



Garner United Methodist Church

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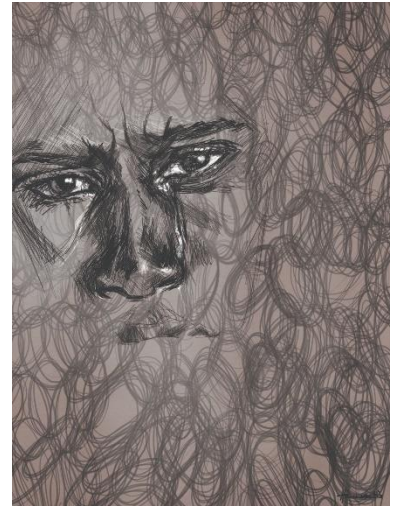
GUMC is a community of ordinary people seeking to put into practice the extraordinary love of God.

A Message from Pastor Kristin

We are in the season of Lent. Over the next month we will each be on a journey that will bring us closer to the cross. Instead of individual deprivation, I encourage everyone to choose something they need more of in their discipleship journey, i.e. justice, love, joy, gratitude, and to be intentional about seeking it out while we navigate the wilderness together.

The idea of wilderness disorients us. We often ignore or revolt from temptation, believing that we are experiencing it alone and that we should be ashamed of our tribulations. The truth is that the Spirit sent us here, and we walk in community. We worship a God that became what we are in order that we would become more like him. Our scriptures will help ground us in the story of redemption and salvation as we step closer to the violent realities of sin allied with power, religion, and empire. My hope is that the wilderness stretches our faith and causes us to grow more dependent on God and the community we seek to build with one another. Know that you are not alone and that there is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love.

In Peace,
Rev. Kristin W. Peters



Day of the Lord
by Hannah Garrity



Spring Forward

Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 12. Be sure to move any clocks forward one hour that don't reset on their own.

Sunday Schedule

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

Worship Tech Assistants: Jill Blank, Stan Isvik, Kevin Sweers, Jody East, and/or Steve East

March Quarters: Heifer International



Will You Help Us Out?

Our online worship really does reach a number of people each week, so we are still asking for others to step up and be trained to make it possible to keep this important piece of ministry available each and every week. Please give this your prayerful consideration. You can train through shadowing and teamwork. Let Stan Isvik or Jeff Omans know if you're willing to help.



During Lent we are collecting for the Heifer International Project. Check out the display in the lobby to read more about it, and take home one of the “cow bags” to put your change in at home. One heifer costs \$500. Wouldn't it be great to be able to purchase two or more!?

In the past few months we have also donated \$500 to Hancock County Co-op Oil to use for heating assistance for those that need it and \$500 to God's Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who helps make these gifts happen.
The Missions Committee

March Fellowship Servers and Ushers

Join us for coffee and fellowship after worship service each Sunday.

These are the March **fellowship servers**:

March 5: UMM Baked Potato Bar

March 12: Mark and Carrie Ricke

March 19: Mike and Cheri Brown

March 26: Doug and Marilyn Jass

These are the March **ushers**:

March 5: Steve Wood and Rick Gilbert

March 12: Ken Smith and Jeff Omans

March 19: Mike Brown and Michael Brown

March 26: Bob Abele and Jerry Myers

Thank you for your service. If you are unable to serve, please switch with someone or call Susan Hovda at 641-923-2909. If you find a substitute or switch, please let Lori in the church office know as well.



UMM News

Bring your appetites on Sunday, March 5, when the men of the church host a **baked potato bar** after church in the Fellowship Hall. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward the roof fund.

The men will meet on Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. with a potluck. Bring something to share as part of the meal. We will be discussing plans for the dessert auction. All men are welcome!

Suicide Prevention Training

All people 12 or older are invited to a suicide prevention training on Monday, March 20, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the GHV High School auditorium. This training will give insight on the three steps--Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)—anyone can take if/when someone they know shows signs of suicidal struggles. This information will save lives.

Ryan Nesbit, co-director of “Alive & Running Iowa,” a non-profit organization that raises awareness of suicide prevention, will be the featured presenter. He lost his best friend to suicide in 1991 when they were high school sophomores and has dealt with his own suicidal ideations. Ryan is passionate about suicide prevention.

This program is made available by One-on-One Mentoring GHV and is funded through a Hancock County Foundation Grant. See the sheet on the bulletin board or check out the Alive and Running website for additional information.

make a difference



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle: Monday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Hostess: Carrie Omans; Program: Ruth Legge

Joy Circle: Thursday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.
Hostess and Program: Barb Stubbs

Rebekah Circle: Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.
Hostess: Jan Sweers; Program: Deb Trulson

Who Can We Be Together?

United Women in Faith are women in mission who follow God's call for our time. We know love in action can change the world! Our two priorities of UWFaith for this year are:

1. Racial Justice with a focus on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline.
2. Environmental (Climate) Justice with Just Energy for All.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, Feb. 26—The UWFaith Executive Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday, March 1—Our first unit meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. with Joy Circle as the hostess and Rebekah Circle presenting the program. We will be participating in the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial collection. This year's offering will go to support the ongoing racial justice work of United Women in Faith's national office. We believe that racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Thursday, March 23—This is the 154th Anniversary of United Women in Faith. We have another giving opportunity to share in The Legacy Endowment Fund so our work will continue long into the future.

We invite all women who care about helping women, children, and youth to come to our unit meeting! And we ask:

Who Can You Be in UWFaith in 2023?

Blessings to all!

Co-Presidents,

Myra Bowman and Barb Trulson

We believe love in action can change the world.

Time to Staff the Pantry

GUMC is helping staff God's Pantry in March. Two to three volunteers are needed each Monday morning from 9-11 and Thursday afternoon from 4-6. If you haven't already signed up, check out the sign-up sheets on the table in the lobby and consider signing up for an open shift or two. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early for your shift to go over what you'll be doing. Thanks for the help!



You're Invited!

Please join us in celebrating **Jim Gatchel's 95th birthday** on Sunday, March 19.

Come have a cupcake as we celebrate at an open house in the Fellowship Hall here at GUMC from 1-4 p.m. The gift of your time is all that we ask. No presents, please.

Greetings can be mailed to him at
1225 Division St., Garner, IA 50438.



March Birthdays

Tammy Abbas	March 2	Jim Gatchel	March 19
Pastor Kristin Peters	March 3	Barb Stubbs	March 19
Sharon Jass	March 4	Kim Prohaska	March 21
Courtney Albers	March 5	Dan Trulson	March 21
Doug Blanchard	March 5	Mary Vaughan	March 22
Jeff Omans	March 7	Tom Johnson	March 23
Avery Furst	March 9	Barbara Bierman	March 24
Greg Jass	March 9	Alan Bredlow	March 24
Will Eastman	March 10	Cheri Brown	March 25
Chris Formanek	March 11	Jordan Prehn	March 25
Jerry Myers	March 11	Rick Gilbert	March 27
Lucas Hejlik	March 12	Nicole Pringnitz	March 27
Emersyn McGrath	March 16	Etta Lou Bier	March 28
Nancy Nelson	March 16	Colby Olhava	March 29
Eric Jackson	March 17	Rylie Simpson	March 30
Emberly Albertson	March 19		

March Anniversaries

Steve and Jody East	March 7
Jeff and Carrie Omans	March 21

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

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