



GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Gowrie UMC,

We express gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards your church. Your contributions are essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We give through our offerings together on Sunday Mornings as a way to respond together to God's love. We also want to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, using your credit card. You can give in the offering plate. You can give by automatic deduction. And now you can give by credit card.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZNEA>

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued effectiveness of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

Your Gowrie UMC Council

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**Gowrie United
Methodist Church**

**OUR NEW
E-GIVING PAGE
IS LIVE!**

In addition to our current ways of giving, we are adding an e-giving platform for our online friends and for those who no longer carry cash. Scan the QR code now to give.

SCAN ME



VANCO
FAITH



SERVE...



UWF
November 7 @1:00 pm



Council
November 6 At 6:30 pm



"Singing the Favorites"- Choir
November 17
Come Sing with us!



Decorating for Advent and Christmas
November 30 @ 10:00 am set up trees
December 1st Hanging of the greens during service, Lunch for all after church followed by finishing decorating.

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 suffering from chronic pain. All those receiving therapy. All those in hospice care.

Grief:

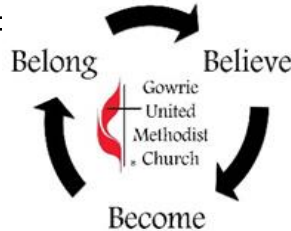
Congregational Prayer Focus: Ingathering

Pray for all those impacted by Hurricane Milton and Helene.

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



All Saints Sunday
November 3



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 27 @7:00 pm
Zion Lutheran Church



UWF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
December 7 from 8:00-12:00



"The Chosen" Advent Series
December 1, 8, 22, 24th

Celebrate...

November Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

All Saints Sunday

November 3



Veterans Day

November 11

UM Student Sunday

November 24



Thanksgiving Day

November 28

Hello Friends,

Grace and Peace be with you today and always.

I am so pleased to be sitting down to write this newsletter article. I attended our October circuit meeting last night with the Cal-Hamster Circuit which covers Calhoun, Hamilton, Webster, and Humboldt Counties. We had about 20 people present at the meeting, both Pastors and Laity. I hope soon Laity from our church will join me at these meetings.



The meeting was led by Rev. Mike Fillmore, who is part of Parish Development in the Iowa Annual Conference. Rev. Mike talked frankly about our churches in Iowa. He was blunt about some obvious facts and encouraging about who we are as a church and where we can go together.

He bluntly spoke of the goals all churches have in common, to have more members, to reach more people and have more families in our midst. Then he asked why that is our goal? He brought up giving and the need for funds, he talked about the comfort of worshiping when the attendance is up and about the fact that it just feels better to worship with a full house. There is nothing wrong with these reasons but if these are the reasons we are wanting folks to come to our church, we will not grow, and we have lost sight of God's call on our church.

If we want people to join us in our churches, we must give them a reason to want to come. Why should they come to Gowrie United Methodist Church?

Rev. Mike also talked about our aversion to change. But change is inherent in life. All things will change, and our churches must change to if we want to stay vibrant. If we do the same things today as we did yesterday, our churches will not be relevant and effective in the lives of our young people in the 21st century.

He also shared that this does not mean that everything must go but that we all need to be flexible and be ready to grab onto new ways that our young adults introduce to us.

I was pleased to learn we are on the right track with some things, but the path is long, and we are in it for a marathon not a sprint.

I praise God that we are running this marathon together. God has blessed Gowrie United Methodist Church, so that we may be a blessing to others.

Pastor Susan

November Sunday Services

9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Coffee and Conversation

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



Adam Family	November 3 & 10
Keith & Dena Sytsma	November 17 & 24



November 3

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

All Saints Sunday

Deb Trvdik & Crystal Wilks
Anna Cottington
Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Crystal Wilks
Gary & Kendale Vosberg

November 17

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

Choir Sings

Marj Johnson
Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
Jeff Patterson

Diane Adam

November 10

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

Bergan Dalley
Keith & Dena Sytsma
Jeff Patterson

Dalbert Isom

November 24

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

Eric Adam
August & Lincoln Akins
Jeff Patterson
Paul & Rita Kail
Crystal Wilks

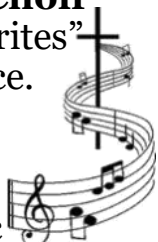
November 27

**Thanksgiving Eve Service
@Zion —7:00 pm.**

Sunday, November 17

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
before worship to
Select and Practice Music



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



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.

