



OUR CHURCH

The Man Who Inspired Father's Day Was a Single Dad and a Civil War Vet

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William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed Civil War veteran and father of 14 children, one of whom dedicated her life to the creation of Father's Day in honor of her devoted and selfless dad.

The story goes that William's daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, was attending one of the first official Mother's Day services in 1909 at her church in Spokane, Washington, when she had an epiphany—if mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers?

In 1910, Sonora brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize the courage and devotion of all fathers like William on June 5, her dad's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service, but couldn't pull something together so quickly, so they settled for June 19, the third Sunday in June.

It wasn't until 1972, six years before Sonora's death at the age of 96, that President Richard Nixon finally signed a Congressional resolution declaring the third Sunday in June to be Father's Day. Her dad, no doubt, would have been proud.

To read more about how Father's Day came about please check out this website: <https://www.history.com/articles/man-who-inspired-fathers-day-civil-war-vet-single-dad>

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SERVE

- **Council** June 4, 6:30 pm
- **UWF** June 5 1:00pm
- **Memorial Committee** June 5 after UWF
- **“Singing the Favorites”- Choir** June 15, during worship



- **Pray:**
 - Prayers of intercession using “My FRAN Prayer list” Covenant this summer to prayer for Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors. Prayer cards are available on the church bulletin board.
 - Prayers of praise and thanksgiving.
 - Prayers of confession.
 - Prayers of Hope and Joy.

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**

9:45 Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **Bible Study** Tuesday 1:30 - at Joan's
- **Facebook Devotion** Thursdays 9:30 am
- **Baptism** for Mary Smith June 8
- **Iowa Annual Conference** June 13-15 at the RecPlex in West Des Moines



Join us during
Pentecost on June 8.
Remember to Wear **Red**.

PRAY

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

Nursing Home or Care Facilities: George Anderson.

Health Concerns: Denny Tucker, Crystal Wilks, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those who are in hospice care; Dale Brandt. All those suffering from chronic pain. All those fighting cancer. All those recovering from surgery. All those receiving therapy. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: Wilma Proctor Family.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for the Iowa Annual Conference as it meets.

Pray for those affected by tornados in Missouri and Kentucky. Pray for families of those who have died.

Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.

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

June 8

**Baptism of Mary
Elizabeth Smith**

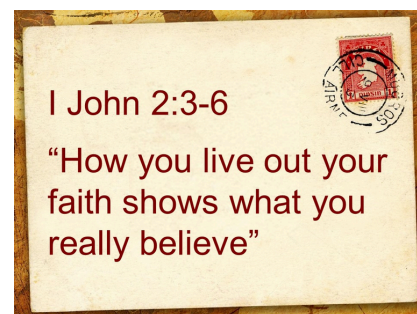


**Father's Day
June 15**

**Peace With Justice
Sunday June 15**



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



Grace and Peace,

It has been a fun and meaningful Spring here at Gowrie UMC. We have come together to: honor our high Holy days, practice hospitality, join in fun and fellowship, celebrate our Sunday Schoolers and encourage our Graduates.

The white paraments are about to be replaced by red for Pentecost and then green for ordinary time. It will once again be that working season of the church. That season where our identity as a church is forged. We as Christians are marked by Christmas and Easter, and our identity as a church is forged by how we live out our faith. So who are we: Are we a worshiping church? A studying church? A church of service? A church of hospitality? A church of joy? A church who knows our Bible? A church who prays?

So this summer let's get down to the work of the church: let's read Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians one chapter at a time. Let's commit to pray for those on our FRAN prayer list. Let us welcome our neighbor into worship. Let us serve. Let us enjoy summer together.

Pastor Susan

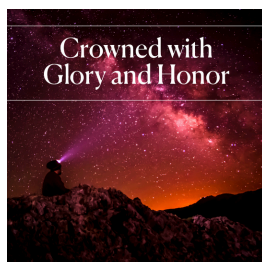
All Access

In this short series, we embrace openness and claim the gift given to us. Let us celebrate these high and holy days by living into the all-access pass we've been given.



