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First Father's Day Service in a United Methodist Church

The congregation at Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont, West Va. celebrates Father's Day in a special way each year. They hear the story of the first Father's Day service in the U.S., which was held in their town on July 5, 1908 after a Methodist church member suggested the idea. Her congregation found it important to heed the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother." Current church member Don Downs says it's still true today, "That says a lot about what the Methodists feel about families, probably the most important thing other than God."

In this exclusive video, take a visit to the historic site.

To watch the video please go to : <https://www.umc.org/en/content/methodist-history-first-fathers-day-at-church>

SERVE

- **Council** June 9 6:30 PM
- **“Singing the Favorites”** June 14
- **“The Kindness Bucket List” and Random Acts of Kindness** - Intentional Acts of Kindness by all who worship with/at Gowrie UMC.
- **Send an extra graduation card.**
- **Pray for a graduate.**
- **Help a neighbor with their yard.**

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
9:00 Adult Sunday School
9:30 Coffee and Conversation
10:15 am Worship Service
 Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575
- **Quarterly Birthday Party** June 7
 - 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- **Iowa Annual Conference** June 11-14
 - West Des Moines RecPlex
- **Linda White Mission Sale** June 12-13
- **Hot Dog Lunch** June 12
 - Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School



Will be continuing as able throughout the summer months. Please join us if you have availability.

PRAY

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

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Joan Orness, Colleen Traster, Mike Krayenhagen, Roger Brandes

Health Concerns: Kitty (Pastor’s Friend in SD), Larry Ribblet (Sybil’s Husband), Viney Mulder, Gabe & Jess Olson From Paton-Son Otto who is home, Carol Orness, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder’s Son-in-law). All those fighting cancer. All those suffering from chronic pain. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: Family of George Anderson. Family of Linda Hanbeck (Glenn’s Cousin).

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for all our youth as they move into summer rhythms.

Pray for Church of Damascus Road Prison Ministry.

Pray for the people of Sudan and Nigeria, the Middle East and Ukraine.

Pray for the Congo during there current outbreak of Ebola.

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

Quarterly Birthday Party
June 7 9:30 am



Father’s Day
June 21

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ..." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Genesis 12:1-4



Dear Friends, in June we will be journeying with Abram as he leaves his fathers country and goes to the land God shows him, an act of faith. We haven't studied in the OT recently, so I am excited. "So that you will be a blessing" We all love to receive God's blessings but through Abram we learn that we are blessed so that we will be a blessing to others. Gowrie UMC has been blessed. One way is through the Chicken dinner that we have served annually over the years. This meal has changed.



We no longer: make the chicken, make the sides, or are the only hot meal to be purchased that day. We no longer count on the meal to pay for our insurance but it does raise funds toward our ministry in the community. Most importantly it is an opportunity for us to be a blessing to others. We bless each other as laugh and work together. We bless the community as we provide an air-conditioned place to rest, eat and be served on a traditionally warm day. So let us go forth as Abram did. We are not going into a new country but we are going forth in faith as we seek to bless others. We are the Church.

Pastor Susan

June Worship Series

Forming a Family/Preparing a People: The story of Abraham and Sarah is complex, full of twists and turns, great faith, and crippling fear. Through it all, it is a story about a family that struggles and learns to love in ways that could be an invitation to the whole world. It is a story about the people of God who want to follow, even when their wisdom falls short. It is a story about blessing, about receiving a blessing, and then being a blessing.



June 7
To Be a Blessing

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



June 14
A Miracle Called Laughter

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)



June 21
Hearing the Voice

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



June 28
God Will Provide

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

"so that you will be a blessing"



JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Dave & Judi Tjepkes June 7 & 14
 Randy & Viney Mulder June 21 & 28

June 7
 Communion: Glenn & Pastor Susan Rohden
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:



June 14
 Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

June 21
 Worship Leader: Darin Wooters
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

June 28
 Worship Leader: Eric Adam
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers: Jim & Jane Frahm
 Bulletins/Online: Colleen Palmer

Extravagant Giving

In May:

- We celebrated our graduate and awarded him 2 scholarships (from the church and from UWF).
- We lifted up Dick Hubbard and his 90th birthday.
- We thanked the Lord for our children and they praised God in song during worship and completed their Sunday School Year.



All this is possible
 because of your
 Generosity!

You are God's church!

May Offerings

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Thank You!

