



OUR CHURCH

Coffee Fellowship Invitation

Let's Grow Together—One Cup at a Time

Dear Friend,

Each Sunday before worship, we invite you to join us for a time of coffee, conversation, and connection. This gathering is an opportunity to catch up with one another, share laughter, and discuss life's moments. More than that, it is a space where we can encourage each other and grow in faith together.

What to Expect

Our approach is simple and welcoming. Plan to spend about 15 to 20 minutes with us—no need to prepare or sign up in advance. Just come as you are. The time together will include a few gentle conversation starters, which I'll help provide, and the sharing of honest stories from our lives (no "tall tales" required). We'll explore small but meaningful ways we can serve or express our beliefs with enthusiasm.

Conversation Starters

To help guide our discussions and deepen our connections, here are a few questions you might consider reflecting on:

- Where did you see God at work this week?
- What's one thing you're praying for today?
- What verse or hymn has stayed with you lately?

Perhaps you'll even find answers to some of your most challenging questions about existence, whether related to our faith or life outside of church.

Ways to Participate

If you feel led to share a personal story, offer a prayer, or help guide conversation, your contribution will be warmly welcomed. There is also always a need for new "coffee shepherds"—those who are willing to help facilitate discussion, listen with care, and invite others into deeper connection. If this sounds like you, please reach out. Let's connect over a cup of coffee!

With grace and gratitude,

Paul & Rita Kail

Fellow Church Members

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SERVE

- **Council** October 1 6:30 PM
- **“Singing the Favorites”** October 19
- **Sunday School:** Need Substitute and teachers. Please contact Chelsey or Anna.
- **Trunk or Treat:** October 30th.
Consider hosting a trunk this year. This is a fun community outreach when we have the opportunity to love our communities children and families.

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
9:00 Sunday School
Toddlers
Preschool through Elem
Middle School
Adult Bible Study
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
- **“Forward in Faith: GUMC Congregational Gathering** Oct 12 9:00-11:30 ??
- **Conference Laity Day** Oct 25 9:00-3:00
 - Jefferson UMC
- **Beloved Community District Gathering**
Oct 18 10:00am-1:00pm
 - Storm Lake UMC
- **Charge Conference** Oct 26 6:00
 - Fort Dodge First UMC
- **Trunk or Treat** Oct 30 5:00-7:00

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.

Health Concerns: Gabe & Jess Olson's hospitalized infant son Otto (born premature), Carol Orness, Penny McGovern, Brian Denklau (Marj's daughter-in-law's father), 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: Rex Wilson Family of Paton, Roger & Megan Maine in the loss of their stillborn infant (Roger is Pastor Susan's Cousin)

Congregational Prayer Focus: Midwest Missions

Pray for Countries recovering from Natural disasters. (Afghanistan, Sudan)

Pray for all people living in war zones.

Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.

Pray for Gowrie, Gowrie UMC ministries to the community, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

CELEBRATE



**World Communion
Sunday October 5**

**Pastor Appreciation
October 12**



**Laity Sunday
October 19**

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace and Peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Luke 17:6

Faith like a "mustard seed". Pastor Arulnathan of Churdan, shared with me once, that the mustard seed Jesus is referring to is much smaller than the mustard seed we think of here in the States. Regardless we know that the mustard seed is small compared to most things. In reality I wonder if most of us live out our lives with mustard seed faith because doubts, fears and uncertainty impact our faith. We may think of "mustard seed" faith as a negative but Jesus tells us our "mustard seed" faith is remarkable!

For we must remember that as Christians, we place "mustard seed" faith in God who is all powerful. Nothing on this earth compares to who God is and what God can do. God's mission of creation and love defies human understanding. What we do know is that if through the Holy Spirit, we are listening to God's voice, doing God's will and having "Mustard Seed" faith in God and not in ourselves, God does amazing things. On October 12th, we will gather together as a church and look to the future, let us remember the power of "Mustard Seed" faith.