June 8 Spirit of Adoption

Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
Revelations 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

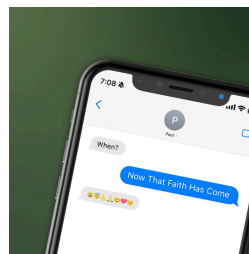


June 15 Crowned with Glory and Honor

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalms 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 14:8-17, 25-27

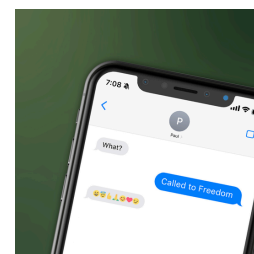
Dear Children of God

Let's dive into Paul's letters and explore what message this master letter writer has for us!



June 22 Now That Faith Has Come

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalms 42
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



June 29 Called to Freedom

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

9:45 am Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Dave & Judi Tjepkes

June 1, 8, & 15

Randy & Viney Mulder

June 22 & 29

June 1

Communion: Pastor Susan and Glenn Rohden
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online: Dale Brandt

June 22

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

June 8

Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

June 29

Communion: Pastor Susan and Glenn Rohden
 Worship Leader: John Lizer
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers: Jane Frahm
 Bulletins/Online:

June 15

Father's Day Choir Sings/Hymn Sing

Worship Leader: Darin Wooters
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers: Alan & Shirley Wooters
 Bulletins/Online: Gary & Kendale Vosberg



Due to Vacations, July
Communion will be on June 29.



Automatic Payments and E-payments are a great way to give on your schedule. You can set frequency and date of all gifts to fit your budget.



It's summer, we often don't think about what the church brings us during the summer. How about air conditioned worship! How about opportunities for Word & fellowship! Thank you for giving!

May Offerings
\$7,512.58

Outgoing Automatic
Bill Withdrawals
Per Month
Approximately \$9000

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Birthday! Deb George 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Communion	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	4 Happy Birthday! Pat Bower 9am Office Open	5 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg. Following UWF Memorial Mtg.	6 Pastor's Prep Day	7 Happy Birthday! Glenn Rohden Norris Smith
8 Pentecost Happy Birthday! Rebecca Johnson 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Baptism	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 Happy Birthday! Diane Boerner 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	11 9am Office Open	12 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 7-9pm Evening with the Artist at IAUMC Conference Center	13 Pastor at Conf. Fill the Truck @IA Annual Conference	14 Fill the Truck Continues 5-6:15pm Celebrate Ministries @ IA Annual Conference
15 Father's Day/Peace with Justice Sunday Happy Birthday! Becky Stewart 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir/Hymn Sing Fill the Truck Continues	16 Happy Birthday! Brent Monson Pastor's Sabbath	17 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study Pastor and Glenn in SD	18 9am Office Open Pastor and Glenn in SD	19 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion Pastor and Glenn in SD	20 Pastor's Prep Day	21 Eleanor Anderson 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Funeral 12:00 Lunch in Fellowship Hall
22 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	25 Happy Birthday! Barb Tucker 9am Office Open	26 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	27 Happy Birthday! Vance Bauer Pastor's Prep Day	28
29 Happy Birthday! Brock Smith 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Communion	30 Pastor's Sabbath					

WORSHIP LIVE ON FACEBOOK AND ON LATER CHANNEL 575 AT 11:00 AM



United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward June 5, 1:00 PM

"Be still before the Lord and Wait Patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." Psalm 37:7 (NIV)



2025 Iowa Annual Conference

The 2025 Iowa Annual Conference officially begins at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 13, 2025, with an inspiring Episcopal Address from Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai. This year's theme reflects our vision:

"Inspire, Equip, and Connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ."

Together, we will explore what it means to be equipped in order to lead courageously in such a time as this.

