



Garner United Methodist Church

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GUMC is a community of ordinary people seeking to put into practice the extraordinary love of God.

A Message from Pastor Kristin



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Congratulations! Through blizzards, cancellations, and everything in between we've all made it to 2023! Thank you all for your flexibility and willingness to adapt to our circumstances through the holiday season. We have a wonderfully talented group of volunteers that helped make Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services meaningful and available online. Garner UMC is surely blessed by their quick thinking, eagerness to help, and ability to adapt to changing events.

As we lean into 2023, my hope is that our collective dreaming will bring about some fun and meaningful opportunities for each and every one of you. Maybe this is the year to try

something new. Maybe this is the year to let go of something. Maybe this is the year to step into the unknown trusting that God will see you through! I am sure that God is among us and involved in our ministries. We are beginning the new year with strong and intentional leadership dedicated to making Garner UMC a place that welcomes all and nurtures us throughout our lifetime.

Thank you to everyone who has brought us this far. For the newer folks in our fold, we need you and we are excited you're here. Our church is in a delightful position of transition and growth. We are growing our youth ministry, offering meaningful classes, trying new worship resources, experimenting with weekly communion, growing our music ministry, and so much more. It will take each and every one of us to bring about God's vision to minister to this community and build discipleship in Garner, Iowa. Your gifts are welcome. Your presence makes GUMC a place that feels like sanctuary. Let us continue to trust God and build the kind of community we crave, one intentional connection at a time. Come, be a part of the New Creation!

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Worship Tech Assistants

Jill Blank, Stan Isvik, Kevin Sweers, Jody East, and/or Steve East

January Quarters: Heating Assistance



WOW! The Peters Family is overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways GUMC has showered us with love this holiday season. Thank you for thinking of us, including us, and celebrating us this year. We are so blessed to call GUMC our church home. Willow, Lou, and I are excited for what the future holds for us as we grow together in discipleship. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Garner United Methodist Church 2023 Church Officers

Administrative Council: *Top decision-making committee of the church, responsible for coordinating overall ministry, including identity and vision*

Chairperson	Ted Hovda	2023-2026	
Recording Secretary	TBD	2023-2026	
Lay Leader	Robin Sweers	2021-2024	
Lay Member/Annual Conf.	John Bowman	2020-2023	
Alt. Lay Member/Ann. Conf.	Jill Blank	2023-2026	
Treasurer	Jim Hill	2022-2025	
Finance	Rich Welsh	2020-2023	
Trustees	Jeff Omans	2023-2026	
SPRC	Jody Seelhammer	2023-2026	
Nurture	Allyson Fry	2020-2023	
Co-Chair Missions/Outreach	Ruth Legge	2023-2026	
Co-Chair Missions/Outreach	Deb Trulson	2020-2023	
UWF	Barb T/Myra B	2023	
UMM	John Bowman	2023	
Youth Director	Beth Myers		
Youth Member	Dean/Drayton	2023-2024	Quarterly written report
Hospitality	Susan Hovda	2020-2023	
Pastor	Kristin W. Peters		

Finance: *Oversee financial aspects (budget, giving records, expenses, financial secretary, treasurer)*

Rich Welsh (Chairperson)	2020-2023	Ted Hovda	2023-2026
Kevin Sweers	2023-2026	Jim Hill	2022-2025
Lorene Dykstra	2021-2024	Gary Thoms (Consultant)	
Morgan Smuck	2023-2026		

Board of Trustees: *Oversee upkeep and improvement of assets, including building, contents, land, farm, responsible for legal issues*

Jeff Omans (Chairperson)	2023-2026	Julie Jass	2023-2026
Bruce Dykstra	2021-2024	Tom Johnson	2022-2025
Scott Seelhammer	2022-2025	Barb Trulson	2020-2023
Bob Abele (Consultant)	2021-2024	Paul Nelson	2022-2025
Kris Hanson (Consultant)	2021-2024		

SPRC: *Advise/support pastor and help healthy relationships with parish, oversee staff hiring and evaluation, communicate with D.S. in pastoral appointment*

Jody Seelhammer (Chair)	2023-2026	Janet Abele	2021-2024
John Bowman	2020-2023	Deb Hill	2021-2024
Robin Sweers	2021-2024	Mike Brown	2023-2026

Worship

Myra Bowman
Jill Blank
Robin Sweers

Deb Hill
Secretary Lori
Pastor Kristin

Mission and Outreach: *Coordinate the ministries of the church that reach out to the community and welcome new people into the congregation*

Ruth Legge (Co-Chair)	2023-2026	Tally Albertson	2023-2026
Deb Trulson (Co-Chair)	2020-2023	Val Anderson	2023-2026
Sheri Weaver-Isvik	2020-2023	Diane Gilbert	2021-2024
Karen Johnson	2022-2025		

Nominations Committee: *Evaluate needs for and recruit leadership, present slate of nominations to Church Conference*

Pastor Kristin Peters (Chairperson)

Jody East	2021-2024	Todd Jass	2023-2026
Allyson Fry	2022-2025	Mark Ricke	2023-2026

Education: *Oversee Sunday School, etc.*

Allyson Fry (Chairperson)	2020-2023	Jan Sweers	2023-2026
John Bowman	2023-2026	Beth Myers	2022-2025