Kitchen Telephone

In an effort to lighten demands on our budget
we have decided to remove the phone in the
kitchen. Most people use their cell phones to
make calls. Please be aware that there is no
longer a land line in the Kitchen. Thank you!



November 11

Tell a Veteran
Thank you!



Thanksgiving Eve Service



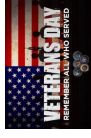



November 27

7:00 PM At Zion

Lutheran Church Offering will go towards
Food Pantry items.



Gowrie United Methodist Church November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday! Becky Kalous 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 Happy Birthday! Will Halligan 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	30 9am Office Open 5pm Trunk Or Treat	31 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	1 Pastor's Prep Day	2 
Sunday School Mission Sunday Happy Birthday! Austin Thielmann 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	4 Happy Birthday! Nikki Wilks Pastor's Sabbath	5 Happy Birthday! Adam Tucker Chris Lee Tanner Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	6 Happy Birthday! Bryant Wilks 9am Office Open	7 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	8 Happy Birthday! Alan Wooters Camille Jepsen Pastor's Prep Day	9 Happy Birthday! Allison Rice
Happy Birthday! Jill Viles Kendale Vosberg 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	11 Veteran's Day Happy Birthday! Chase Rice Dennis Tucker Pastor's Sabbath 	12 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	13 Happy Birthday! Eleanor Dorsey 9am Office Open	14 Happy Birthday! Eric Adam 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	15 Pastor's Prep Day	16
17 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir Sings	18 Happy Birthday! Cade Cottingham Pastor's Sabbath	19 Happy Birthday! Paula Wiklander 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	20 Happy Birthday! Ross Halligan 9am Office Open	21 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	22 Pastor's Prep Day	23 Happy Birthday! Leonard Schneider Madyson Barker
UMC Student Day 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	25 Pastor's Sabbath	26 Happy Birthday! Betty Byson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	27 9am Office Open 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Zion 	28 Thanksgiving Day 9:30am Facebook Devotion Office Closed for Thanksgiving 	29 Happy Birthday! Eli Eller Kevin Kruse Sienna Gutshall Pastor's Prep Day	30 Happy Birthday! Nina Dalley 10:00 Put up Christmas Trees 

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



United Women in Faith

November 7

1:00 PM

Program Thank Offering

Server: Gail McLoud

"Be joyful always. Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)



UWF Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

December 7th 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!

Budget Needs Monthly

We praise God for how he uses Gowrie UMC. Our ministries are vibrant and we thank every member and friend for your part in it. Since we are one as a church body, we thought it may be helpful for all of us to know our basic monthly bills. In the last several months our giving has not met our monthly bills and we have continued to dip into our Money Market.

Set Amounts Each Month

\$	945.70	insurance
\$	6,769.90	Salaries & benefits
\$	7,715.60	Total

Bills That May Vary - Estimates

\$	200.00	WCCTA
\$	267.50	Access
\$	300.00	Black Hills
\$	300.00	Gowrie Municipal Utilities
\$	125.00	Music
	\$1,193	Total

Varies		Postage
Varies		Office Supplies
Varies		worship
Varies		Education

\$ 8,908.10

Saturday, November 30th



10:00 am

At Gowrie UMC

We will bring down, set up and put lights on our Trees for the Sanctuary, Narthex and Fellowship hall. We will decorate the trees on Sunday.



Advent/Christmas Hanging of the Greens and Decorating

December 1st

10:15am: Hanging of the Greens!
11:15 am: Fellowship/lunch
11:45am Finish decorating the church.

