



Garner United Methodist Church

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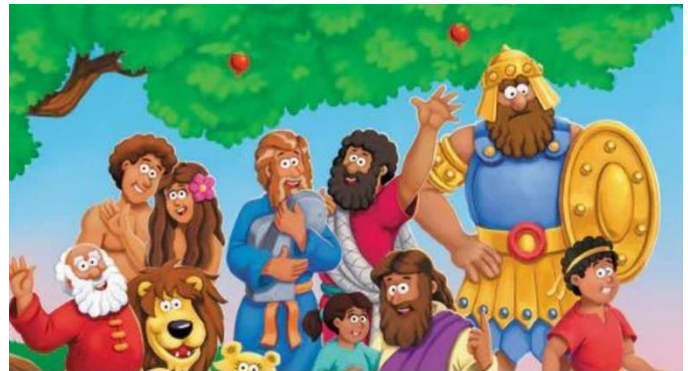
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GUMC is a community of ordinary people seeking to put into practice the extraordinary love of God.

A Message from Pastor Kristin

Old Stories, New Ears: An exploration of texts we remember from childhood that hold new meaning for us as adults.

Join Garner United Methodist Church this July as we relearn some texts we recall from childhood and consider how they may inform our faith as adults. These larger-than-life bible stories are going to remind you of old VBS songs, summer church camp, and Sunday School. They're filled with hyperbole and characters whose situations were dramatic. The story we may remember from childhood may not be the same story we hear with adult ears. As children, we don't often engage the genre aspect of the books in the bible, and we're left remembering these stories and their implications in incomplete ways as adults. We're going to re-engage these texts and rediscover what Good News these stories have for our faith today. Come ready to imagine and think critically about some of your favorite bible stories from childhood. Invite a friend to join you!



Old Stories, New Ears

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

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

July 2 – Noah and the Ark; Genesis 9:8-17

July 9 – Crafty Midwives; Exodus 1:15-21

July 16 – Daniel and the Lion's Den; Daniel 6:19-28

July 23 – Jonah and the Whale; Jonah 2:1-10

July 30 – Creation Stories; Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Genesis 2:4b-9

Upcoming Series

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

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin

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

July Quarters: School Kits and School Bags (Ingathering)



Summer is a busy time for the Missions Committee. So many worthwhile programs out there need our help.

We recently donated \$300 to 5 Loaves, 2 Fish, the summer meal program for children in Garner (serving out of our church again this year). We also gave \$300 to the Britt Summer Meals Program, which just started up this year.

The \$90 given to the Veteran's Memorial Rec Center provided a season pool pass for a local youth in need, and the quarters collected from Easter through May allowed us to send \$600 to El Salitre, the Women's and Children's Center in Guatemala.

In July we will be collecting for school kits and bags, and in August we'll be collecting for health kits. More information will follow on these projects. Your generous support continues to be appreciated.

Have a great summer!
The Missions Committee



July Fellowship Servers and Ushers

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

These are the July **ushers**:

July 2: Jim Hill and Gary Thoms

July 9: Steve Wood and Russ Trulson

July 16: Ken Smith and Pat Trulson

July 23: Derek Smuck and Rick Gilbert

July 30: Roger Tietjens and Rob Legge

These are the July **fellowship servers**:

July 2: Todd and Julie Jass

July 9: Sundaes on Sunday – Rebekah Circle

July 16: Joyce McClintock and Karen Springer

July 23: Kris and Joan Hanson

July 30: Stan and Sheri Isvik

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.

Lots of Ways to Help for Duesey Days Pie Stand

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the lobby for pies and workers for the GUMC Duesey Days pie stand on Saturday, July 8. Our goal is 40 pies. Remember, these must be double-crust fruit pies. If you'd like to prepare pies as part of a group, a pie-making day will be held at the church on Friday, July 7, beginning at 1 p.m. Bring your rolling pins; everything else will be provided. Various shifts are available for workers, so please consider working a shift or two as many hands make light work!



