

# GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **“Let the little children come to me” Matthew 19:14**

This is by far one of my favorite verses. Jesus telling his disciples to allow the children to come to him, so that they may interact with him in a small way. This verse makes me think of all instances where we invite children to be part of something in our community. Where we teach by example how to treat others.

Jesus spent only a little time with these children, but what an impact I imagine this time had on them. Children were probably used to being shooed away by adults in their lives. Just as the disciples tried to deter them from running up to Jesus, they were allowed to come before Jesus; he lay hands on and prayed for them. This was a dramatic change from what they were culturally used to. I wonder if the disciples took this into consideration when interacting with children thereafter.

The one sent to save us made time to lay hands on and pray with children, giving us a clear path to follow. Children are a blessing, renewed with each generation. All our hopes and dreams are realized, maybe not in our lifetime, but in the lifetime of our children and grandchildren. It is our responsibility to make time for children. Our children. The children of God.

We have members of our church body and the surrounding community that take this responsibility to heart. Who become parents, Sunday school teachers, child care workers, Southeast Valley teachers, bus drivers, and lunch workers. Who love and teach children. Who have an open door policy in their lives, in their classrooms, and in their homes. Who welcome children with open arms. Not all of us are called into vocations that place us in daily contact with children. However, we are all called to show love and care to children. Just as Jesus showed us. It makes me think, how do I engage in this calling? How do you engage in this calling? Let us love our children like Jesus did.

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## SERVE...



**UWF**  
August No Meeting  
September 5 Tea Room Outing



**Council**  
August 7 At 6:30 pm  
September TBD At 6:30 pm



**"Singing the Favorites"- Choir**  
August 11 with Zion in the Park  
and September 8  
Come Sing with us!



**Sunday School Teachers**  
September 8-May 11

### Weekly Serving Opportunities

Please pick up your Serving Opportunities books from the Narthex. As members and friends of GUMC we serve Sunday Mornings. We bring altar flowers, pay for bulletins, and are in our "Singing the Favorites" Choir. Pick up your book so you know when you do what.

## 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; Eleanor Anderson*

**Health Concerns:** All those recovering from surgery, and all those facing terminal diagnosis. DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law)

**Congregational Prayer Focus:** Families of those killed at Political rally.

Pray for all those cleaning up after the tornado in Greenfield, IA and floods in northwest Iowa.

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

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

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

## Celebrate...

### August/September Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

## GATHER....



### Sunday Worship

9:00 Sunday School Beginning September 8.  
9:00 Adult Sunday School (September 8)  
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



### Worship In the Park

August 11 at 9:30 AM. Please bring your own Lawn Chairs. Gowrie UMC to provide treats for Fellowship following Worship. Please watch for Clipboard.



### Membership Sunday, August 4



September 8



September 2nd

GRANDPARENTS  
fill the world  
with LOVE

September 8 @  
9:00 am

Dear Friends,

We're coming off a busy time in our church, Camp Firelight VBS. The church was hopping with young energy and joy. The children learned Bible stories and a call out scripture, made firefly crafts, learned how to give to others, engaged in a science lesson and played games together. Of course, they also ate together (dirt and worms and trail mix). Our young moms did an excellent job hosting the 50ish children who attended. We are thankful for them and all the volunteers.



Earlier in the day Sunday July 14th (the first day of VBS) after Church, our Church council met for a summer finance meeting to discuss our summer financial status. As is often typical in the summer, church finances are tight. However, we haven't experienced this lull in finances since COVID. During COVID, the council was relieved and pleased to see that our finances stayed stable, and we even had some extra so that our treasurer could trust we had money in the account and so she began to have most of bills automatically paid out of our account each month. All churches did not experience this but ours did.

I have pondered what we did financially during the COVID lockdown and at times wondered how that could be. I have concluded that it was the commitment of the people of this church body to the ministries and presence of their Church in this community. You all gave regularly, in proportion to your income and ability to give. We saw you often, even when you were not able to worship together. People stopped by the secretary's office to drop off a check for five to twenty dollars, or twenty-five to 100 dollars, or 100 dollars or more. The key is that most everyone gave and gave regularly. It is in regular gifts to the church that the church achieves stability so that in the efforts of its laity through the Holy Spirit it has the opportunity to flourish in its ministries.

On Tuesday, the last day of VBS, we had Bible Study at Joan's home. Our study is from Acts, written and presented by Randy Frazee. We have been learning about and become highly aware of how the church grew in the first century and how the growth of the church affected the cities and communities where it flourished. Randy asked us what would be different about your community if there were no church body (no Christians who gather together regularly), what would be different if the church bodies in your community were no longer there?

As we wrapped up Camp Firelight VBS, I watch our children play and learn in our church building, surrounded by the Body of Christ, the Church Body. I watched children and grownups come together and be nurtured here. I'm not sure what would be different, but something significant would be lost without Gowrie United Methodist Church in this community. We bring something vital to the community around us. That vitality takes our commitment to worship, to tithe (regularly a set amount to our church), to give our time, to offer our gifts and to love deeply. Receiving God's love is one aspect of our Faith, giving is another. Praise God.