Please Join us As We Kick off The Advent Season To-



Gowrie United Methodist Church

Administrative Council/ Finance Agenda

October 2, 2024 6:30 PM

Devotion and prayer from the Upper Room

Call to Order John not able to make it tonight, Gary stepped in as Temp. Chair

October – Pastor Susan will Take Minutes

Pastor Susan Reviewed a summary of September Mission and Ministries (How have we made disciples?)

Reviewed summary of September offerings.

Sept 1st \$730, Sept 8th \$3,795, Sept 15th \$1,715, Sept 22nd \$765, Sept 29th \$475

Total - \$7,480 in the offering plate during September,

Old Business

*Reviewed Mission/Outreach opportunities for Sept and October. Will continue gathering ingathering kits and will host Trunk or Treat. Discussed UMCOR and Hurricane Helene. Will put out a jar for congregation to contribute.

*Administrative Goals for 2024. Planning a Lasagna meal this fall. Date of November 10th may not work as benefit for Michelle Jackson may be held on that date. Looking into November 3rd. Judi, Rita, Carrie and Chelsey will work on coordinating this meal. Meal will be free will. [Meal will be held later due to conflicts]

*Church Finance Discussion – Discussed giving noted above. It was a good month, and we are still working to catch up.

*Carrie reviewed her findings regarding the telephone bill. Decided to discontinue a \$10 charge that we do not use, voted to discontinue the kitchen phone. All voted in agreement with this plan.

*Carrie has also looked into options for possibly being able to offer Debit and Credit card payment. This may be helpful for those who do not carry cash or use checks. It also makes giving possible for those who are viewing online. Carrie talked with Vanco, a company that is associated with the UMC. The company has no set up or disconnect fees. Fees are charged per transaction. Givers can opt to cover their own fees and in church giving, about 67% choose to cover their own fees. Fees are 2.9% per CC transaction, 1% per DC transaction, plus a \$.45 transaction fee. Gifts would automatically be applied to general account and would automatically be documented in our church 360 program along with Carrie receiving an email drawing her attention to the giving. It was moved and 2nd and the council voted and approved setting up with Vanco since there were no upfront fees and this may make giving possible for some who do not currently have a convenient way to give.

*Charge Conference 2024 is Sunday October 13th; we reviewed the Mission and Ministry Plan. Discussed out local setting and decided to point out church is in Gowrie, but it serves the area communities. Reviewed Priorities for this coming year. Emphasis is on outreach through support and encouragement of our congregation and community. Also, on looking at what we do and finding new ways to approach our ministries. Will continue a focus on mission and ministries in our surrounding communities and in the world. Will promote prayer ad gratitude. Pastor talked about the importance of being outward facing and not inward facing. A church is only alive and doing the work of God if it is facing outward. Pastor Susan will refine wording our priorities.

*No other old business.

New Business

*SPRC recommendations were discussed. Small raises were given to most staff even with concern about finances that have been recently occurring. Discussed the importance of honoring the hard work of church staff even if they are willing to go without a raise. Time was spent discussing a housing allowance for Pastor Susan. Pastor has not been receiving a housing allowance and is not requesting one, however SPRC has become aware that in the absence of a parsonage, a congregation is to provide a housing allowance to its Pastor. Discussed how and what. Decided to begin with \$5000 as a minimum and will work from there. SPRC will contact DS to discuss further. Council moved and second the motion for the SPRC recommendations and voted to approve.

*Budget Review and Discussion. Did not have enough information to approve tonight so will discuss further in November.

*Judi shared that she has connected with Ronly about pressure washing the church and will follow up with Ben regarding the windows.

*No Other new business

Next Meeting: November 6th at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned and closed with Prayer by Pastor Susan

Submitted by Pastor Susan



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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;

