

GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2024



District Town Hall Meetings

This spring, you are invited to one of five district town halls as we continue to claim our identity as United Methodists.

The focus of our gatherings will be on our mission, vision, and core values at the Iowa Annual Conference. Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai will be present at each of these five gatherings for a time of teaching, and together, we will share stories about what it means to be engaged and connected with one another. They will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm.

Sunday, April 7 Camp Clear Lake District [Emmetsburg United Methodist Church](#)

Each district will also have a virtual option for joining, which will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm. If you are interested in joining virtually, please go to <https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/18246576> to complete the registration form. You must register to receive the ZOOM link.

Words for thought...

His Eye is on the Sparrow FWS #2146

1 Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Refrain:
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

2 "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me. [Refrain]

3 Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me. [Refrain]

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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



SERVE...



United Women in Faith

UWF

April 4 @ 1:00 pm
 April 18 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 April 26 @ 10:00 am
 April 27 @ 8:00 am (May Basket Sale)
 May 2 @ 1:00 pm



Council

April 3 @ 6:30 pm



"Singing the Favorites"- Choir

April 21 & May 19
 Come Sing with us.

Weekly Serving Opportunities Booklet

Please refer to your Weekly Serving Opportunities Booklet for times and dates that you are scheduled to serve. We have extra in the Church Office if you have misplaced your copy. Thank you for your service.



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:

Congregational Prayer Focus: Beacon of Hope

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 Jesus.

Celebrate...

April/May Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

GATHER....



Sunday Worship

9:00 am Sunday School/Confirmation
 9:45 Coffee and Conversation
 10:15 am Worship service
 Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575



Bible Study

Book of John
 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



Camp Clear Lake District Town Hall Meeting

April 7 @ 2-4 pm
 Emmetsburg First UMC



May Day Basket Sale

April 27 from 8am till sold out



Camp Clear Lake District Conference

May 5 @ Algona 1st UMC
 From 2:30-4 PM

April 14
 Native American Ministries Sunday



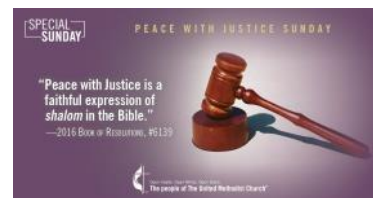
May 12
 Mother's Day

May 19
 Pentecost Sunday
 Wear Red



May 19
 Sunday School Recognition

May 26
 Peace with Justice Sunday



May 27
 Memorial Day

Grace and Peace To You,

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

D.S. Michel Lundala has challenged each Worshiping community in the Camp Clear Lake District to go out to our Jerusalem (which would be Gowrie and the surrounding area), to our Samaria (the surrounding communities) and the whole world. He has asked us *as a church body* (as a community of faith) to reach out, to love and to serve those around us. To invite, to include, to befriend. To share our stories of life and faith. To listen to the stories of others. To do those things that a church body is called to in its unique place and time.



This past Charge Conference, each Worshiping community was asked to share how we reached out past the walls of our building and our comfortable relationships into the community. We were able to share the mission focuses we held throughout the year of 2023. We shared about Trunk or Treat and Christmas Bazaar's etc.

The challenge goes deeper as we love and serve. The challenge is about how we as a Body of Christ are both *connecting as individuals and as a united Body* with the community around us. We have our individual faith story, and our faith story as a united Body of Christ. The challenge is about building relationships and coming along side our community.

Psalm 96:3 says **“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!”** We are to proclaim our story, our story of Jesus love and salvation. It is through this story that others come to know Christ. This is the purpose of the “Church” of the Body we are part of here at Gowrie United Methodist Church.

Our Missional Priorities for Gowrie UMC are consistent with Psalm 96 and our Rev. Lundalas hope for our congregation. They are:

Mission Priority #1: Connecting with our neighbors, community members and church members; and intentionally inviting them to small gatherings outside the church building/community and inside the church building/community. Joining in fellowship and play together.

Missional priority #2: Sharing our faith and connecting with others in deeper ways that nurture supportive and caring relationships where our faith is shared.

Let us continue to go forth. God is working in Gowrie UMC and transformation is at hand.

