



GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year is dawning, Dear Master, let it be,
in working, or in waiting, another year with Thee.
Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.
Another year of service, of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training for holy work above.
Another year is dawning; Dear Master, let it be
on earth, or else in heaven, another year with Thee.

- Author Unknown

HIS UNFAILING PRESENCE

Another year I enter, its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble to tread its paths alone!
But, I have heard a whisper, I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me? I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture, or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper...I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."
- Author Unknown

Instead of making a New Year's resolution,
consider committing to a biblical solution.
Your promises are easily broken...empty
words, though earnestly spoken.
But God's Word transforms the soul,
by His Holy Spirit making you whole.
As you spend time alone with Him,
He will change you from within. Author Unknown

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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

January 2 @ 1:00 PM



Council

January 8 At 6:30 pm



"Singing the Favorites" - Choir

January 12

Come Sing with us!



Taking down Christmas Decorations

January 19 After Worship

Stone Soup Luncheon

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 Dorothy Berger (Mary and Vern Bauer Family).

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for the countries of Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for all those still recovering after 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



Baptism of Ellie Krug

January 5 During Worship



Stone Soup

January 19 at 11:00

Take down Decorations and Fellowship

Celebrate...

January Birthdays

Please See Calendar for Birthdays!

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

Epiphany

January 5



Baptism of Jesus

January 12

Christmas Poinsettias

Dave and Judi Tjepkes

Paul and Rita Kail

Alan and Shirley Wooters in memory of Loved ones

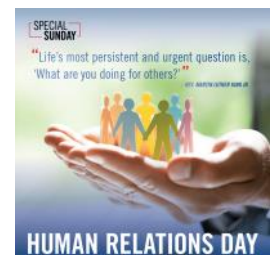
Bergan and Carrie Dalley in memory of Loved ones



Human Relations

Day

January 19



GOD'S PROMISES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Praise the Lord; praise God our Savior! For each day He carries us in His arms. [Psalm 68:19](#) NLT

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. [Jeremiah 29:11](#) NLT



Grace and Peace To You and Your Family

At the beginning of a new year, many of us are exhausted. We may be exhausted from the many activities and "Christmas To Do's" or we may be exhausted from a sense of aloneness the holidays can reinforce in our souls. However, there is hope!!!

The New Year is the beginning of refreshing our spirits. Often times, going to worship can be put on a back burner at the beginning of the year. We feel reconnected with our Jesus after being in worship through Advent and Christmas. However, there is more!!! Now is the time to really connect with the Church body in worship, now is the time to deepen our connection with Jesus. He is waiting for each one of us and we are also waiting for the beautiful light of Christ we receive when we worship with other believers. So let us reconnect with one another in 2025.

God's blessings to each of you.

Pastor Susan

January Worship Series: Re-Membering the Body

The excitement continues. Advent and Christmas may have come and gone, but Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord maintain the joy and the promise. The church has an opportunity to be gathered, reoriented, and put back together. At times, holidays can be



hectic and draining. The beginning of January is an opportunity to be re-membered. As a church body, we turn to one another and see the light of Christ among us. As individuals, we hear the voice that declares us children of God and feel that acceptance, knowing God is well-pleased with us. This Epiphany, you are invited to be "Re-membering the Body."



We look forward to Worshiping with One another in January!!!

January 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



Akins Family	January 5 th & 12 th
Brock & Lindy Smith	January 19 th & 26 th



January 5

Communion: Jeff & Mary Patterson
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Paul & Rita Kail

January 19

Worship Leader: Owen Nuss
 Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks
 Color Bulletins: Crystal Wilks

January 12

Worship Leader: Marj Johnson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers:
 Color Bulletins: Colleen Palmer



Choir Sings

January 26

Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Dennis & Barb Tucker
 Color Bulletins: Don & Paula Wiklander

Sunday, January 12

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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Stone Soup

- ◆ January 19 After Worship
- ◆ Please bring a small bag of something to add to our soup. (make sure all meat products are cooked)
- ◆ We will all help take down our Advent/Christmas decorations then enjoy a time of fellowship.



Gowrie Community Food Pantry

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. Our community needs have continued to increase. Your generosity is much appreciated!! **Thank You!!**

Needs for December: Meaty Soups (No Chicken Noodle), Jelly, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Paper Towels, & Liquid Soap.