Other Committees/Task Forces/Ministry Groups

Memorial: *Keep track of all memorials given to the church and the dedication of the memorials*

Ronna Myers (Chairperson)	2021-2024	Sharon Jass	2021-2024
Carrie Omans	2022-2025	Stan Isvik	2022-2025

Farm Committee: *Responsible for overseeing farm property and rent, reports to Trustees*

Rich Welsh (Chairperson)	2020-2023	Jim Hill	2020-2023
Jim Jass	2020-2023		

Hospitality Committee: *Responsible for overseeing the hospitality throughout the church*

Susan Hovda (Chairperson)	2020-2023	Cheri Brown	2023-2026
Maurene House	2021-2024	Nancy Nelson	2022-2025

United Women in Faith Officers

Co-Presidents	Barb Trulson and Myra Bowman		
Vice President	Carrie Omans	Membership/Nurture/Outreach	Julie Jass
Secretary	Susan Hovda	Program Resource Secretary	Diane Gilbert
Treasurer	Mary Thoms	Historian/Publicity	Cheri Brown
Assoc. Treasurer	Deb Trulson	UWF Responsibility	Ruth Legge
Social Action	Deb Hill	Nominations	Carrie Omans
Spiritual Growth	Sheri Weaver-Isvik	Education/Interpretation	Robin Sweers

Circle Chairs

Joy Circle	Kay Mestad and Ronna Myers
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Rebekah Circle Myra Bowman, Barb Trulson, and Deb Trulson
Sarah Circle Ruth Legge and Sheri Weaver-Isvik

Worship Ministries

Choir Director	Myra Bowman		
Organist	Myra Bowman		
Choir Pianist	Myra Bowman		
Communion Stewards	Mary Thoms (February – April) Marilynn Jass (May – July) Barb Trulson (August – October) Ronna Myers (November – January)		
Drama Coordinator	Mike Brown		
Video Techs	Jill Blank	Jody East	Kevin Sweers
Sound Techs	Stan Isvik	Steve East	
Offering Counters	Steve East Scott Seelhammer Barb Trulson Terri Beshey	Don Stubbs Jody Seelhammer Todd Jass Julie Jass	

Other Ministries and Coordinators

Historian	Val Anderson
Auditors	Jim and Sharon Jass
Kitchen	Mary Beth Cline

Work Group Chairpersons

Group 1	Jerry and Ronna Myers Gary and Mary Thoms	Renee Heitmeyer
Group 2	Rob and Ruth Legge Stan and Sheri Isvik	Kay Mestad
Group 3	Rick and Diane Gilbert Russ and Barb Trulson	Ted and Susan Hovda

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Kristin W. Peters	
Youth Director	Beth Myers	
Secretary	Lori Griesert	
Custodians	Dianne McCabe	Tom Johnson

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the church website has been unavailable for some time. A new design process is needed to become active again. With that in mind, please consider:

- HOW do you wish to interact with the church through its website?
- WHAT information additional information, items would be helpful?
- ANY OTHER thoughts?

Please share comments with Jill Blank (blankties@aol.com).

Members of GUMC and the SPRC,
Thank you seems hardly enough to say for the generous Christmas gift you gave me. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the level of kindness you consistently show me. You people are beyond incredible, and I am blessed to work for a community of big-hearted, nurturing, caring people who add their Christian and positive touch to my life day in and day out. Thank you, thank you. Happy New Year to you all!
Lori



January Fellowship Servers and Ushers

All are welcome to join in fellowship after church on Sundays. These are the January **fellowship servers**:

Jan. 1: Ted and Susan Hovda

Jan. 8: Joyce McClintock and Kay Mestad

Jan. 15: Derek and Morgan Smuck

Jan. 22: Doug and Marilyn Jass

Jan. 29: Kris and Joan Hanson

These are the January **ushers**:

Jan. 1: Ken Smith and Russ Trulson

Jan. 8: Steve Wood and Pat Trulson

Jan. 15: Gary Thoms and Ted Hovda

Jan. 22: Jake Pringnitz and Mark Ricke

Jan. 29: Earl and Terri Beshey

Thank you for your service. If you are unable to serve, please switch with someone or call Susan Hovda at 923-2909.

January Birthdays

Wes Bier	Jan. 4	Mark Ricke	Jan. 22
Adalay Hejlik	Jan. 5	Cherrice Risius	Jan. 22
Debra Hill	Jan. 7	Nicole Sasso	Jan. 23
Chelsea Hubred	Jan. 9	Shelly Bauer	Jan. 26
Grace Hartzell	Jan. 14	Ryan Frohling	Jan. 26
Samantha Vesuvius	Jan. 16	Sarah-Michele Ulven	Jan. 26
Bobbi Freeman	Jan. 17	Miranda Jackson	Jan. 27
Deserae Korsae	Jan. 17	Cody Glidden	Jan. 28
Angie Pringnitz	Jan. 17	Neil Johnson	Jan. 28
Jayden Sweers	Jan. 20	Jason Ricke	Jan. 29
Travis Glidden	Jan. 21		

January Anniversaries

Lynn Smith and Kathy Aberg	Jan. 11
Jerry and Ronna Myers	Jan. 14
Rick and Diane Gilbert	Jan. 17
Bob and Janet Abele	Jan. 25

If your name, birthday, or anniversary is listed incorrectly or is missing, please call the church office so we can update our information.

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