Pastor Susan



*Epworth England
"The World is my Parish",
John Wesley*

October Worship Series "Choosing Faith"

Is faith a gift or a choice? Is it something God does in us or something we do for God? Faith is all that and more. It is a partnership with God as we enter into relationship for our good and the good of the community around us. We are choosing every day to live by our faith, to be shaped by our faith, and to submit all our actions and relationships to the measure of faith. In this worship series, we invite you to examine what it means to be people who choose faith.

Faith TO CHANGE



October 5
Faith to Change

Laminations 1:1-6
Psalms 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

WHOLE *Faith*



October 12
Whole Faith

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalms 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

PERSISTENT *Faith*



October 19
Persistent Faith

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalms 66:1-12
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

HUMBLE *Faith*



October 26
Humble Faith

Joel 2:23-32
Psalms 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

"Faith like a mustard seed"



OCTOBER 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

Cottington Family
 Nate & Brenda Brandes

October 5 & 12
 October 19 & 26

October 5

Communion:
 Worship Leader:
 Music:

Tech:
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

World Communion Sunday

Gary & Kendale Vosberg
 August Akins
 Colleen Palmer & Jeff
 Patterson

Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Dave & Judi Tjepkes
 Dennis & Barb Tucker



October 19

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

Laity Sunday/Choir

Chelsey Worrel
 Jeff Patterson
 Lincoln & August Akins
 Jim & Jane Frahm

October 12

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

Congregational Gathering/ Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Eric Adam
 Jeff Patterson
 Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Dennis & Barb Tucker

October 26

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

Charge Conference

John Lizer
 Jeff Patterson
 Bergan & Carrie Dalley

October 30

5-7 pm Trunk or Treat



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.

September Offerings

\$10,378.25

Thank you!

Outgoing Automatic
 Bill Withdrawals
 Per Month
 Approximately \$9000

For the past 7 years we have opened our church to ghosts, goblins, dinosaurs, Minions, trains, Disney Princesses, cows, and a multitude of other creations that come out once a year on Beggars night. We share laughter, joy and love with children and families!!! Thank you for your Generosity!

We are God's church!

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Happy Birthday! Carolyn Sandgren 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	29 Happy Birthday! Camden Johnson Pastor's Sabbath	30 Happy Birthday! Shawn Blunk 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	1 9am Office Open	2 Happy Birthday! Jim Frahm Lauren Johnson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	3 Happy Birthday! Carson Joyce Pastor's Prep Day	4 Happy Birthday! Abbi Tucker
5 World Communion Sunday 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	6 Happy Birthday! Beth Shultz Pastor's Sabbath	7 Happy Birthday! Carrie Lee 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	8 9am Office Open	9 Happy Birthday! Parker Q. Johnson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	10 Happy Birthday! Boedy Lee Keith Sytsma Pastor's Prep Day	11 Happy Birthday! Deb Tvrdik
12 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9am Sunday School 9:00 Forward in Faith Breakfast 10:15am Sunday Forward in Faith Worship	13 Happy Birthday! Brian Johnson Kyle McCard Pastor's Sabbath	14 Happy Birthday! Dennis Shepherd 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	15 Happy Birthday! Linda Kerwin 9am Office Open	16 Happy Birthday! Kevin Fibiker 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	17 Pastor's Prep Day	18 10am-1 pm Beloved Community Gathering Storm Lake UMC
19 Laity Sunday 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	22 Happy Birthday! Jane Frahm 9am Office Open	23 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	24 Happy Birthday! Kim Sandgren Susan Frahm Pastor's Prep Day	25 Happy Birthday! Mary Bauer 9:00am-3:00pm Laity Day w/ Bishop Kennetha
26 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 6:00 Charge Conference @ FD First UMC	27 Happy Birthday! Becky Kalous Pastor's Sabbath	28 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	29 Happy Birthday! Will Halligan 9am Office Open	30 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 5pm Trunk Or Treat	31 Pastor's Prep Day	1

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

"Faith like a mustard seed"



**GOWRIE UMC
CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025**

Forward In Faith

We warmly invite you to join us in a congregational discussion about how we move forward. Gowrie UMC Council would like your input, so that our decisions reflect the congregations vision & hopes.



