



OUR CHURCH

Thanksgiving and Gratitude

There are wonderful articles out there about Thanksgiving and Gratitude.

Did you know that Thanksgiving wasn't a recognized holiday in America until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln signed "A National Day of Thanksgiving and Praise" in the middle of the Civil War. There is whole article about the origins of the holiday on <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/the-making-of-thanksgiving-in-the-us>. If you get a chance it really is a good read.

There are also many articles about Gratitude. The Gratitude Muscle by Ryan Dunn is a good read. He list ways to work on gratitude and how gratitude is like a muscle that you have to work to get better.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/exercise-your-gratitude-muscle>.

There are many scriptures which encourage a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude. In fact, Gratitude is mentioned in the Bible a total of 157 times and Thanks/Thanksgiving appears 72 times. All of these mentions would lead me to believe that Thanksgiving and Gratitude are meant to help guide us on our way. They are to be the leading tenants in our lives. We are to be thankful for what we have and show gratitude to those who provide for us. Not the least of which is our God.

Let us be Thankful and show Gratitude this Season and all Seasons.

by Carrie Dalley



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SERVE

- **Council** November 5 6:30 PM
 - **“Singing the Favorites”** November 23
 - **Sunday School:** Need Substitute and teachers. Please contact Chelsey or Anna.
 - **Ingathering** November 1 1-4pm @ FD Trinity UMC
 - **Advent and Christmas Season Prep** November 29 10:00
 - Bring down Decor and Trees
 - Set up and fluff trees and wreaths
 - **November 30 after Worship**
 - Decorate Church and Trees
- Fellowship Luncheon

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
- 9:00 Sunday School
9:30 Coffee and Conversation
10:15 am Worship Service
 Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575
- **Coffee/Chat/Video** Tues 1:30 - at Joan's
 - currently we're traveling the world worshiping with churches in every time zone. Join us!
 - **All Saint's Sunday** November 2
 - **Hymn Sing** November 9
 - **Thanksgiving Eve Serv.** 7pm Nov 26 at GUMC
 - **Advent and Christmas Season Prep.** November 29 10:00 bring decor down
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PRAY

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

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Colleen Traster and George Anderson.

Prayers of Gratitude: the birth of healthy babies, freedom to worship, family, home, and health.

Health Concerns: Dean from Callendar, Gabe & Jess Olson From Paton-Son Otto who was premature continues to be in the hospital, Carol Orness, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those fighting cancer. All those suffering from chronic pain. All those receiving therapy. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: Family of Penny McGovern

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for Countries recovering from Natural disasters & famine.

Pray for all people living or escaping from war zones.

Pray for Israel, and the people of 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

All Saints Sunday
November 2



Happy Thanksgiving
November 27



Veterans Day
November 11



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In England as we walked through Cathedrals which contained breathtaking stained glass throughout, we became captivated with the stories they told. Stories of reciprocal relationships of: our Trinitarian God, God with his people, God's people with each other, and God's people with "the Nations." This stained glass art truly celebrates the beauty and dynamics of relationship in God's creation. Each piece in the window symbolizes all the challenges, love, despair and hope that are part of every relationship story. The colors and textures that are woven together represent the complexity

of relationships within human kind and the steadfastness of our God.

The windows in these ancient cathedrals and in our modern churches represent the stories of ages past. Biblical stories and stories of people of faith over thousands of years are represented in beautiful stained glass. Stories of faith are not just of the past, they are of the present and the future. What would our story look like if it were depicted in stained glass art? What textures, colors, images would we see? Would the windows depicting our relationship with God and one another inspire others? Is our story one of God's hope?

May God's peace be with you.

Pastor Susan



November Worship Series

Stand Firm & Hold Fast: All Saints Sunday is one of the most precious in the life of a community of faith. We celebrate beloved members of the church and acknowledge a worldwide connection with those who claim the name of Christ. We give thanks to the saints we revere by living as saints in the world today.

"The Days are Surely Coming": The invitation of this series is to look to a future that resembles the kingdom that Jesus spoke of. He used parables and images to hint at what living in that kind of relationship would be like. There are aspects of the community of faith that resemble this kingdom or kin-dom living.

LOVE INCREASING



November 2

Stand Firm and Hold Fast: Love Increasing

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10



November 9

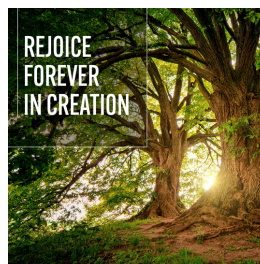
The Latter Splendor

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38



November 16

Rejoice Forever

in Creation

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



November 23

Woe to Shepherds

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

"Faith like a mustard seed"



NOVEMBER 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

Adam Family
 Keith & Dena Sytsma

November 2, 9, & 15
 November 22 & 29

November 2

Communion:
 Worship Leader:
 Music:
 Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

All Saint's Sunday/Daylight Savings

Carrie Dalley; Crystal Wilks
 Anna Cottingham
 Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Crystal Wilks
 Crystal Wilks

November 23

Worship Leader:
 Music:
 Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

Choir

Owen Nuss
 Jeff Patterson
 Keith & Dena Sytsma



November 9

Worship Leader:
 Music:
 Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

Hymn Sing

Mary Patterson
 Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden

November 26

Tech:
 Music:

Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM

Glenn Rohden
 Nancy Vogt

November 16

Worship Leader:
 Music:
 Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

Bergan Dalley
 Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Lincoln & August Akins

November 30

Worship Leader:
 Music:
 Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

First Sunday of Advent

Glenn Rohden
 Jeff Patterson
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley



Extravagant Giving



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.

