

# GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER 2024

My brothers and sisters of the Gowrie United Methodist Church,

I have been thinking about the men and women that started this church in Gowrie Iowa for the last couple of weeks. The faith that they had that lead to a vision for this church building. I think about their generosity: of time, funding and hard work, all done in faith to grow this congregation. Then the “stewardship” to continue on, through the abundance of what God had blessed them with.

Some of our congregation today are related to that generation. Some of us, like my family, are new, almost 40 years now. Some are newer than that.

We all have something in common with the generations before us, “Faith”! Our church is doing wonderful things inside this building and outside this building. I am asking you, “through your faith” what is your vision for this church? How are we going to preserve, and build it up for coming generations?

We have lost many generational stewards these last few years. Inflation has led to an increase in cost of living for our families and our church. Please prayerfully consider becoming a regular giver or increasing your stewardship giving. Even small amounts matter. I know your faith, your love for God and each other. I’ve seen it.

I end with this: Romans 8: 28. 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.

Thank you, your friend and brother in Christ!

Gary Vosberg

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## SERVE...



United Women in Faith

### UWF

October 3 @ 1:00 pm



### Council

October 2 At 6:30 pm



### "Singing the Favorites"- Choir

October 20

Come Sing with us!



### Trunk or Treat

Set up at 3:00 PM October 30th

Trunk or Treat will be from 5-7 pm



### Food Pantry

Trick or Treat Food Pantry Gathering.

Date TBD

### Weekly Serving Opportunities

We still have a few serving books that have not been picked up. Please check the offering table to make sure you have your book.

## PRAY...

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

**Nursing Home or Care Facilities:** *Grandview Healthcare center, Dayton; Ginger Marquis.*

**Health Concerns:** All those recovering from surgery, and all those facing terminal diagnosis. DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those fighting cancer. Misty Lee (Carrie Johnson's Mother-in Law). All those who suffer with chronic pain.

**Grief:** Dalbert Isom's Family; Michele "Luna" Jackson's Family

### Congregational Prayer Focus: Ingathering

Pray for the tragedy in Farnhamville. There will be a candle light vigil for Michelle Jackson on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 pm at the Farnhamville City Park. Please wear purple or black.

Pray for our schools, teachers, students, and parents.

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 Sunday School

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

Charge Conference

### Charge Conference

October 13 at 2:00 PM @

First UMC, Fort Dodge, IA.



### Ingathering

November 2nd please have all kits to the Church by Thursday, October 24th (See Insert)



## Celebrate...

### October Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

### October 6



### October 20



### October 13



October 30  
from 5-7pm

Dear Friends,

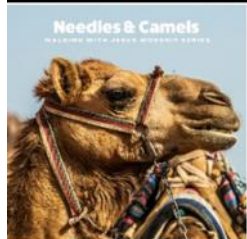
Fall is in full swing and I am excited! I love the cooler weather, the harvest and the getting back to worship that this season brings. I haven't highlighted a sermon series for some time. I decided it was time. There is something about Walking with Jesus that is a timeless expression of our faith. Walking with Jesus draws us into Christian practices that deepens our faith. Worship, generosity, prayer, reading our Bibles, learning scripture, witnessing to our faith in word and deed, are all practices that draw us close.

I love the picture of the booted foot to the right. Boots are practical, boots are for doing! So let us go forth. *"As you might suspect, walking with Jesus is not only good for the body, but is also good for the mind as Jesus often asks us to stretch our thinking into new possibilities and new understandings."* What might we find on our walk?



October 6, 2024 **"Such as These"** Mark 10:2-16

We begin our series with World Communion Sunday. We come together as one. Jesus reminds us in Mark, whom the Kingdom of God belongs. To those who are like a little child.



October 13, 2024 **"Needles and Camels"** Mark 10:7-31

I love this scripture because it is this excellent word picture we can see in our minds eye. The young rich mind loves God and knows the answers, but the idea of setting aside all his wealth was more than he was prepared for.



