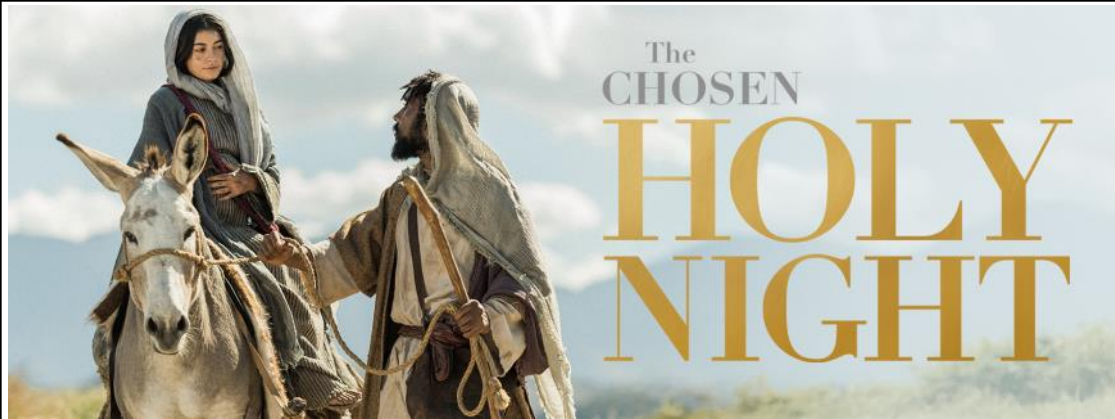


GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024



Advent. A Season of Preparation. A Season of moving toward the Birth of Christ. A Season of Expectation.

This year we will prepare for that most Holy Night in a special way. Many of you may be watching "The Chosen" a series that depicts the life of Christ and his ministry on this earth. Like any movie or TV rendering of Jesus Life, there is much to ponder and discuss about the series and we always need to come back to the Biblical story told by the Prophets in the Old Testaments and in the Gospels. Often a visual rendering of the story can help us think it through and come to a deeper meaning. So this year we will engage in a series based on "Holy Night" the Christmas story in The Chosen series.

Pastor will present a four-week series with Video clips from "Holy Night"

Holy Night Sermon Series

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| December 1st "Nothing is Impossible with God" | Light the Candle of HOPE |
| December 8th "For All the People" | Light the Candle of PEACE |
| December 15th Children's Program | Light the Candle of JOY |
| December 22nd "Great Joy" | Light the Candle of LOVE |
| December 24th "To The Ends of the Earth" | Light Candles Celebrating CHRIST |

Please join us for this special preparation for the birth of Christ, as we move forward toward Christmas.



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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



SERVE...



United Women in Faith

UWF

December 7 @ 8:00 am-11:00 pm
Christmas Bazaar

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council

December 11 At 6:30 pm



"Singing the Favorites" - Choir

December 8
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.

Mitten Tree

Please donate new Mittens, Hats, Gloves, & Scarves on the Mitten Tree in the Narthex.

PRAY...

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

Nursing Home or Care Facilities: 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.

Grief: Family of Ginger Marquis, Family of Sheri Everhart.

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 Advent Study
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

Christmas Caroling

December 15 at 5:00 PM at Church
Meal to following Fellowship Hall

Advent Study with Bishop Kennetha

On Zoom, December 1, 10, & 17

UWF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 7 from 8:00-12:00

Children's Christmas Program

December 15 During Worship

Blue Christmas Service

December 18 at 6:30 pm

Holy Night Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 5:00 pm

Celebrate...

November Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

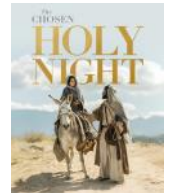
Hanging the Greens/Our Church will Put on it's Christmas Apparel

December 1 after Worship
Meal Provided by Paul & Rita Kail



Advent The Season of Going Towards the Birth of Christ

December 1, 8, 22, 24th



baptism



Baptism

December 8
During Worship

Merry Christmas

December 25



May The Peace of Christ Be With You,

I am writing this letter to you before we even begin Advent. I am working forward in time. Forward through Advent. Forward to the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Forward. As a Pastor, I often have this sense of moving and sometimes pushing forward.

I work ahead as I prepare worship series, bulletins and sermons. I work ahead as I am in ministry with you in Council meetings, United Women of Faith Meetings, Bible Studies, Community engagement, Sunday School, Puppets, Parameters and Banners, Committee Meetings, Etc. We work ahead in ministry together.



Our calendars are living and dynamic. Some choose to keep one in their phones because we can add to it and take from it. I choose to keep a paper calendar. I have my working church calendar. I have wall calendars spread throughout the church. They have pretty pictures and sometimes scriptures on them that inspire and encourage. My Calendar guides my week. It helps me compensate for a poor memory, so that I can focus on ministry instead of remembering. Sorry, I do digress.