October Offerings

\$8,676.00

Thank you!

Outgoing Automatic
 Bill Withdrawals
 Per Month
 Approximately \$9000

We just finished our Ingathering season. Because of all you do, your generosity and who you are, families around the world and in the U.S. will receive school kits, health kits and cleaning kits.

Thank you for your Generosity!

We are God's church!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1:00-4:00 Ingathering @ FD Trinity UMC
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	3 Happy Birthday! Austin Thielmann Pastor's Sabbath	4 Happy Birthday! Nikki Wilks 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	5 Happy Birthday! Adam Tucker Chris Lee Tanner Johnson 9am Office Open 6:30pm Council Mtg.	6 Happy Birthday! Bryant Wilks 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	7 Pastor's Prep Day	8 Happy Birthday! Alan Wooters Camille Jepsen
9 Happy Birthday! Allison Rice 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship /Hymn Sing/Sunday School Singing	10 Happy Birthday! Kendale Vosberg Pastor's Sabbath	11 Happy Birthday! Chase Rice Dennis Tucker 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	12 9am Office Open	13 Happy Birthday! Eleanor Dorsey 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	14 Happy Birthday! Eric Adam Pastor's Prep Day	15
16 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 Happy Birthday! Cade Cottington 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	19 Happy Birthday! Paula Wiklander 9am Office Open	20 Happy Birthday! Ross Halligan 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	21 Pastor's Prep Day	22
23 Happy Birthday! Leonard Schneider Madysen Barker 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir Sings	24 Pastor's Sabbath	25 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	26 Happy Birthday! Betty Byson 9am Office Open 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service @ GUMC	27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving	28 Pastor's Prep Day	29 Happy Birthday! Eli Eller Kevin Kruse Siena Gutshall 10:00am Bring down Decorations & Set up Trees
30 Happy Birthday! Nina Dalley No Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:15am Decorate Church & Trees 11:15am Fellowship Luncheon						

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

"Faith like a mustard seed"



United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward

November 7

1:00 PM

Program : Thank Offering

Server: Gail McLoud

“Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (CEB)

All Saint’s Sunday, November 2

Join us as we remember those
saints that went before us

Ginger Marquis
Wilma Proctor
Eleanor Anderson
Dale Brandt
Jill Viles

Preparing for the Season!

Saturday, November 29 10:00 am

Bring Down Christmas Trees & Decorations
Set up and Fluff Christmas Trees & Wreaths

Sunday, November 30 After Worship

Decorate Church Building & Trees
Fellowship Luncheon

UWF Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 6th

9-11 am

Come Join us for coffee,
treats and shopping!!

Homemade baked goods
and crafts items will be
available!

Coffee and treats
available for free will
donation!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

We will be hosting Thanksgiving Eve Services
this year here at Gowrie UMC. Services start at
7:00 pm, November 26. Everyone is Welcome!



Council Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2025 6:30 PM

Attendance: Judi Tjepkes, Jeremy Viles, Gary Vosberg, Kendale Vosberg, Rita Kail, John Lizer, Carrie Dalley, Pastor Susan Rohden

Devotion was read from UpperRoom Devotional by Gary Vosberg featuring Matthew 22:22-30 and Luke 10:27. Prayer by Pastor Susan Rohden.

Call to Order at 6:33 PM by John L.

Meeting minutes were taken by Pastor Susan and Carrie D. Gary V. was the timekeeper.

Review of September Minutes was approved.

Old Business

- Rejoicing and thankfulness for tithes received in September of \$10378.25.
- Notes of encouragement to be written to Molly Anderson, Allison and Ryan Rice, and Lesley Worrel.
- Rita shared a short devotion/description of Perseverance. Perseverance was Paul's Star word.
- Discussion of upcoming Forward in Faith Congregational Meeting. Breakfast will be provided by Council. Meeting will start at 9:00 and continue through the Sunday School hour and Worship.
- Charge Conference October 26 at 6:00 pm at Fort Dodge First UMC. We are diligently working on Charge Conference forms. Some of these forms will be completed after the congregational meeting.

New Business

- Budget was discussed, compared 2025 to upcoming 2026. Work in process.
- Trunk or Treat progressing.
- John Lizer will be resigning from the Church Council. John is now worshiping with his Family in FD.
- SPRC report was given by Kendale Vosberg. No increase in staff wages or pastor wages for 2026 recommended at this time. Budget item recommendations were for Continuing Education to be brought down from \$1400 in 2025 to \$1000 in 2026. Pastor travel to be brought down for \$3000 in 2025 to \$2000 in 2026. Due to pastors request not to be compensated in 2025 for housing allowance of \$5000 we may need to adjust the 2025 I9 Form. Still waiting to hear from Joanie from the UMC Human Resources on our options to correct this form. Moved for approval by Kendale V. and Seconded by Judi T.. Motion approved.
- Trustees report by Judi Tjepkes. Work for the 2025: Windows have all been replaced and paid for. Front retaining wall has been repaired. Fans in the sanctuary are currently waiting for Dallas Roper's schedule to open up. Keith will be borrowing the scissor lift from Southeast Valley to facilitate the replacement.
- UWF report by Rita Kail who was excited to start their ministry year tomorrow, October 2. They will be starting to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar which brings in the funds that are distributed in December to 9 different non-profit organizations, 3 of which are local organizations and all 9 are in Iowa.

Next Meeting November 5 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. Motioned by Kendale, seconded by Gary.

Closing prayer by John Lizer.

Written by Carrie Dalley/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