October 20, 2024 **"Not to Be Served"** Mark 10:35-45

Laity Sunday! Mary will share our message with us and I will worship with you as we celebrate the Laity in our church and lift up our call. Our choir and children will sing. Our church is not just made up of Laity, our church is the Laity!



October 27, 2024 **"Let Me See"** Mark 10:46-52

We meet Bartimaeus! He was blind and only knew Jesus was coming because of what he heard! What do we hear? Do we cry out for what is most important? To see Jesus.

So off we go. Off on an October Journey with Jesus. To familiar places, that will bring us some reminders of what we know and something new also.

I wrote this article before the death of the young lady in Farnhamville. Our hearts broke. It made me think again about what walking with Jesus means.

Blessings. See you in Worship!

*Pastor Susan*

# October Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

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



Cottington Family	October 6 & 13
Nate & Brenda Brandes	October 20 & 27

## October 6

Communion:  
Worship Leader:  
Music:  
Tech:  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins

## World Communion Sunday

Gary & Kendale Vosberg  
Johnny Mike Lizer  
Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson  
Keith & Dena Sytsma



## October 20

Worship Leader:  
Tech:  
Music:  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## Laity Sunday, Choir Sings

Marj Johnson  
Bergan & Carrie Dalley  
Jeff Patterson  
Gail McCloud  
Jim & Jane Frahm



## October 13

Worship Leader:  
Tech:  
Music:  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday

August Akins  
Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden  
Jeff Patterson  
Dennis & Barb Tucker



## October 27

Worship Leader:  
Tech:  
Music:  
Altar Flowers:  
Color Bulletins:

## Ingathering Blessing

Bergan Dalley  
August & Lincoln Akins  
Jeff Patterson  
Roger & Linda Brandes  
Dave & Judi Tjepkes

## October 30

## Trunk N' Treat 5-7 pm

## Sunday, October 20

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Select and Practice Music



## Charge Conference

Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

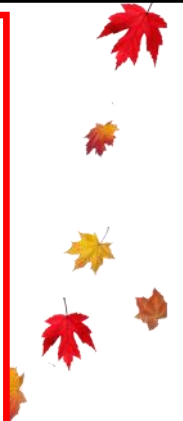
1:30 Fellowship Coffee and Circuit Discussions

2:00 pm Charge Conference

at First UMC, Fort Dodge

All Council encouraged to attend.

All Members Welcome.



## Tithing

As we are finishing 2024 and setting our budget for 2025, it is a time when the Church is thinking and planning regular gifts. Tithes are what makes ministry possible.

We are all experiencing the increase of utilities, groceries, and cost of living, this includes your Church. Let us seek God's guidance and wisdom as we give

If you don't already, consider making a tithe line item in your budget. Thoughtfully and prayerfully set an amount to give each week.

God's word is made known through our giving. Please see the tentative budget included in this newsletter.

Thank you for making ministry possible thru Gowrie UMC.



## Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Pastor Susan Rohden

546 R Avenue

Paton, IA 50217





United Women in Faith

October 3

1:00 PM

Program Judi Tjepkes

Server: Diane Boerner

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." Psalm 55:22

### All Saints Sunday

November 3rd

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

- Donna Ziemer
- Darlene Eklund
- Donna Monson
- Donna Light
- Sally Amandus
- Benjamin Rentschler



### United Women in Faith Tearoom Outing

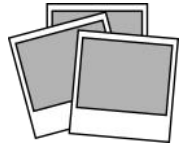
We enjoyed starting our year out with fellowship at Sister Sadie's Tearoom.



Looking forward to a great year!

### Your Help Needed!

We are looking into a new photo directory for our congregation. As many know, this is a huge undertaking. We would like to be able to produce this directory more in house and at as low a cost to you as possible. What we are asking is for each family to send in a picture of themselves to be put into this directory. If you do not have a current picture of yourself or your family. We would be more than happy to take a photo, or several, here at the church, to be included in this directory, at no cost to you. Please make sure that you have your name, and current address, either in an envelope, or on the back of the photo. Thank you for your help!



All kids and families welcome!!