As I somewhat anxiously work ahead toward Christmas, I begin to have a peaceful calm feeling in my heart. Yes, there is much for us to do: Church Decorating, Fellowshiping, Practicing and giving a Sunday School Program, Caroling, Preparing music, Creating craft items and Baking for the Bazaar, Etc.

And amongst all this, we worship, we praise God, we study, we spend time reading the scriptures and we serve and love one another (friends and family) through this Christmas Season with our whole hearts.

This is Advent. We are preparing and moving forward into the oh most important celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus. And we can feel Christ's peace, because that is what the season is meant to bring, Peace.

He says, "My Peace I give you, My Peace I leave you." Let us live into this peace, knowing that it is Christ's gift to each one of us. Breathe in the Peace of Christ.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Advent season.

Pastor Susan

December 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



Brenda & Nate Brandt December 1
 Gutshall Family December 8
 Crystal Wilks & Mike Krayenhagen December 15, 22, & 29

December 1

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

December 8

Worship Leader: Johnny Mike Lizer
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Poinsettias
 Color Bulletins: Gail McCloud

December 15

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Tech 2: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Poinsettias
 Color Bulletins: Don & Paula Wiklander

Choir Sings

Johnny Mike Lizer
 Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Jeff Patterson
 Poinsettias
 Gail McCloud

Children's Program

Marj Johnson
 Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Jeff Patterson
 Poinsettias
 Don & Paula Wiklander

December 18

December 22

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

December 24

Worship Leader: Darin Wooters
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley

December 29

Worship Leader: Anna Cottington
 Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Gary & Kendale Vosberg

Blue Christmas @ 6:30 pm

Glenn Rohden
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Jeff Patterson
 Poinsettia
 Dale Brandt

5:00 PM Christmas Eve

Darin Wooters
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley

Anna Cottington
 Lincoln & August Akins

Gary & Kendale Vosberg

Sunday, December 8

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes
 before worship to
 Select and Practice Music



GIVE NOW
 Your generosity is helping us impact our community
 with the Good News of the Gospel!

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Blue Christmas Service



Gowrie United Methodist Church
 will be hosting a Blue Christmas
 Service on December 18 at 6:30
 pm. This is a service for all who
 suffered or lost and who struggle
 through the Holidays.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

In Case of Inclement Weather



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



Mitten Tree

Please donate new mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves for this year's Mitten Tree.

The Mitten Tree will be located in the Narthex during Advent. Donated items stay local.

Our school district appreciates all help meeting our children's needs.

Thank you!



Christmas Caroling

Gowrie United Methodist Church will be participating in Christmas Caroling again this year on December 15 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at the Church and select some of our Senior Saints to go Caroling to. After caroling we will come back to the church to enjoy a time of Fellowship and Supper. There will be a Clipboard in the Narthex.

Everyone is welcome to come sing with us!



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 Put on Our Churches Christmas Apparel.



Trunk or Treat

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with Trunk or Treat this year. It was a wonderful time of outreach to the children and families in our community!



Coming Together

As the Body of Christ



United Women in Faith

December 7

9:00 AM –11:00 PM

Program Bazaar

Server: All Members

Set up from 10:00 am –11:00 am, December 6

“As each as received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1Peter 4:10 (RSV)

Lasagna Freezer Meal

Gowrie United Methodist Sunday School will be selling homemade frozen lasagnas to raise funds for the church.

Small \$15

Small pan feeds 2

Family \$25

Family pan feeds 6 to 8

To pre-order your lasagnas please contact Anna Cottingham or Chelsey Worrel.

Pre-orders must be picked up at GUMC on December 7th between 9 – 11am

Limited number of lasagnas will be available for purchase at the Bazaar on December 7th.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Christmas Bazaar

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1306 MARKET ST - GOWRIE

**Saturday,
December 7th**

8 am to 11 am

Join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship. Our annual bazaar features baked goods, rye bread, candies, and Christmas cookies. Many crafts, gifts, and other items for your holiday shopping and hosting!

Lasagna Freezer Meals also available!

Children’s Christmas Program

“Children’s Bible Science”

children’s program



Christmas Bible Science–CBS is a live show featuring silly scientists who love to use science to explain truths about faith, the Bible, and Jesus.

Join us December 15 for this year’s Children’s Christmas program during Worship.

There will be a time of fellowship and Cast Party after Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is Welcome!

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND

Let us Thank your Church employees. Donate to the employee Christmas fund for Christmas 2024. Put in the memo line of your check “Employee Christmas Fund”.

Thank you!!

Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2024
6:30 pm

Devotion and prayer by Gary Vosberg

Learning moment by Pastor Susan , Consecration Sunday starting in January , stewardship from spiritual perspective.

Call to order by John Lizer 7:00 pm

In attendance; John Lizer, Judy Tjepke, Kendale Vosberg, Jill Viles , Rita Kyle, Chelsey Worrel, Pastor Susan, Anna Cottington, Carrie Dalley, Gary Vosberg. The Minutes where taken by Gary.