*Pastor Susan*

# August Sunday Services

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

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



Jane Frahm	August 4th & 27th
Gail McCloud	August 11th & 20th

## August 4

Communion: Nuss Family  
 Worship Leader: Johnny Mike Lizer  
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Altar Flowers: Alan & Shirley Wooters  
 Color Bulletins: Alan & Shirley Wooters

## August 18

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson  
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins: David H. Anderson

## August 11

**Worship in the Park**  
**At 9:30**  
**Joint Choir with Zion**



## August 25

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson  
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins  
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Dave & Judi Tjepkes  
 Color Bulletins: David H. Anderson

## Sunday, August 11

### The Gowrie UMC and Zion Joint Choir

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.



## Downtown Markets

- August 22 and September 12
- 4:00-7:00 pm on Market ST.
- We will have a table for the GUMC to handout Brochures, Magnets, and to share our regard for our community.
- Volunteers needed to help with set up, be at table, or tear down.



## Back to School/Backpack Blessing/Teachers Blessing

We will be having a Back to School blessing during worship on August 18. Please Join us to pray for all our children and teachers for this upcoming school year!



## Membership Sunday, August 4.

*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.”*

Let us Pray for One Another!

- Pray the Membership Directory.
- Pray the Monthly Birthdays.
- Pray the Newsletter for our Ministries.



# September 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



Don & Paula Wiklander	Sept. 1st, 8th, & 15th
Paul & Rita Kail	Sept. 22nd & 29th

## September 1

Communion: Jeff & Mary Patterson  
 Worship Leader: Carl Sandgren  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins: Dalbert Isom

## September 22

Worship Leader: Eric Adam  
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins: Sam & Deb Tvrdik

## September 8

Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley  
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks  
 Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks

### Choir Sings/Sunday School Kick-Off



## September 29

Worship Leader: Anna Cottington  
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma  
 Music: Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins: Ardis Shirbourn

## September 15

Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel  
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Lincoln Akins  
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson  
 Altar Flowers:  
 Color Bulletins: Gail McCloud



## Sunday, September 8

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes  
 before worship to  
 Select and Practice Music



## Ingathering 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. August is a great time to buy school kit items. Thank you for your support!

Save the Date!

## Sunday School Kick-Off

- September 8
- 9:00 AM
- All Children Welcome from age 3 to 100.





United Women in Faith

## August

No Meeting

## September

September 5  
Tea Room Outing

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." 2 Thessalonians 3:13 (NIV)

### 2025 VBS

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year! We had a lot of fun with the Camp Firelight Program. See you all Next Year!



### Ingathering-Personal Dignity and Birthing Kits

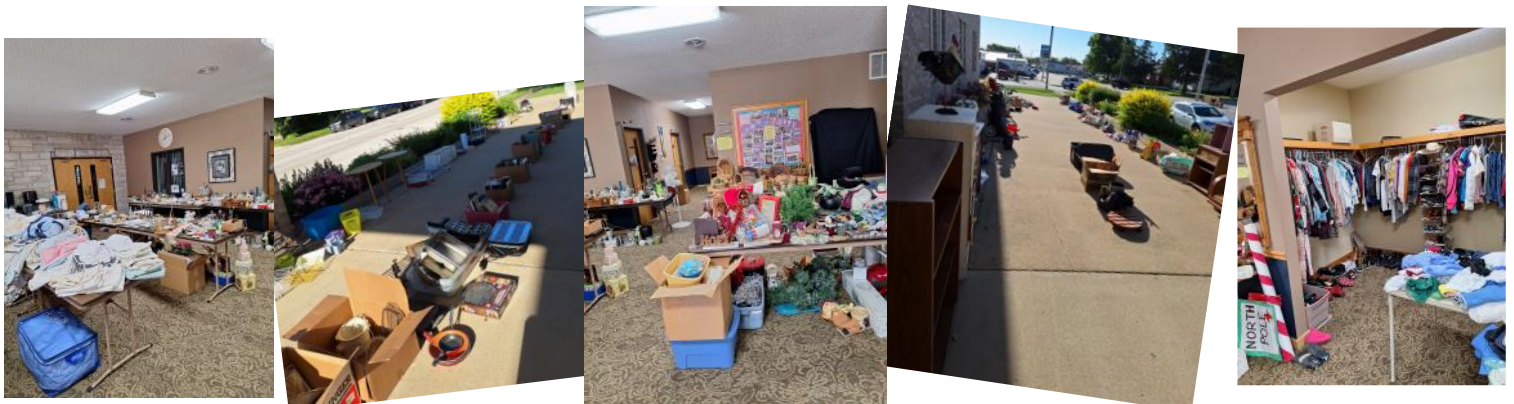
- Midwest Missions
- Ingathering Kits
- List in Narthex
- Look for good sales anytime.
- Bring finished Kits to the Church Narthex.



