



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 Easter! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

This month we welcome all signs of new life as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ! As the snow and mud give way to budding flowers and spears of green grass, we remember that there is hope. Goodness grows again. We've journeyed together through the wilderness confronting our temptations and the world's evils and found ourselves desiring to stay on the path with Jesus. This path in the wilderness had its moments of sorrow and pain. We stayed together, and we now have an opportunity to celebrate the triumphant love of God that journeyed to the cross with us.

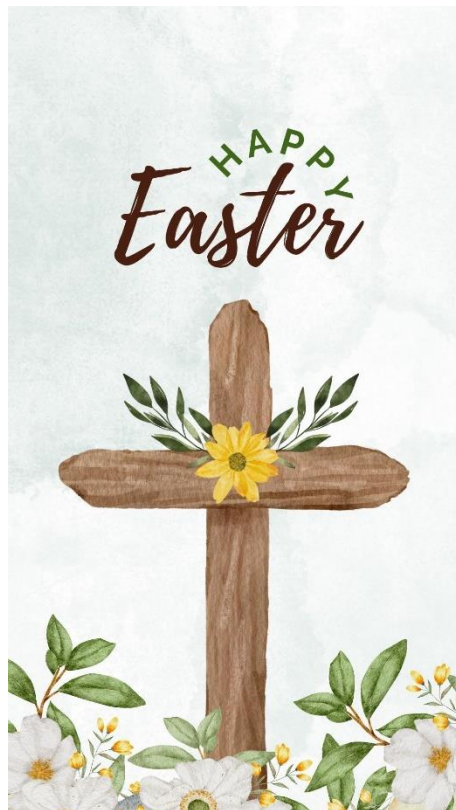
But first, we invite you to all of our Holy Week services that will share the stories of betrayal, destruction, and death that help us confront our grief and fully realize the glory of our hope.

Channing Brown writes, "Our hope is no longer in a tomb. Our hope is not dead. Our hope is on the move. He is risen! And Sunday will come again. May our hearts rejoice in this! May we lay down the fear and doubts, allowing ourselves to encounter Hope again."

I look forward to this special season with you all.

In Peace,

Rev. Kristin W. Peters



GUMC Holy Week & Easter Timetable

Palm Sunday (4/2) – 9 a.m., Sunday School (All Ages)

10:15 a.m., Worship with Palm Parade

Maundy Thursday (4/6) – 6:30 p.m., Service in the Fellowship Hall with Foot

Washing and Communion

Good Friday (4/7) – 6:30 p.m., Service in the Chapel

Easter Sunday (4/9) – 9 a.m., Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

9 a.m., Sunday School for 4 Years – 2nd Grade

9:30 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt in the Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Worship

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

April Quarters: Heifer International (through Easter) and then El Salitre Women's and Children's Center



During Lent we have been collecting for the Heifer International Project and are off to a good start. Last week we received a call from Heifer International. They said \$3 million of matching funds are available to their organization for various projects. We have collected close to \$1,000 so far, so we sent in a check for that amount in the hope that instead of two heifers, six will be provided to those in need as part of their 3x campaign. We still have a few more weeks to go, so let's keep it going!

After Lent and during May we will once again be collecting for El Salitre, the Women's and Children's Center in Guatemala. Because of generous donations they have been able to add on and increase the number of women and children they are able to help.

Our church is incredibly generous, and we thank all of you for sharing.
The Missions Committee

April Fellowship Servers and Ushers

Join us for coffee and fellowship after worship service each Sunday (except for **Easter Sunday**, which will be at **9 a.m.**).

These are the April **fellowship servers**:

April 2: Pat and Deb Trulson

April 9: Hospitality Committee

April 16: Ken and Mary Beth Cline

April 23: Dean and Marcia Sonquist

April 30: Russ and Barb Trulson

These are the April **ushers**:

April 2: Gary Thoms and Ted Hovda

April 9: Kris Hanson and Kollin Hanson

April 16: Jim Hill and Paul Nelson

April 23: Rob and Ruth Legge

April 30: Jim Jass and Doug Jass

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

Satisfy your sweet tooth on Sunday, April 16, when the men of the church host a **dessert auction** after church in the Fellowship Hall. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward the roof fund. If you'd be willing to provide a dessert for the auction, sign up on the sheet on the lobby table. Please consider donating a variety of sizes (a pan of bars, plates of cookies or treats, different sizes of pies, etc.) to be auctioned off.

The men will meet on Monday, April 3, at 6 p.m. with Todd Jass and Ted Hovda furnishing the meal. We will be finalizing plans for the dessert auction. All men are welcome!

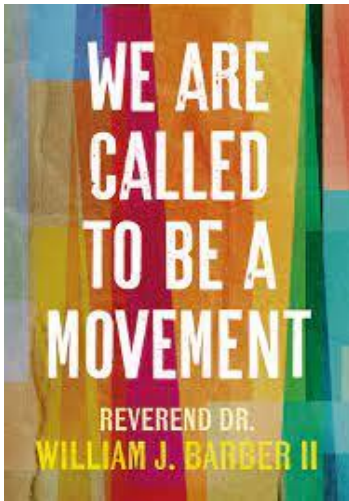
Are You Ready?

Join us on Sunday, April 16, right after church for a meal of Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, and salad served by the UWFaith women in the Fellowship Hall. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward their mission projects.

Then loosen up your hands and arms for the United Methodist Men's dessert auction. Be ready to bid on a variety of tasty desserts in various sizes (plates, pans, etc.) with all proceeds going to the roof fund.







New in Our GUMC Lending Library. . .

. . .is a small but mighty book. Measuring just over 4" x 6", *We Are Called to Be a Movement* by Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II contains a powerful message. In a single rousing sermon delivered at the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., he speaks about "the power of the Bible, a book my father said you can't read honestly without making a commitment to work for justice." Based on the scripture readings of Psalm 118 and Luke, Chapter 4, he reminds us that Jesus questioned the politics of rejection, division, and greed during his time. You are invited to spend a short afternoon with this book. It needs to be read.

In case you haven't found the new location for our lending library, it is now housed in *Betty's Room* across from God's Pantry. Walk in and turn around and you will find a collection of books worthy of any reader.

April Birthdays

Tally Albertson	April 1	Deb Trulson	April 20
Jordan Paulsen	April 1	Jackson Trulson	April 20
Levi Paulsen	April 1	Joan Sharar	April 21
Elizabeth Rigsbee	April 2	Pat Trulson	April 21
Jill Miller	April 5	Bonnie Pringnitz	April 22
Cody Paulsen	April 6	Lauren Arnold	April 23
Bonnie Ausborn	April 8	Kalie Hejlik	April 23
Jim Jass	April 8	Teri Jenniges	April 24
Lance Austin	April 10	Ryan Ausborn	April 25
Susan Hovda	April 12	Kim Olhava	April 26
Michelle McManus	April 15	Kylie Casey	April 29
Lynn Keraus	April 18	Muriel Haberkamp	April 29
Avis Haberkamp	April 19	Lois Olson	April 29

April Anniversaries

Scott and Jody Seelhammer	April 21
Doug and Marilyn Jass	April 23

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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