Review of September minutes; moved to approve by Chelsey, second by Kendale- motion carried

Review of October minutes; moved to approve by Kendale, second by Rita- motion carried.

Board needs to approve Anna and Ryan Cottington to take over Accounting for church. A motion to approve was made by Kendale, second by Carrie- motion carried.

A motion to place new church treasurers Anna and Ryan Cottington on three bank accounts for the church was made by Rita, second by Kendale- motion carried.

The board looked at our church budget and how to streamline our budget, possibly cutting postage, monthly newsletters, going digital, pastor suggested having Ron Carlson come from conference Treasurer, to help us come up with a possible plan. He will be coming Dec 11th at 6:30 pm.

Other business ; UWF; Rita asked board if she could invite the Camp Clear Lake UWF meeting to take place here at the church, April 7 th 2025, board approved.

Rita also talked about having another quilt auction in Feb. date to be worked out ?

Chelsey talked about Lasagna dinners, she has bought ingredients with donations that she received. Anna, Chelsey and Sunday school children will be working together. A flyer was presented for frozen meals to the public, 70 meals in all. They will be selling them at the UWF Bazar in December.

Chelsey , asked to use old church Nativity set, for Home town Christmas event in park, a motion by Gary to approve use, second by Kendale- motion carried.

Dec. 15th is to be Children's Christmas program.

December 11th next board meeting at 6:30

Motion to Adjournment was made by Chelsey, second by Judi –motion carried. Prayer by Gary.

Submitted by Gary Vosberg

Monthly Newsletter

We are streamlining our monthly newsletter. We will begin emailing the newsletter and providing printed calendars upon request.

- Please provide a fresh email, or confirm email to continue receiving the newsletter via email. There will be a clipboard in the Narthex, or contact the office.
- If you would like to pick up a printed calendar, please place your name on the clipboard to pick up a calendar. Also in the Narthex, or contact the office.

We will start sending out email newsletters in January 2025.

Thank you!





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Join us for Advent and Christmas!

Sunday, December 1, 8, 22, & 24: Holy Night Advent Series from The Chosen

Sunday, December 1: Luncheon hosted by Paul & Rita Kail and Decorate Church

Saturday, December 7: UWF Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale from 8:00 to 11:00 am

Sunday, December 15: Children's Christmas Program, "Children's Bible Science"
During Worship at 10:15 am

Sunday, December 15: Christmas Caroling at 5:00 pm, followed by supper









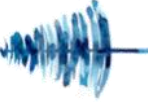




Wednesday, December 18: Blue Christmas Service at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm

Invite your family, friend, and neighbors.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Gowrie United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Happy Birthday! Ella Farnham Hanging the Greens 9am Adult Advent Study 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:00 Lunch and Decorating	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Happy Birthday! Kelly Stewart 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Bible Study with Bishop Kennetha 	4 9am Office Open	5 Happy Birthday! Ryan Adam 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00 Midweek Walk	6 Happy Birthday! Roger Brandes Pastor's Prep Day 10:00-11:00 am UWF Bazaar Set-up 	7 Happy Birthday! Dave Johnson Jezika Joyce 8:00-11:00am UWF Christmas Bazaar 
8  9am Adult Advent Study 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir Sing's	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Bible Study with Bishop Kennetha 	11 Happy Birthday! Jane Shepherd Owen Nuss 9am Office Open	12 Happy Birthday! Sam Tvrdik 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00 Midweek Walk	13 Happy Birthday! Doug Ziemer Pastor's Prep Day	14 Happy Birthday! Abigail Adam Dillon Sytsma John Thielmann
15 children's program  Happy Birthday! Heather Slawson Lindsey Osorio 9am Adult Advent Study 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship Children's Christmas Program 5:00pm Christmas Caroling/ supper	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Advent Bible Study with Bishop Kennetha 	18 9am Office Open 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service 	19 Happy Birthday! Jeremy Viles 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00 Midweek Walk	20 Happy Birthday! Penny Blunk Pastor's Prep Day	21
22 Happy Birthday! Dave Stokesbary 9am Adult Advent Study 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 Happy Birthday! Jackson Barker Noah Slawson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5pm Christmas Eve Service 	25 Office Closed Merry Christmas! 	26 Happy Birthday! Cora Johnson Lesley Worrel Marj Johnson Tim Brandes 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00 Midweek Walk	27 Happy Birthday! Samuel Sytsma Pastor's Prep Day	28
29 Happy Birthday! Rachael Eller 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	30 Happy Birthday! Zoe Schneider Pastor's Sabbath	31 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 	1 9am Office Open	2 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10:00 Midweek Walk 1pm UWF Meeting 	3 Pastor's Prep Day	4

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

Please color for your Prayer Partner or Church Bulletin Board



Name: _____