### Gowrie UMC Trunk 'N Treat

Wednesday, October 30 from 5-7pm



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

Provide Candy



Provide Car Trunk



Serve Cocoa



### Sunday School Kick-Off

Sunday School started September 8. Please keep our children in your prayers!



# Gowrie United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting

August 7, 2024 - 6:30pm

Present: Pastor Susan, Judi, Chelsey, Rita, Kendale, Jill, Jeremy, Gary, and Carrie

GUMC Administrative Council met on August 7, 2024 at 6:30pm. Gary opened with a devotion and prayer. Susan followed with 2 Corinthians 2:12 and a discussion was had about how this relates to the churches finances and giving.

At 6:58 pm Gary called the meeting to order.

Rita made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5 ,2024 and July 14, 2024 meetings. 2nd by Carrie. Motion carried.

## Old Business:

- Mission opportunity in July: Took leftover pie, chicken, and potatoes from 4th of July to the Beacon of Hope.
- Mission opportunity in August: School kits and health kits for ingathering – information can be found in the narthex.
- Reviewed ministry goals for 2024.
- Discussed Gowrie's Downtown Market on August 22 and September 12. Sign up sheet will be passed for volunteers to set up a table with crafts and giveaways for community outreach.
- Discussed hosting a walking taco meal during garage sales on Friday, September 6th during the lunch hour. Gary will find volunteers to help serve, Carrie and Judi will work on getting food items donated.
- Discussed other fundraising and fellowship ideas for this fall. Lasagna dinner will be November 10th following worship. Chelsey will organize.
- Discussed church finances. \$158,000 is needed to operate our church for the 2024 year. With inflation, that is expected to go up in 2025. Conversation was had on how accounts are low on funds and what can be done to encourage more giving.
- Deb will be resigning as treasurer. Ryan and Anna Cottingham will be taking her place. The three of them will work together to transition. Encouraged prayers for them.

## New Business:

- Discussed recommended honorariums for funerals. Ned Palmer contacted Susan about this. Jeremy made a motion for tech to receive \$60 and custodian to receive \$100 for honorariums for funerals. 2nd by Judi. Motion carried.
- Need for finance chair and an additional at large member were tabled for next month.
- Charge conference 2024 tabled for next month.

## Work Area Reports:

- Trustees – Judi reported Ben Johnson has ordered the windows and materials.
- Kendale made the motion to rollover the Parsonage CD at Heartland Bank in the amount of \$125,078.94 to 10 months at 4.2%, bringing it to June 2025. 2nd Carrie. Motion carried. Susan and Judi will contact Heartland Bank.
- Education- Chelsey reported VBS was a success. New Sunday School curriculum will be ordered soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm

Pastor Susan made motion to adjourn. 2nd Kendale. Motion carried.

Pastor Susan closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsey Worrel

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Walking Taco Dinner. We had a lot of fun and good fellowship.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped man our table at the Downtown Market. It was a great opportunity to meet our community.

## **Gowrie United Methodist Church**

Administrative Council/ Finance Agenda

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Chelsea Brandes.

Judi Tjepkes volunteered as the timekeeper.

August minutes reviewed and approved. Kendale moved and Jeremy seconded.

### Old Business

It was noted that the GUMC presence at the August 22nd Downtown Market was successful.

A September 12th Downtown Market will be held. Bridget, her husband, and son can begin the welcome session, but need to be relieved by 5:30.

Jeremy Viles volunteered to bring a gazebo top to block the sun.

It was suggested we have more "Little Jesus" cards.

The GUMC men will serve a walking taco event alongside garage sale days on September 6th 11:00-2:00. Freewill offering. Rita volunteered condiment cups. Little paper boats will be filled with chips and meat from the crock pot. Sour cream, tomatoes and cheese will also be available. Judi has hamburger to provide. Carrie will be picking up items at Market on Market. Carrie said she can provide seasoning. The tomatoes need to be diced.

The Walking Taco was a great success. Participants and guests enjoyed a favorable late summer day outside.

Charge Conference will be held October 13th.

