our Easter Sunrise Celebration which was attended by 61 people. Many families that we don't see on a regular basis. Good group.

Easter Sunday regular service attended by 30 people. Everyone seemed in good spirits.

Next Meeting set for May 8 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Written by Carrie Dalley



### **Mission Garage Sale**

Linda White has collected for and hosted a sale every year, all proceeds go to missions. This year she asked if she could do it here. She will be here June 6th-June 8th.



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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



**4TH OF JULY CHICKEN DINNER** after the parade

Menu:

Chicken, Scalloped Potato's, Baked Beans, Buns and slice of pie.

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 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 Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 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**.







# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Happy Birthday! Deb George
<b>2</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>3</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday! Pat Bowler 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9am Office Open	<b>6</b> 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting	<b>7</b> Happy Birthday! Glenn Rohden Norris Smith Pastor's Prep Day <b>Iowa Annual Conference</b>	<b>8</b> Happy Birthday! Rebecca Johnson
<b>9</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship <b>Iowa Annual Conference</b>	<b>10</b> Happy Birthday! Diane Boerner Pastor's Sabbath	<b>11</b> 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9am Office Open	<b>13</b> 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	<b>14</b> Pastor's Prep Day 6:30 Bonfire Church 	<b>15</b> Happy Birthday! Becky Stewart
<b>16</b> Father's Day Happy Birthday! Brent Monson 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship & Choir	<b>17</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>18</b> 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9am Office Open	<b>20</b> 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	<b>21</b> Pastor's Prep Day	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>24</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>25</b> Happy Birthday! Barb Tucker 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9am Office Open	<b>27</b> Happy Birthday! Vance Bauer 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	<b>28</b> Pastor's Prep Day	<b>29</b> Happy Birthday! Brock Smith
<b>30</b> Hymn Sing! 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>Worship Live on Facebook and on later Channel 575 at 11:00 am</b>					

# July 2024

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30 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	3 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Alexandra Adam Taylor Willardson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	4 <b>Annual 4th of July Celebration and Chicken Dinner</b> <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Glen Worrel's birthday 	5 Pastor's Prep Day 9am Office Open	6
7 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Don Wiklander Linda Brandes 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	10 9am Office Open	11 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00am Walking Church	12 Pastor's Prep Day	13
14 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship & Choir 4:00-7:30 pm VBS at GUMC 	15 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jeanie Johnson Pastor's Sabbath 5:30-7:30pm VBS @ GUMC	16 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> AJ Dorsey Chelsey Worrel Laura Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30-7:30pm VBS @ GUMC	17 9am Office Open	18 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Shirley Wooters 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00am Walking Church	19 Pastor's Prep Day	20
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**Worship Live on Facebook and on later Channel 575 at 11:00 am**