Thank you



Thank you to the family who donated a new Vacuum Cleaner to the church. It is very much appreciated!

JUNE 2026

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION™

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 On your next walk smile as you pass others.	2 Chalk kind messages or drawings where others stroll or bike.	3 Each day, text or tag someone who brightened your world.	4 The next time you're with friends, family, or coworkers, take ten seconds to say one kind thing about someone in the group.	5 Tape up a poster in a shared space for people to share gratitude notes about others.	6 Leave cold drinks or thank-you cards for lifeguards, camp counselors, or park workers.
7 Share lunch with someone who's been helpful this year.	8 Create a shared "Shine Together" playlist with songs that remind you of kind people.	9 After cleaning up a park or beach, invite others (online or in person) to do their own ripple act and share it forward.	10 Nominate a community helper (coach, nurse, bus driver) on social media.	11 Take a cheerful photo with someone who made you smile and share it with a thank-you caption.	12 When you're spending time with someone in your life, pause to tell them what you appreciate about them. A simple sentence can brighten the whole day.	13 Next time you're with friends, go around naming one kind thing about each person.
14 On your next walk or drive, make it a point to wave or smile at the people you pass.	15 Set up a simple lemonade stand (or pitcher on the porch) and give a free cup with a handwritten kindness note attached.	16 Leave uplifting notes on benches or picnic tables for strangers to find.	17 Trade favorite summer books or recipes, each tagged with a kind note.	18 Create a list (smile at a stranger, pick up litter, compliment a cashier) and do it.	19 On walks or drives, wave to everyone you pass. It's contagious joy in motion.	20 Drop off popsicles or iced coffees to construction crews.
21 Keep track of kind acts you see while traveling, then share your top three at month's end.	22 Host a backyard gathering where everyone shares a kindness story under string lights.	23 Watch the sunset with friends and each name one person you're thankful for.	24 Write names of people who've helped you shine this year; pick one daily and send them a thank-you.	25 On your town's Facebook page or neighborhood app, highlight someone doing good.	26 Leave positive reviews for local businesses or workers who went the extra mile.	27 At home, post kind things family members do so everyone can see the glow grow.
28 Compliment swimmers, lifeguards, or parents helping kids learn.	29 When someone compliments you, "pass the praise" by recognizing another person right after.	30 End June with a gathering, picnic, or bonfire to celebrate everyone's bright acts.	1	2		

MAY

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24	1	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

JULY

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Join Us June 7, 9:30 am for our 2nd Quarter Birthday Party we will enjoy Cake, Coffee and Fellowship!



Last Day of Sunday School May 17

We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer and next Sunday School Season!



THE AMAZING ACTS OF JESUS

COME ONE COME ALL

GOWRIE VBS

JOIN GOWRIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR OUR COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

ONE VBS DAY FULL OF FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY JULY 12, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

LOCATION: GUMC 1306 MARKET STREET

FREE ADMISSION

ADMIT ONE

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 9am Office Open	3 9am Office Open	4 Happy Birthday! Pat Bower's birthday 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	5 Pastor's Prep Day	6
7 Happy Birthday! Glenn Rohden Norris Smith 9:30am Quarterly Birthday Party 10:15am Sunday Worship	8 Happy Birthday! Rebecca Johnson Pastor's Sabbath	9 9am Office Open 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.	10 Happy Birthday! Diane Boerner 9am Office Open	11 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	12 Pastor's Prep Day 11:30am Hot Dog Lunch <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Linda White Mission Sale</div>	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Iowa Annual Conference</div>
14 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Iowa Annual Conference</div>	15 Happy Birthday! Becky Stewart Pastor's Sabbath	16 Happy Birthday! Brent Monson 9am Office Open	17 9am Office Open	18 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	19 Pastor's Prep Day	20
21 Happy Father's Day 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23 9am Office Open	24 9am Office Open	25 Happy Birthday! Barb Tucker 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	26 Pastor's Prep Day	27 Happy Birthday! Vance Bauer
28 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	29 Happy Birthday! Brock Smith Pastor's Sabbath	30 9am Office Open				



You are invited to participate in a year of intentional “random acts of kindness”. Each week during worship, we will scratch off a card from our “The Kindness Bucket List” We are encouraged to share this act of kindness in our daily life that week. May God bless you as you share his love.