Ingathering Brochures available in the Narthex or ask the office for assistance.

### Linda White Mission Garage Sale

Linda really appreciated our generosity in allowing her to use the Narthex for her annual garage sale June 7-8. Their mission this year was to aid in rescuing children from the human trafficking trade. They raised a total of \$2251.23 towards this goal.



# Council Minutes

June 5, 2024 6:30-8:00 pm

**A Place to Belong, Believe and Become.**

## **Loving**

Devotion and Prayer lead by Pastor Susan.

## **Learning**

Call to Order at 6:35 PM Chair by Jill Viles

## **L3 Leading**

Meeting minutes: Jeremy Viles, Time Keeper: Judi Tjepkes

Review of May Meeting minutes. Bank account changes made in May to be added to Official records.

## **Old Business**

Mission opportunity for June: Focus on Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner.

Discussed mission priorities for 2024.

Discussed setting up a table at the Fall Gowrie Sidewalk event. (Downtown Market) August 22 and September 12

Summer ministry ideas:

Bonfire church to be held here at the church on June 14 at 6:30 pm

Joint service with Zion in the park, August 11 at 9:30. Discussed Council bring treats for fellowship after service.

Administrative goals for 2024

Letter of encouragement to be sent out to congregation written by Jill.

Chicken dinner discussion on what needs to be done still

Walking tacos during garage sales fall 2024?

No other old business

## **New Business**

Need for a finance chair, conversation and recommendations made by council.

No other new business

## **Work Area Reports**

Treasurer Report given by Deb Tvrdik. Discussed maybe ordering discounted stamps and setting up direct deposits for Austin Davis and Tom Hlubek. Deb will be moving.

SPPRC by Kendale Vosberg, nothing new to report

Trustees report by Judi Tjepkes.

Looking to line up someone to power wash the building

AC repair will be done to the building this weekend by Olson.

Smitty to repair front retaining wall before July 4. Paid for by Benefactor.

Waiting to schedule with Ben upstairs window replacements.

Education report by Chelsey Worrel. VBS set for July 14-16 here at GUMC.

Missions report by Jill Viles. Nothing to report.

UMW report by Rita Kail. Planning to work on cleaning up the pantry in the kitchen this week.

Talking to the ladies about making quilt blocks.

Lay Leader/Lay Member: Gary Vosberg nothing to report.

At-Large member: Jeremy Viles nothing to report.

Pastor's report by Pastor Susan Rohden. Heading to Annual Conference Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting August 7 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm. Prayer by Pastor Susan.

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner. We had a great time of service and fellowship with our community! Our extra pie, chicken, and potatoes were taken to Beacon of Hope who greatly appreciated our generosity.



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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 @ 9:00 am,  
Worship starts at 10:15 am;

Facebook live;

later on Channel  
575 at 11:00am



**As the Body of Christ**







# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Brooklyn Lee 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	31 9am Office Open	1 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	2 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Emma Sytsma Steve Tucker Jenny Ganeff Pastor's Prep Day	3
4 <b>Membership Sunday</b> 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	7 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Randy Johnson 9am Office Open 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	8 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	9 Pastor's Prep Day	10
11 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Sue Crouch 9:30 Worship in the Park w/ Zion	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	14 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Emily Joyce 9am Office Open	15 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	16 Pastor's Prep Day	17
18 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Ben Johnson Graydon Gustofson 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/ <b>Backpack Blessing</b>	19 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Max Johnson Pastor's Sabbath	20 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Lisa Willardson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	21 9am Office Open	22 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church 4-7pm Downtown Market	23 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Bruce Long Everly Scott Pastor's Prep Day	24
25 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Pat Lomicka 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	26 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> August Akins Pastor's Sabbath	27 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Judi Tjepkes 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	28 9am Office Open	29 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	30 Pastor's Prep Day	31

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

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	2 <b>Labor Day</b> Pastor's Sabbath	3 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	4 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jamie Dalley 9am Office Open	5 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Bretton Farnham 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church 1pm UWF Tea Room Outing 	6 Pastor's Prep Day	7 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Haley Stewart
8 <b>Sunday School Kick-Off</b> 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	9 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> John Lomicka Pastor's Sabbath	10 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	11 9am Office Open	12 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church 4-7pm Downtown Market	13 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> William Adam Pastor's Prep Day	14 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jeff Patterson Karen McCubbin
15 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Dick Learned Marla Stokesbary 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	16 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Lexi Rice Nate Slawson Pastor's Sabbath	17 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	18 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Myrna Jacobson 9am Office Open	19 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Drew Dorsey Ginger Marquis 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	20 Pastor's Prep Day	21 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Rich Tucker
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29 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Camden Johnson 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	30 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Shawn Blunk Pastor's Sabbath	1 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	2 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jim Frahm Lauren Johnson 9am Office Open	3 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Carson Joyce 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church 1pm UWF Meeting 	4 <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Abbi Tucker Pastor's Prep Day	5