In addition, your cash donations to be used for the purchase of ice cream and root beer for root beer floats are also welcome. Drop those off in the church office or put them in the offering plate marked "Pie Stand Donations." Thanks for your help in whatever form or forms it comes!

Are You Interested?

If you would be interested in playing chimes or directing a chimes group, please let Pastor Kristin or Lori in the church office know. We are trying to gauge the level of interest in a group like this.



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

No Circle Meetings in July

Women's Spiritual Retreat: July 28

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" --Isaiah 52:7

United Women in Faith has good news to share on the national, state, and local level!

National—We have a new General Secretary/CEO! Sally Vonner has taken over the position after the retirement of Harriet Jane Olson. Pray for her as she begins her work for the good of United Women in Faith.

State—Mission u is right around the corner! It will be held on July 15 at Central College in Pella. Registrations are due on July 6. This is always a blessed time with our sisters in Christ!

Local—Thanks to those who read a book or two or three or four and to Diane Gilbert for sending in that information!

We have a nice response from women who are planning on attending our Spiritual Retreat on July 28. If your circumstances change and you would like to attend, you ARE still welcome. We will be happy to have you come!

We received the good news that we have been awarded the Csomay Be Bold Grant (\$1,000) again for 2023! We will be making No Sew T-shirt Bags for Families Forward (the new name for Bidwell Riverside/Hawthorn Hill effective July 1). We will be making those bags at our unit meeting on Aug. 30. So many people will benefit from these sturdier bags that will be used in place of plastic or paper bags to carry food, clothing, and other items!

God is good all the time! All the time, God is good!
Blessings to all!

[We believe love in action can change the world.](#)



Coming Soon: VBS 2023



Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School, Changemakers Lab, which will be held at GUMC the evenings of July 31, Aug. 1, and Aug. 2 from 5-7 p.m. We will again be partnering with the Garner Presbyterian Church. All ages (18 months to 18 years) are welcome.

Older youth and adults, please prayerfully consider the giving of your time and skill in making VBS a success, whether that is by assisting with lessons, crafts, music, or snacks. Contact Allyson Fry with any questions you have or to volunteer.

Be sure to watch upcoming bulletins for more information, including how to register your children.



Garner Community Blood Drive

Garner United Methodist Church
885 Maben Ave | Garner

Wednesday, July 12

2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



Volunteers are needed at Prairie View Apartments to drive tenants to appointments. These are local appointments or at the most to Mason City, Britt, or Forest City and usually take only 1-3 hours. The tenants are always grateful. If you would be able to help drive, call Marline Lewerke, the manager at Prairie View, at 641-923-2607.

July Birthdays

Marilynn Jass	July 1	Nicholas Brown	July 14
Alayna Welsh	July 1	Lisa Crawford	July 14
Robin Hamrick	July 2	Carrie Omans	July 18
Jeremy Maben	July 3	Ken Cline	July 20
Josh Olhava	July 4	Dean Sonquist	July 20
Lynn Smith	July 4	Morgan Smuck	July 21
Ashley Formanek	July 6	Cassidy Albertson	July 23
Tamara Olson	July 6	Karen Johnson	July 23
Megan Eastman	July 7	Chase Schilling	July 23
Greg Blank	July 9	Dorothy Blumer	July 24
Ami Frohling	July 9	Jody Seelhammer	July 24
Bernie Korsa	July 9	Kevin Sweers	July 24
Buck Weaver	July 11	Jan Sweers	July 28
Scott Ginapp	July 12	Steve Eastman	July 29
Dean Frohling	July 13		

July Anniversaries

Scott and Robin Ginapp	July 12
John and Myra Bowman	July 15
Jim and Sharon Jass	July 20
Chase and Sarah-Michele Ulven	July 20
Don and Deb Risius	July 25
Josh and Aimee' Omans	July 28
Rob and Ruth Legge	July 31

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