Living Out Our Faith

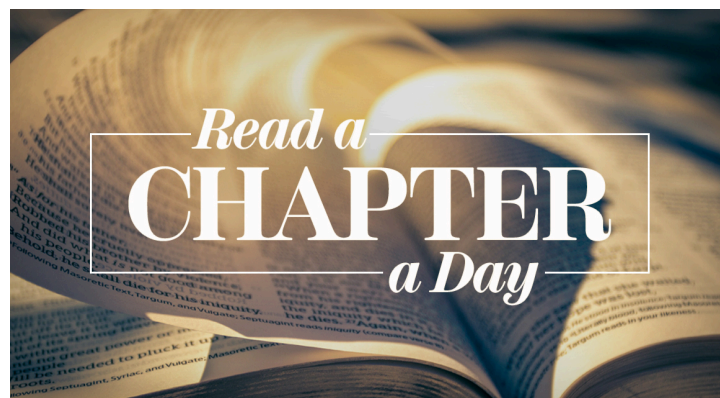
**SIGN UP
NOW**

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up sheets are out to bring flowers for worship or to provide our printed bulletins/online weekly worship. We appreciate a donation of \$10.00 for bulletins/online weekly worship. If you would like to participate in either or both of these opportunities; check the clipboards in the Narthex or call the office for assistance.

Please let the office know if you feel called to be a Worship Leader. All materials are provided!

Thank you!



[Discipleship Ministries | Read a Chapter a Day: Summer 2025 Challenge](#)

**Dear Friends,
Let's read Romans together.
June 9th through June 24th ,
we will read Romans 1 through 16.
One chapter a day.
Woohoo!!! Here we go!
Blessings, Pastor Susan**



Church Council
May 7, 2025 - 6:30 pm



Present: Pastor Susan, Carrie Dalley, Chelsey Worrel, Rita Kail, Kendale and Gary Vosberg, John Lizer, Judi Tjepkes, Jill and Jeremy Viles

Learning: Pastor Susan

Watched video: Ministry in Economically Challenging Times. Council took notes and discussed the video.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Susan

John Lizer called meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Old Business:

Thankful for tithes received: April \$6,692

We need \$9,000 monthly to pay automatic bills and payments.

Spring Fellowship Auction was a great success. Over \$3,000 was raised in gifts for our ministries.

New Business:

4th of July: Jeremy called Lidderdale. 325 meals will cost us \$10.75 per meal. Ticket price will remain \$16. Jeremy is going to call to confirm what the sides are this year.

Newsletter Feedback: Council members expressed they liked the newsletter layout. Feedback from the congregation would be welcomed. [Hard copies of newsletter are available in Narthex.]

Building Insurance: Insurance prices are rising again this year. Judi T. will look into new options.

Garage Sale Lunch: Friday, May 30th from 11:30 to 1:00 we will have a grab and go hot dog lunch during garage sales. Chelsey and Gary will get food and volunteers.

Work Area Reports:

Trustees: Judi reported Ben Johnson will be here to install windows this week.

Education: Last day of Sunday School is this Sunday.

UWF: Rita reported 500 May Baskets were sold. District women's meeting was held here a few weeks ago and the day was full of fun and fellowship.

Lay leader: Gary reported he will be attending the Annual Conference June 13-15.

Pastor's Report: Susan updated the council on the ruling from the Judicial group of Bishops. Camp Clear Lake District meeting in Laurens was a good turnout and was meaningful.

Next Meeting will be held on June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: Motion by Chelsey, second by Judi, motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Gary

Written by Chelsey Worrel



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ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CHICKEN DINNER



Make plans to join us or participate by donating towards our Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner after the Parade. This is a longstanding outreach and hospitality event that is successful every year because of your participation and care!

You can help by:

- **Coming to eat**
- **Volunteering to help serve or clean up.**
- **Providing pies or bars to serve with the meal ahead of time.**
- **Provide financial support before, or during, the Chicken Dinner.**