### New Business

It was moved to include an honorarium for weddings. The amount has been suggested to be \$150 for Pastor Susan. Tech \$60 and custodian \$100 (same as for funerals).

Gary made a motion to close this meeting. This was seconded by Rita.

Next meeting will be held October 2nd @ 6:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Jill Viles





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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,

Coffee and Conversation @ 9:45

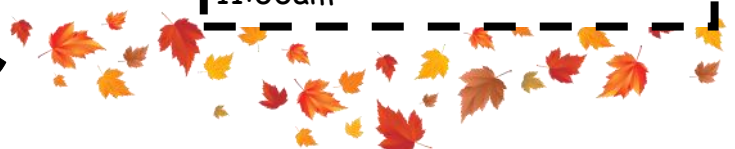
Worship starts  
at 10:15 am;

Facebook live;

Channel 575 at  
11:00am



# As the Body of Christ







**United Methodist Church Budget****Tentative 2025**

(will be discussed in October Council)

Outreach: Conference Askings	Budgeted	*Through our Annual Conf., our ministries are connected to all UMC churches.
General Church Appointments	\$3,524.00	We give and together we impact the world.
Conference Ministries	\$12,217.00	We give and in return we also receive support for our Pastor and our Church. We are empowered in our successes and provided resources in our challenges.
Conference Mission Giving	\$2,863.00	
District Askings	\$634.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$19,238.00</b>	
Leadership: Staff Expenses		
Pastoral Compensation	\$40,665.75	
Accompanist	\$1,850.00	
Music Worship Leader	\$1,200.00	
Pulpit Supply	\$1,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$44,715.75</b>	
Administration : Expenses		
Parish Secretary	\$11,362.00 - 20 hours/week	
Office Supplies	\$1,750.00	
Copier Maintenance	\$3,000.00	
Postage	\$1,600.00 - will increase in 2025	
Telephone	\$2,800.00	
Other reimbursed expenses (cell and Zoom)	\$759.00	
Annual conference Expense: P/D	\$700.00	
Pastor Travel for Parish	\$3,000.00	
Continuing Education: P/S/L	\$1,400.00	
Direct Billing (Health/Pension)	\$25,000.00 - churches contribution toward	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$51,371.00</b>	
Trustees: Expenses		
Repairs and Maintenance	\$10,000.00 - includes mowing and snow removal	
Utilities	\$14,000.00	
Insurance	\$10,000.00 - insurance costs likely to increase	
Outside Custodian	\$0.00	
Inside Custodian	\$7,728.00	
Social Security	\$1,440.00 - will increase will slight increase in salaries	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$43,168.00</b>	
Program: Expenses		
Christian Education	\$2,000.00	
Evang., Miss, Soc. Con	\$300.00	
Worship	\$1,500.00	
Bulletins	\$0.00	
News Ads	\$100.00	
Copyright License	\$300.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$162,692.75</b>	

# Gowrie United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Camden Johnson 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Shawn Blunk Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jim Frahm Lauren Johnson 9am Office Open	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Carson Joyce 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Abbi Tucker Pastor's Prep Day	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Tanner Johnson
<b>World Communion Sunday</b> <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Beth Shultz 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Carrie Lee Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Parker Q. Johnson 9am Office Open	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Boedy Lee Keith Sytsma 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Deb Tvrulik Pastor's Prep Day	12
<b>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</b> <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Brian Johnson Kyle McCard 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 2:00 Charge Conference @ Fist UMC in Fort Dodge	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Dennis Shepherd Pastor's Sabbath	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Linda Kerwin 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Kevin Fibiker 9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Pastor's Prep Day	19
<b>Laity Sunday</b> 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir Sings/Children's Choir Sings	Pastor's Sabbath	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Jane Frahm 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open 5pm Trunk Or Treat 	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Kim Sandgren Susan Frahm 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion <b>Ingathering Kits to Church</b>	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Mary Bauer Pastor's Prep Day	26
<b>Ingathering Blessing</b> <b>Happy Birthday!</b> Becky Kalous 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Pastor's Sabbath	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> Will Halligan 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Pastor's Prep Day	2

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