Pastor Susan

April 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



Nuss Family	April 7 & 14
Bergan & Carrie Dalley	April 21 & 28

April 7

Communion: Deb Tvrdik & Crystal Wilks
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Paul & Rita Kail

Camp Sunday

Deb Tvrdik & Crystal Wilks
 Bergan Dalley
 Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Gary & Kendale Vosberg
 Paul & Rita Kail

April 21

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

Choir Sings

Eric Adam
 Owen Nuss & Bergan Dalley
 Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Crystal Wilks
 Crystal Wilks



April 14 Native American Ministries Sunday

Worship Leader: Anna Cottington
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Gary & Kendale Vosberg

April 28

Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Dave & Judi Tjepkes

Sunday, April 21st

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Select and Practice Music



Walking Church

Join me (Pastor) for a midweek walk inside the church. Thursdays at 10:00 AM.

Come Walk with Me!



Camp Sunday

April 7

With special permission from Bishop Kennetha,

- Iowa UMC Camps are pre-recording a Sunday Service that we will use. It will include a message from the Bishop, Sing-a-Longs, and readings by some of our youth, and a sermon given by Rev. Bill Poland. We look forward to seeing what Iowa UMC Camps & Retreats has put together for us.



United Women in Faith

April

United Women in Faith
 April 4 @ 1:00 pm
 April 18 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 April 26 @ 10:00 am
 April 27 @ 8:00 am

Program: May Baskets
 Server: Judi Tjepkes

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My father will honor the one who serves me." John 12:26 (NIV)

CRAFT MATTERS

In small ways,
Like, how a coffee is brewed.
Like how **May Baskets** are crafted.

Not in small ways,
But, in fun ways for
It's a crafter's choice in how-
To showcase our product.



As United Women in Faith, we
Look forward to and enjoy crafting-
May Baskets-Keeping the tradition alive with
New techniques, innovative ideas, and
Great sharing, caring opportunities.

Crafted with unmatched expertise,
Passion and care,
With meticulous attention to detail-
A May Basket for you to
Deliver and share!

2024 May Basket Sale is Saturday, April 27th
At 8 A.M. the doors open to a display
Of **May Baskets** extraordinaire.
Each full of candies and puffed corn
Encased in a clear bag
With a **Happy May Day** tag.

Choose your favorites and include time to
Sit and enjoy a cup of coffee, cookie(s),
& conversation and ponder...

Do I have what I need?
Or browse again to be sure

I want **May Baskets** for
Friends and Neighbors, Nursing Homes,
City & School Employees,
Students, Firemen, Police and More!

With my **May Baskets** in hand
I must leave to
Deliver joy for many
This **Happy May Day Grand!**

—penned by Rita Kail



United Women in Faith **May Basket Sale!**

Starting 8:00 AM on
Saturday, April 27

Until **Sold Out!**

\$3.00 Each



World Day of Prayer Palestine

On March 1, we hosted World Day of Prayer
here at GUMC. Our focus this year was
Palestine. We shared stories from the area
and some local cuisine.



Pen Pal Last Supper

On March 3, we celebrated the Last Supper
with our Pen Pals. It was a great time of
Learning and Fellowship with our friends!
Thank you for being our Pen Pals!



May 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



Paul & Rita Kail	May 5 & 12
Don & Paula Wiklander	May 19 and 26



May 5

Communion:
 Worship Leader: Johny Mike Lizer
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Alan & Shirley Wooters
 Color Bulletins: Paul & Rita Kail

May 19

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

Sunday School Recognition; Choir Sings

Bergan Dalley
 Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Gail McCloud

May 12

Mother's Day/Senior Recognition

Worship Leader: Glenn Rohden
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Bergan Dalley
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Keith & Dena Sytsma

May 26

Peace with Justice Sunday

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
 Tech: Gary & Kendale Vosberg
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Paul & Rita Kail
 Color Bulletins: Deb Coughlon

May 27

Memorial Day



Sunday, May 19th

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

Please Meet 30 Minutes before worship to Select and Practice Music



Pentecost Sunday

May 19 — Let us all wear **Red** to help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday



Sunday School Recognition

- Sunday, May 19 during Worship
- Last Day of Sunday School.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



United Women in Faith

Program:
Server: Ardis Shirbroun

May

United Women in Faith
May 2 @ 1:00 pm

"How good and pleasant is it when brothers live together in Unity!"

Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

Camp Clear Lake District Conference



- * May 5 @ 2:30-4 PM
- * Algona First UMC
- * Everyone is welcome to participate in District Conference. This year, we will celebrate how God is working in our Jerusalem (our local community) through our ministries.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Shrove Tuesday dinner. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Donations

have been given to local missions. And thank you to all who helped with the Lenten Soup Suppers. Everyone who made soup, helped serve, or clean up afterwards did a wonderful job.

Memorials

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| Kay Learned | Crayon Rug in Toddler Room |
| Donna Ziemer | Toward New Keyboard |
| Darlene Eklund | Donation to General Fund |
| Darlene Eklund | Safety Gates in Toddler Room |
| Donna Light | Donation to 4 th of July Dinner |
| Dennis & Barb Tucker | Towards New Keyboard |



Congratulations

Camille Jepsen Graduates!

God has a Great Plan for you!
Jeremiah 29:11

We will be recognizing our Graduates during worship on May 12.

National Nurses Week!

May 6-12

Recognizing Our Nurses:



Dena Sytsma
Alexandra Adam
Kerry Akins

Our Retired Nurse:

Deb Coughlon
Jane Frahm

Nurses Make The Difference



WESLEY WOODS CAMP + RETREAT CENTER

2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 10-11, 2024 \$150 EARLY BIRD (BY 4/1) OR \$175

GUEST SPEAKER:
LANA WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ANKENY FIRST UMC



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Church Office Schedule

Tuesday 9 am-3 pm

Wednesday 9 am-5 pm

Thursday 9 am-3 pm

Worship Schedule

Sunday School/

Confirmation 9 am

Adult Sunday School 9 am

Coffee and Conversation 9:45 am

Worship starts at 10:15 am






Coming Together



As the Body of Christ


Gowrie United Methodist Church April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday! Jeff Frahm 7:30am Easter Sunrise Services & Breakfast 9am Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Happy Birthday! Dave Kalous Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Jake Schneider 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Ethan Tucker Jake Stewart 9am Office Open 6:30 Church Council	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	Happy Birthday! Bergan Dalley Ed Stewart Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! John Field
Camp Sunday Happy Birthday! Joyce Kruse Ron Warrick 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 2-4pm Camp Clear Lake District Town Hall @ Emmetsburg First UMC	Happy Birthday! Bertie Royster Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	Happy Birthday! Kelsey Pennebaker 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Pastor's Prep Day	13
Native American Ministries Sunday Happy Birthday! Dave McLoud 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Happy Birthday! Anna Cottingham Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am-2pm UWF Work Day	Happy Birthday! Gary Vosberg Nate Johnson Paul Kail Pastor's Prep Day	20
9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 	Happy Birthday! Darin Wooters Dave Tjepkes Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Gage Smith 9am Office Open	Happy Birthday! Don Reed Mike Krayenhagen 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Pastor's Prep Day 10am UWF Prep for Sale	Happy Birthday! Dick Hubbard 8am UWF May Basket Sale
Happy Birthday! Braeden Johnson 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting 	Happy Birthday! Laurie Long Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Cherryl Eslick

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

Gowrie United Methodist Church

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church 1pm UWF Meeting	Happy Birthday! Laurie Long Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Cherryl Eslick
		7	8	9	10	11
	Happy Birthday! Carl Sandgren Matt Barker Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Charlotte Adam 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Emerson Adam John Lizer
5	6	14	15	16	17	18
Happy Birthday! Isabella Dalley Logan Slawson 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 2:30-4pm Camp Clear Lake District Conference @ Algona 1st UMC	Happy Birthday! Diana Clancy Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Mary Patterson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Staci Halligan
12	13	21	22	23	24	25
Mother's Day 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Senior Recognition	Happy Birthday! Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Berna Tucker Carter Barker Cheyenne Jones Joan Orness Madolyn Bird Ryan Cottoington 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Ryan Stewart 9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Kerry Akins Lincoln Akins
19	20	28	29	30	31	
Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/ Sunday School Recognition 	Memorial Day Happy Birthday! Larry Stubbs Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Dena Sytsma Rene Corell 9am Office Open	Happy Birthday! Carrie Dalley 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 10am Walking Church	Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Deb George
26	27					
Peace with Justice Sunday 9:30am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship						

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