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250

years



SERVE

- **Council** - no council in July
- **July 4th Chicken Dinner** - after Parade
- **"Singing the Favorites"** July 12
- **Community VBS** July 12
- **Church Landscaping care** - Come work in around the church to help care for the flowers and bushes.
- **"The Kindness Bucket List" and Random Acts of Kindness** - Intentional Acts of Kindness by all who worship with/at Gowrie UMC.
- **Send an card to someone in a nursing home or homebound, addresses in the church narthex or call Carrie .**

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**

9:00 Coffee and Conversation

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30am Adult Sunday School

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner** July 4
 - After the Parade in the Fellowship Hall
- **VBS at Gowrie UMC** July 12
 - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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, Richard Learned

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, Jason Louk (stroke survivor) from Paton. All those fighting cancer, suffering from chronic pain. All those experiencing family distress, Divorce, financial difficulties, chemical dependency etc.

Grief: Family of DJ (Randy & Viney's Son-in-Law) Randy & Viney Mulder in the sudden loss of Randy's brother to cancer.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for Paton Salem UMC as it celebrates it's years of ministry.

Pray for Church of Damascus Road Prison Ministry.

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

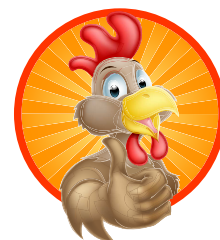
Pray for the people of Venezuela as they recover after recent earthquakes.

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

**Annual 4th of July
Chicken Dinner
July 4th**



**250th Anniversary
of the Declaration
of Independence**

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Friends,

I love the 4th of July in Gowrie for one reason. It brings people together.

- Together in the town we grew up in.
- Together to play and laugh with our children.
- Together to worship.
- Together to serve, here for the Chicken Dinner and in other places in the community.
- Together to honor vetrans who died in active service and who served, returned home and lived out their lives with us.
- Together to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of a new country, the United States if America.
- Together to remember the Democracy created and the freedoms and responsibilities that are part of it.
- Together to remember that we as unique individuals with unique values are part of a country that depends on all - to accept our differences and to be active citizens working together.
- Together to know that (from the very beginning) we as a country have succeeded and have failed and that we are still learning and growing.
- Together to recognize that the United States of America offers something special to our citizens, our neighbors and to the world.

July 4th is our reminder that it is together that we grow and become who we are called to be.



July Worship Series

Pastor Susan

Core Faith: The eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans provides insight into some core elements of our faith. How does the law function in our faith? What does it mean to set our mind on the Spirit? What is our relationship with all creation? How are we bound together with other disciples in suffering and joy? St. Paul sets out to answer these questions as he weaves a vision of what it is to be a follower of Jesus and a part of the body of Christ.



July 5

Delight in the Law

Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



July 12

Set Your Mind

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



July 19

Wait With Eager Longing

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



July 26

More than Conquirers

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Together - we are the body of Christ.



JULY 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

Dennis & Barb Tucker July 5 & 12
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley July 19 & 26

July 5

Communion: Glenn & Pastor Susan Rohden
 Worship Leader: Darin Wooters
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers: Crystal Wilks
 Bulletins/Online: Crystal Wilks



July 12

Worship Leader: "Singing the Favorites" Choir
 Music: Jeremy Viles
 Tech: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Altar Flowers: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Bulletins/Online: Jim & Jane Frahm
 Gail McCloud

July 19

Worship Leader: Glenn Rohden
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

July 26

Worship Leader: Eric Adam
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

**THANK
YOU!**

To Mary Smith for being our
 Sanctuary Stewart . Your help has
 been much appreciated getting us
 ready for 4th of July and throughout
 the year!

Extravagant Giving

In June:

- We were part of the connectional church by participating in Annual Conference through your Pastor and Lay Leader.
- Supported the mission ministry of Linda White by hosting garage sale in our church Narthex. Gathered over \$2,000 to help young people trapped in human trafficking.
- Served Hot dogs during Garage Sale days. Provided hospitality and an easy meal for the community. Served about 75 in the church and take outs. Earned \$368.44 toward Gowrie UMC's ministries.
- Our landscaping out front of the church provided encouragement and joy to the community.



All this is possible
 because of your
 Generosity!

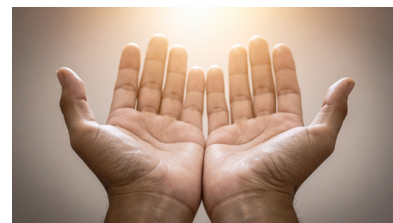
You are God's church!



June Offerings

\$9,396.00

Thank You!



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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

(Please look for the entire document online, it is worth the read.)

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Office Open	2 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	3 Happy Birthday! Alexandra Adam Taylor Willardson Pastor's Prep Day	4 Annual 4th of July Celebration and Chicken Dinner Happy Birthday! Glen Worrel
5 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Reading Group	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 9am Office Open	8 9am Office Open	9 Happy Birthday! Don Wiklander Linda Brandes 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	10 Pastor's Prep Day	11
12 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Reading Group 1:00 to 6:00pm VBS at GUMC	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 9am Office Open	15 Happy Birthday! Jeanie Johnson 9am Office Open	16 Happy Birthday! AJ Dorsey Chelsey Worrel 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	17 Pastor's Prep Day	18 Happy Birthday! Shirley Wooters
19 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Reading Group	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 Happy Birthday! Eden Pennebaker 9am Office Open	22 9am Office Open	23 Happy Birthday! Diane Adam 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	24 Happy Birthday! Cooper Nuss Pastor's Prep Day	25 Happy Birthday! Rachel Farnham
26 9:00am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Bible Reading Group	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 9am Office Open	29 9am Office Open	30 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	31 Pastor's Prep Day	1



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.