Gowrie United Methodist Church

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday! Rachael Eller 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:00am Music Committee Mgt.	Happy Birthday! Zoe Schneider Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Meeting	Pastor's Prep Day	4
Epiphany Sunda Happy Birthday! Joelle Lizer 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Happy Birthday! Ryan Rice Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Brantley Worrel Martin Viles 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Rita Kail 9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Happy Birthday! Barb Farnham Jennifer Field Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Nancy McCard
Happy Birthday! Gary Boerner Regina Suhrbrier 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir	Happy Birthday! Janet Rentschler Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Nancy Thielmann Oakley Tucker 9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Happy Birthday! David H. Anderson Nate Brandes Terry Willardson Pastor's Prep Day	18
Human Relations Sunday Happy Birthday! Tanner Wilks 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:00am Stone Soup/Take down Decorations	Pastor's Sabbath	9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Alyce Lizer 9am Office Open	9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Happy Birthday! Jean Hubbard Pastor's Prep Day	25
Happy Birthday! Mary Schneider 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	Pastor's Sabbath	Happy Birthday! Sibyl Bauer 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9am Office Open	Happy Birthday! Paige Schneider 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	Happy Birthday! Robert Jepsen Pastor's Prep Day	Happy Birthday! Jason Eller

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



United Women in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward

January 2

1:00 PM

Program: Rita Kail

Server: Linda Kerwin

January: How has your Faith been formed in you?

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in Your bottle. You have recorded each one in Your book? Psalm 56:8

United Women in Faith Bazaar 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Bazaar a wonderful day of crafts, treats, and fellowship!



Sunday School Christmas Program

We had a great time December 15 worshiping with the Sunday School. Thank you for sharing Christ's story!!



A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease

Learn about Effects, Treatments for Parkinson's Disease

To learn about Parkinson's disease, its effects, and possible treatments, register now to participate in "A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease" an educational series from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Webster County Extension, along with Iowa State's Department of Kinesiology, and Human Sciences Extension and Outreach are sponsoring the series in Fort Dodge at Friendship Haven beginning January 8, 2025.

The educational series consists of three, 1-hour sessions held on Wednesdays in January. A team of Human Sciences specialists will teach the classes, which include interactive lessons, discussions, and activities. Sessions are scheduled for January 8, 15, and 22 from 3 pm to 4 pm at Schmoker Building at Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge. There is a no fee for the program. For more information or to register contact Kourtney Lenz, Wellness at 515-573-6270 or email at kourtney.lenz@friendshiphaven.org .

Our Ministry In Motion

Happy New Year!!! This year the ministries of Gowrie United Methodist Church were able to make disciples of Jesus Christ as we helped others, heard the Word read and preached, spread the Word while we built relationships with one another and in our community!

- Once again, we put hats on heads and mittens on hands, of children who have none or forgot theirs for the school day, so all could participate in outside recess on cold days.
- We put together school and health kits for Midwest Mission to be given to individuals and families here and abroad.
- Through our Sunday School and VBS, we build relationships with our children and teach about Jesus and how to live out our faith. We laugh, sing, pray and learn.
- We opened our church doors and provided a chicken dinner meal to the community during the 4th of July celebration. We brought meals (free of charge) over to the carnival for those who are working the rides and are not able to get away to eat.
- Several Gowrie families were able to put gas in their car, pay for groceries and pay rent with the help of the Emergency fund that we all donate to each year.
- Our church supported Linda White as she held a large garage sale, in our Narthex and drive through, for the direct benefit of helping Native American families in SD and those who have been trafficked.
- Gowrie UMC members connected with our community by spending time at the fall Downtown Market. We shared “a little Jesus”, information about the church and our smiles.
- United Women in Faith connected with our community through their May Basket sale and Christmas Bazaar. Not only did they give us a way to pass on the love of Christ to others, they also raised money that is given directly to local organizations that serve women and children.

We also worshipped and learned together every Sunday. We worked together at a Super Spud Potato Bar, an outdoor walking Taco meal, and through making Lasagna meals. We gave our tithes and offerings so that we, through our church, can continue Christ’s ministries in our community.

This is just a taste of Gowrie UMC in 2024.

All this and more, occurred because we are a church of Christ. Praise God!!!

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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Coming Together

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Worship Schedule

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Coffee and Conversation @ 9:45

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at 10:15 am;

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11:00am



As the Body of Christ

In Case of Inclement Weather

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

*Service will be on
Facebook*



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