✓ **How are we God's Church?**

✓ **Where is God calling us in our next season?**

✓ **Prayerful consideration of finances...**

✓ **What next?**

9:00-10:00 AM

Coffee/Juice/Rolls and
Congregational Discussion

10:15-11:15 AM

Worship, Prayer and
Continued Discussion.

Join the conversation!



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“Forward in Faith” Congregational Gathering

October 12, 2025 we will be having a Congregational Gathering. We will start with breakfast and discussion in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour and continue through our Worship time. Please come join us. In an effort to start our conversation please consider the following questions. Please feel free to write answers or ask more questions and bring on October 12.

1. What ministry is most important to us? What makes that ministry important?
2. What do we do best?
3. What would the community miss if Gowrie UMC were not here?
4. Are we reaching the Gowrie community for God? How?
5. As a church, who do we want to be?
6. What are the most important ways we make disciples for Jesus?
7. How do we as the church form adult disciples for Jesus?
8. I think our church would be really great at....?
9. What does God like best about our church?

September Tea Room Excursion

The United Women in Faith had a lovely time at our Annual Tea Room Excursion in September. What a great way to start our year of ministry and mission.





United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward

October 2 1:00 PM

Program : Judi Tjepkes

Server: Diane Boerner

“Those who give generously receive more, but those who are stingy with what is appropriate will grow needy. Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:24-25

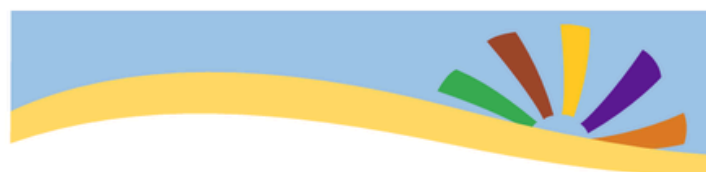


Trunk or Treat !!!



October 30
5:00-7:00 PM

Come Join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat. This ministry serves close to 100- 300 kids in our community each year. Welcoming them and their families into our Church! We are actively looking for families/individuals to host trunks for Trunk or Treat. Bring yourself and your decorated Trunk or come help serve hot cocoa!



Beloved Community Event

Saturday, October 18, 2025
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Storm Lake UMC
211 E 3rd St, Storm Lake, IA 50588-2515



Midwest Missions Ingathering Kits

Ingathering Nov. 1st



In October, we will focus on Personal Dignity Kits, and Layette Kits. There will be brochures in the Narthex listing the items for making a Kit. There is also shopping list available on Midwest Missions website:

<https://www.midwestmission.org/collect-donate>

Council Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2025

Those in attendance:

Pastor Susan Rohden

Kendale Vosberg

Gary Vosberg

Jeremy Viles

Rita Kail

Judi Tjepkes

In the absence of chairman John Lizer, Gary Vosberg conducted the meeting.

Pastor Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Rita made the motion to accept the June minutes, Kendale seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Review of June and July offerings. Thanksgiving offered for all those who give.

New Business:

Kendale will send a letter of appreciation to Gowrie Police Chief Molly Anderson.

Congregational Gathering discussion.

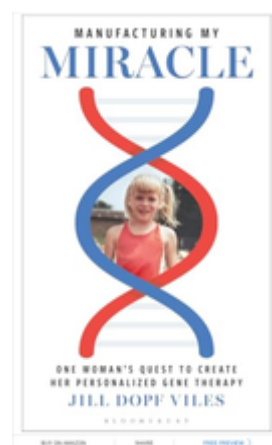
Charge Conference October 26

Next Meeting October 1, 6:30 pm

Written by Judi Tjepkes



We had a good turn out for Jill Viles's Book Reading. It was a great time of fellowship with the Jill's mother, sister and Jeremy. If you would still like a book they are available on Amazon. Remember to leave a review.





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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