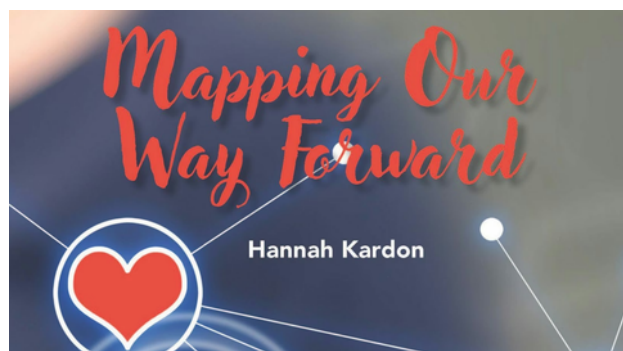


United
Women
in Faith

2026: Mapping Our Way Forward

No Meeting July and August
See you again in September!

Philippians 2:13 (NIV) "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose,"



Altar Flowers Bulletins Online Worship

Please sign up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday Worship from August 2026 through July 2027.

We also need donations toward print bulletins and online worship \$10 a week.

Please check the ministry table in the Narthex for Clipboards.

You make our ministries possible!

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!



**JOIN US IN WORKING
TOGETHER
FOR OUR
COMMUNITY!**

We Need:

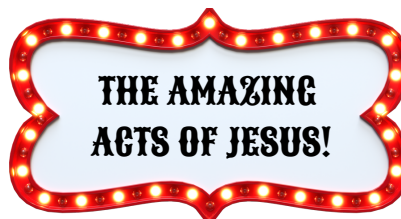
- Financial donations - \$20 per family is requested .
- 1-2 hours of your time on July 4th.
- Pies or Bars.



Call the Church to sign up.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Everyone from near and far are welcome to attend our one day VBS.
FREE Admission! Bible stories, songs, games, concessions, and FUN!



Gowrie United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes June 9 6:30 pm

Members present: Jeremy Viles, Carrie Dalley, Jane Frahm, Rita Kail, Crystal Wilks, Alex Adam, Denny Tucker and Pastor Susan. **Guests present:** Mary Smith

Council Chair Jeremy Viles called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Rita Kail recorded the minutes, and Pastor Susan was the Timekeeper.

Minutes from our May meeting were read and approved – Carrie and Jane.

Work Area Reports

- Treasurer Report was reviewed, discussed and then approved – Denny and Mary.
- S/PPRC no report Trustees – Pastor Susan drew attention to the new LED lights in sanctuary
- Memorial Committee – Crystal Wilks reported a balance of \$9,314.56.
- Worship Committee – Mary Smith serves as Sanctuary Steward. Reported that a communion table topper in green would be nice. Discussed options – need measurements, purchase fabric and someone to sew this. Motion by Denny Tucker to have the memorial committee check options for this project, seconded by Carrie Dalley – Approved.
- Missions – When the Pastor from Church of Damascus Road visit he reported that men's clothing items and personal products were needed for men being paroled from prison.
- UWF – Rita reported on the recent camperships awarded to three of our youth. UWF used some of their funds from a successful May Basket Sale.
- Lay Leader – Lay member Gary Vosberg, his wife Kendale (who attends as a guest) and Pastor Susan will be attending the Annual Conference in Des Moines later this week.
- Member at Large - Denny Tucker asked the council to consider earlier church services in the summer months. Motion by Denny Tucker, seconded by Crystal Wilks to set church time in July and August to 9:30 A.M. Approved.
Denny Tucker also asked for discussion regarding ideas to gain new church members.
- Pastor Susan – updated council on topics that could be discussed at Annual Conference.
- Topics of Encouragement, Prayer, Gratitude, and Generosity will be discussed next month.

Old Business/New Business

- Hot Dog Meal on Garage Sale Friday – reviewed supplies and workers needed.
- July 4th Chicken Dinner – Jeremy will contact Lidderdale Catering to confirm details.
- Down-Town Markets in Gowrie were discussed. We will not participate on June 28th as it is on a Sunday and begins during worship.
- Lasagna Dinner – Moved by Crystal Wilks, seconded by Jane Frahm to set September 27th as the date for our Lasagna Dinner with details to be set at our next meeting. Approved.
- Quilt/Gift Basket Event – Discussed and Moved by Carrie Dalley, seconded by Crystal Wilks to set February 7, 2027 for our Quilt/Gift Basket Event. Details will be set at a later meeting. Approved.
- Storm Shelter in our basement – Motion by Denny Tucker, seconded by Jane Frahm to give a church key to Officer Anderson for our church basement serving as a Storm Shelter in Gowrie. Approved. Alex Adam indicated that her family will put together a tote with needed items.
- Goals for 2027 – We will all think about what our focus should be for 2027 (how we can be more loving, encouraging, and prayerful)

Next Meeting will be August 4th at 6:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Rita Kail



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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

Coffee and Conversation 9:30 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

TO EAT CHICKEN!!!

DELICIOUS FRIED CHICKEN

