



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

Siblings: *a fun and Spirit-filled dive into some of the most famous and infamous siblings in the bible.*

Join Garner United Methodist Church this June as we learn about siblings in the bible and how their relationships inform our faith today. Riddled with conflict and jealousy, many of these relationships have been an example of what not to do. Their stories have very real implications for us as we compare our own imperfect family systems to these biblical families. The truth is, no family is perfect. By exploring these siblings and their relationship with God and one another, we have opportunities to question and grow deeper in our faith. Oddly enough, something all these siblings have in common is that God “chose” or gave favor to the younger sibling, balking at the patriarchal culture of the day that preferred the first born. As the youngest of six children, I rather enjoy this tidbit of detail because I kind of like the idea of getting to be first for once! All joking aside, I wonder if the divine revelation that favored these youngest siblings was in preparation for the Messiah who would break into the world and the culture in untraditional ways, challenging us to see God and seek God in the least of these, the unfavored, the last.

Another fun thing about our summer series is that these stories are not dependent on one another. So, while you’re traveling, going to ballgames, or enjoying sabbath rest with your family and friends, you can feel present and connected with your church as you navigate your summertime schedules.

Sibling Series

June 4 - Leah and Rachel from Genesis 29:15-20, 23-30

June 11 - Joseph and the Siblings from Genesis 45:1-15

June 18 - Cain and Abel from Genesis 4:1-16

June 25 - Isaac and Ishmael from Genesis 21:8-20

Upcoming Series

July - Old Stories, New Ears: An Exploration of Texts We Remember from Childhood That Hold New Meaning for Us as Adults

August - Abundance: Generous Stewardship in an Age of "Not Enough"



Image from Children's Letters to God compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall Illustrated by Tom Bloom

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin

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

June Quarters: Pool Passes



Since Easter and during May we have been collecting quarters for El Salitre, the Women's and Children's Center in Guatemala. Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. El Salitre is a terribly poor area of 5,000 residents, mostly women and children, living in shacks in the city of Amatitlan. The women have little or no education or training to earn a living, so the center offers them a new beginning to improve their lives.

They have been able to accomplish so much, including working with two new teachers to start formal programs in math, science, and reading for nearly 20 children. They provide breakfast. They work with the women to learn sewing and embroidery, through which they can earn a living wage. They are also enjoying the newly painted interior walls. All of this is made possible through donations like yours. Thank you so much!

In June will be collecting for pool passes for Garner and Britt. Have a great summer!
The Missions Committee

June Fellowship Servers and Ushers

Join us for coffee and fellowship after our worship service each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

These are the June **ushers**:

June 4: Ryan Frohling and Jerry Myers

June 11: Mike and Cheri Brown

June 18: Jake Pringnitz and Mark Ricke

June 25: Scott and Jody Seelhammer

These are the June **fellowship servers**:

June 4: Jan Sweers and Kevin Sweers

June 11: Sundaes on Sunday – Sarah Cirle

June 18: Mary Andrews and Cindy Schubert

June 25: Jeff and Carrie Omans

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: Pie Stand Update

The men will meet Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m. to finalize plans for the Duesey Day Pie Stand on Saturday, July 8.

At this time we are planning on 40 pies. A sign-up sheet for pies will be on the table in the lobby starting in June. Remember, these must be double-crust fruit pies. A sign-up sheet for workers will also be out in June. Please consider working a shift or two as many hands make light work!

Henschen Scholarship Applications Due

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura graduates and former graduates are reminded that 2023-24 William Henschen Scholarship applications are due June 15, 2023. Application forms may be picked up at GHV High School, Clear Lake Bank & Trust, or Reliance State Bank. You may also find the application on the GHV website (District Information, Scholarships). Official transcripts are due by July 15, 2023.

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Applications should be sent to Wendell and Brenda Davison, 2325 290th St., Garner, IA 50438. Questions can be directed to them at 641-927-4421.

The Table to Offer Free Meals to Youth Starting June 1

5 Loaves, 2 Fish will begin their summer meal program here at GUMC on Thursday, June 1. Free homecooked meals will be served to all youth through 18 years of age each weekday from noon – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kids are welcome to stay for activities after they eat; those will run until 1 p.m. Take-home meals will also be available.



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle: Monday, June 5
Out for Supper

Joy Circle: Thursday, June 15
Summer Outing

Rebekah Circle: Monday, June 14
Out for Supper

Who Can We Be Together?

Greetings to all United Women in Faith members!

June 15 is an important date. First of all, for those of you who have read a book (or books) from our reading list, be sure to report that to Diane Gilbert by June 15 so that she can get that information turned in to the district. Also, June 15 is the registration deadline for the upcoming spiritual retreat we are sponsoring for ALL women of the church on Friday, July 28. Letters will be sent out with details about the retreat, but we think it will be a powerful, enjoyable, and nourishing day. If you have questions about that going forward, contact Myra or Barb.

Mission will be July 15 at Central College in Pella. Everyone should have received information on that in the district newsletter and the registration form that was sent from the church through email. Registration is due July 6. If you need help finding the forms, check with Lori in the church office.