“so that you will be a blessing”



United Women in Faith

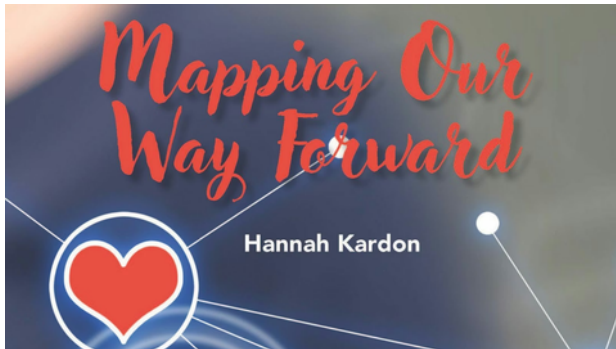
2026: Mapping Our Way Forward

June 4
1:00 PM

Program :

Server: Judi Tjepkes

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”



4th of July Hospitality Dinner



Join us in Caring for our community and the surrounding area by providing a cool place for a Hot meal!

We Need:

- Financial donations \$20 per family is requested by 6-28.
- 1-2 hours of your time on July 4th
- Pies or Bars.



Sign up in the Narthex.

JOIN US IN WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Connected in Vision



Thursday, 6/11 -
Sunday, 6/14, 2026

MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex

Please Pray for your Annual Conference



Gowrie United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes May 6 6:30 pm

Members present: Pastor Susan, Denny Tucker, Carrie Dalley, Jeremy Viles.

*Devotion and Prayer. *Pastor and Council read and reviewed the portion of the Discipline which explains the purpose and role of the Church Council. Also read and discussed expectation of the council chair and how we could assist Jeremy in this role.

*Meeting called to Order by Chair Jeremy Viles *Meeting minutes to be written by Pastor Susan. Jeremy will be timekeeper. *Review and Approve April Meeting Minutes.

Old Business

- Reviewed our ongoing goal to send notes of encouragement for members of our church body and community.
- Discussed how the church council could promote prayer, gratitude and generosity. Discussed grants and grants through our district. *Reviewed current Gowrie UMC Leadership. Still need finance chair, worship chair and missions chair. If anyone is interested in these positions please contact Jeremy Viles or Pastor.
 - Church Council is acting Finance Committee and acting Nominations Committee
 - SPRC Members Kendale Vosberg, Paul Kail, Dena Sytsma, Emma Sytsma, Bergan Dalley and Gary Vosberg as Lay Leader.
 - Trustee Members – Judi Tjepkes, Keith Sytsma, Paula Wikkländer, Ryan Rice
 - Other committees are created as projects or needs arise.
- Rejoiced over Tithes received for March and April.
- Reviewed Current Treasurer Report and rejoiced that we currently have money to cover our expenses and hope this will continue. We decided not to pay apportionments at this time but will continue to discuss. 2026 District Askings are \$3.75 per member and are separate from apportionments. Council looked at names on the accounts at both Heartland and Security Bank. All members present agreed and a consensus approved the updates to the accounts. Motion carried.
- Briefly review copier contract will end in October and looking into more economical plans for a copier so we are ready when that takes place.

New Business

- 3rd quarter birthday party set for June 7th at 9:30am.
- Summer Ministries at Gowrie UMC were reviewed.
- Will look into the details of the hot-dog meal during Linda Whites Mission Garage Sale. 4th of July Chicken Dinner is in process, see notes from last meeting. VBS –Chelsey working on dates in July. Summer worship with Zion, Pastor Susan will coordinate with Zion about details. We will plan on participating in 2 of the Gowrie Downtown Market events. Thinking about Other Fundraisers and outreach for 2026 including Trunk or Treat and a Lasagna in October 2026?

Work Area Reports

- Rita Kail rejoiced in the success of the UWF May Basket sale!
- Pastor's Reported Northwest District Conference went well and Annual Conference is June 11-14 (Thurs – Sun).
- No further work area reports.

Next Meeting: June 9th at 6:30pm unless we determine that there are too many conflicts for a Tuesday meeting. Meeting was Adjourned and closed in prayer.

Written by Pastor Susan Rohden



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Office Schedule

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 am
Coffee and Conversation 9:45 am
Worship 10:15 am
Facebook Live
Later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am



LET'S GET READY!

TO SERVE THE LORD
TO LOVE OUR COMMUNITY
TO CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOMS

DELICIOUS FRIED CHICKEN