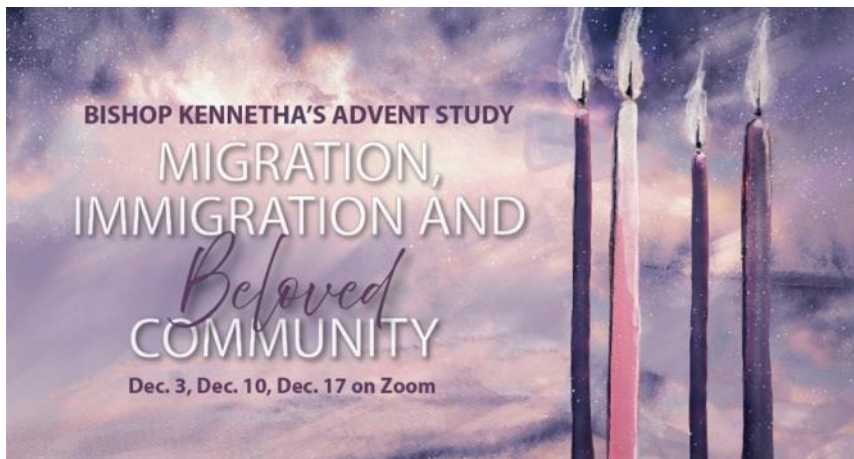
Facebook live;

Channel 575 at
11:00am



As the Body of Christ





Bishop Kennetha's Advent Study

All societies are being impacted by global migration, which is surging because of oppression, climate change, and conflict. We know that those who choose to move are in search of survival and a better life. Yet, tragically, immigrants in the U.S. are being demonized, causing some to fear for their safety.

Join us this Advent for a three-week videoconference study focused on global migration, immigration, and beloved community. We will engage the Bible and our Social Principles as we think and pray about our call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We will learn about the Great Migration, the largest internal migration in U.S. history. During the Great Migration, more than six million African Americans moved from the South to northern, midwestern, and western states to escape racial terror and oppression. This study will present that history through poetry by some of our greatest American poets and through the artwork of acclaimed African American artist Jacob Lawrence.

Join Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai and Iowa and Illinois Methodists on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Central time.

Pastor Susan



MIDWEST MISSION IOWA MEET AND GREET

- Friday, November 1
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Program at The Courtyard of the Courthouse. (214 E State Street, Jefferson, IA) will include light appetizers and networking with volunteers and staff of Midwest Missions.
- Dessert and Facility Tours after Program at Jefferson Location (219 N. Chestnut Street, Jefferson)



Interested in missions that come out of our local area? Come learn about Midwest Missions and all they do.

Pastor Susan



Intentional Discipleship Growth through Participating in Care Ministries

DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2024

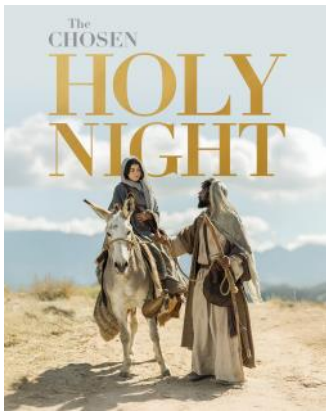
TIME: 11 a.m. CST

PRESENTERS: Bishop Lawson Bryan, Dr. John Bell

Discover the transformative discipleship impact of care ministries, through research findings from Respite Ministry on caregivers, volunteers, and friends with dementia in our upcoming webinar. Presented by retired Bishop Lawson Bryan and Dr. John Bell, this session will delve into the groundbreaking findings from our recent study. Learn how Respite Ministry not only provides essential support to caregivers but also fosters a deep sense of community and spiritual growth among volunteers.

Resister at: umcdiscipleship.org/articles/the-impact-of-respite-ministry-on-volunteers-and-caregivers-november-7-2024

Pastor Susan



Celebrate Advent With Us!

During Advent this year we will travel with the cast of **"The Chosen"** to that most holy night. December 1st, 8th, 22nd and Christmas Eve. We will show Clips from the series and will contemplate together what that night might have been like.

We look forward to seeing you there throughout Advent and for Christmas Eve service!

Honoring Native American Heritage Month: A Call to Listen, Learn, and Build Relationships

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the rich gifts and stories of the Indigenous peoples who have shaped the land on which we live, work, and gather for worship. Many of us may not know that our church buildings stand on land that once was inhabited by diverse tribal nations, each with a particular language, culture, and traditional practices. This month offers the church an opportunity to listen, learn, and humbly build relationships grounded in mutual respect, allyship, and support.