Back by popular demand is Sundaes on Sunday! Each circle will serve ice cream and toppings one Sunday each month of the summer. The first is scheduled for June 11 with Sarah Circle serving. Watch future newsletters for the July and August dates.

Finally, circle members will be enjoying outings this month before not meeting in July and August. Blessings to all!

We believe love in action can change the world.

Homeowners Age 65 or Older: Don't Miss This!

Governor Reynolds signed House File 718 on May 4, establishing a homestead tax exemption for claimants 65 years of age or older.

In addition to the homestead tax credit, eligible claimants who own the home they live in and are 65 years of age or older on or before Jan. 1 of the assessment year are now eligible for a homestead tax exemption. For the assessment year beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, the exemption is for \$3,250 of taxable value. For assessment years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2024, the exemption is for \$6,500 of taxable value. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.



The Iowa Department of Revenue has amended the Homestead Tax Credit and Exemption (54-028) to allow claimants to apply for the new exemption. Applications are due July 1, 2023, to your local assessor (or simply visit your assessor's office and they'll take care of it for you). If the exemption is granted, the exemption will be allowed for future years without future filing as long as the claimant continues to qualify.



Bible Study to Begin a New Old Testament Book

The Tuesday Bible study will begin the book of Deuteronomy on May 30. All are welcome to join the group, which meets at 4:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. Contact Lorene (641-210-5619) for the assignment if you decide to come.

Thank you to everyone that helped us through this trying time. Thanks to Pastor Kristin for her message of comfort the day of the funeral and all of her attention in the week between the accident and the funeral. Thanks to everyone else that helped by cooking, sending flowers, serving the meal, praying, or just being there for us. Your love and support cannot be measured in a normal manner, but know that we as a family were comforted by the feelings of love generated by all of you. Again, thank you and God bless all of you.

In God's love,

Terri Beshey

Eric and Nicole Beshey

Evan and Jade Beshey

Nicole and Jordan Schubert

Thank
You

Join Us for GUMC's Spring Clean-up Day (Third Try)

When: Saturday, June 3, at 9 a.m.

Where: Here at the church

Task List: Edging the sidewalks, trimming bushes, raking leaves, planting bulbs and plants, and laying bricks.

Bring your tools. Lunch will be provided.

If you can't come that day but want to help, contact Barb Trulson (641-860-0314) to choose a task and then complete it when it works for you. *We've been rained out twice; let's hope this one's a go!*



Avery Furst was confirmed and high school graduates Dean Frohling and Drayton Piper (not pictured) were recognized in May.



Make Joyful Unto The
a joyful noise Lord!

Thanks to Myra Bowman, choir director and pianist, and to those who sang in the choir this past "year" (September 2022 – May 2023). We appreciate what you add to the worship experience here at GUMC and look forward to your return in the fall.

Pictured: Renee Kramer, Chris Formanek, Allyson Fry, Susie Hovda, Val Anderson, Mary Beth Cline, Pastor Kristin Peters, Maurene House, Cindy Schubert, Jan Sweers, Paul Nelson, Mike Brown, Barb Trulson, John Bowman, Bruce Dykstra, Roger Tietjens, and Ted Hovda.

Not Pictured: Kathy Aberg, Terri Beshey, Nancy Nelson, Jim Hill, and Kevin Sweers.

June Birthdays

Jill Wilson	June 2	Emmett Trulson	June 14
Jackson Hejlik	June 4	Gus Erickson	June 15
Frank Arnold	June 7	Adalyn Albertson	June 16
Gary Thoms	June 7	Coy Crawford	June 16
Pearl Brown	June 8	Lucas Jackson	June 18
Tami Eastman	June 9	Mike Prehn	June 20
Alan Abbas	June 10	Steve Templeton	June 21
Chris Ebbers	June 10	Tucker Legge	June 23
Erin Templeton	June 11	Brett Schoneman	June 23
Jan Bier	June 12	Jill Blank	June 25
Morgan Kramer	June 12	Josh Omans	June 25
Cindy Schubert	June 12	Marv Schoneman	June 25
Sharyl Stadtlander	June 12	Michelle Chizek	June 28
Clarissa Welsh	June 13	Taylor Dirksen	June 28
Steve East	June 14	Ken Smith	June 29
Don Stubbs	June 14		

June Anniversaries

Allen and Teri Kendall	June 6
Don and Barb Stubbs	June 8
Doug and Kim Olhava	June 11
Lynn and Gail Keraus	June 12
Chris and DeLyte Ebbers	June 13
Jim and Deb Hill	June 16
Alan and Tammy Abbas	June 18
Braden and Haley Meints	June 19
Stan and Sheri Isvik	June 21
Jim and Angie Janssen	June 21
Mark and Allyson Fry	June 24
Scott and Renee' Kramer	June 27
Kim and Lorie Nelson	June 28
Cassidy and Emberly Albertson	June 29
Paul and Nancy Nelson	June 30

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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