



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

It has been a long time since we talked about money in the church! Join Garner UMC as we engage scripture around the topic of stewardship. The bible says a lot about money, and the ministries of our church rely on our congregational giving.

GUMC has mailed out a Narrative Budget for the current year of 2023, along with a letter from me and a pledge card to help us estimate our budget for the upcoming year of 2024. Please fill the pledge card out and return it to the church office. We'll be following up in January to communicate our financial plans for 2024 based on your responses. If you did not receive this mailing, please let Lori in the church office know (641-923-2191).



Through the month of August, our Finance Committee will be available following worship in the foyer of the church to help answer questions, to set up direct deposit for recurring gifts, and to talk with you about how your dollars are used when you give to GUMC. As your leadership, we want to come from a place of abundance, knowing that God has given us resources to steward the church in ministries that matter to you. That means we have to talk about money and what it means to us as people of faith. Each week of the sermon series will focus on a different aspect of generous giving: wisdom, benevolence, justice, and generational motivation. These topics will help us center God when we consider our own financial resources and how we support the congregation of GUMC in our giving.

Another fun thing about our series is that these scriptures are not dependent on one another. While you're finishing up your summer rest and gearing up for back to school busyness, you can feel present and connected with your church as you navigate your schedules.

Abundance: Generous Giving in an Age of "Not Enough"

Aug. 6 – Abundance of Wisdom; Proverbs 8:1-21

Aug. 13 – Open Your Hands; Deuteronomy 15:1-15

Aug. 20 – Love Your Neighbor; Leviticus 19:9-18

Aug. 27 – Five Generations; Luke 8:1-3, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 13-15--Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Katherine Yarnell from the Iowa Methodist Foundation

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin

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

August Quarters: Ingathering Health Kits

AUGUST SCHEDULE: Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship



During July we have been collecting quarters for school supplies for the Ingathering kits. In addition, if you'd like to purchase supplies on your own, we have included the list of needed supplies below. You can also find the list on the table in the lobby and on top of the school bus in the lobby. Items can be dropped off in the basket sitting inside the school bus. We will be taking supplies throughout August.

The school supply list includes the following items:



- 3 notebooks—1 subject spiral—8" x 10 ½"
- 1 ruler—12" long with metric
- 6 pencils—unsharpened
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser—2" or larger
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of student scissors

Items must be as listed above. Please be sure to purchase exactly what is listed.

During the month of August, we will be collecting quarters to purchase items for the Ingathering health kits. Thanks for your help in meeting these important needs.

Enjoy this last month of summer!
The Missions Committee

August Fellowship Servers and Ushers

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

These are the August **ushers**:

Aug. 6: Gary Thoms and Ken Smith
Aug. 13: Pat Trulson and Russ Trulson
Aug. 20: Jake Pringnitz and Paul Nelson
Aug. 27: Doug Jass and Rick Gilbert

These are the August **fellowship servers**:

Aug. 6: Russ and Barb Trulson
Aug. 13: Sundaes on Sunday – Joy Circle
Aug. 20: Maurene House and Kay Mestad
Aug. 27: Ted and Susie Hovda

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.



VBS 2023: Changemakers Lab

When: July 31, Aug. 1, and Aug. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

Where: Here at GUMC

Who: Children ages 18 months to 18 years

If you did not get a registration form turned in for your child or children, please call Lori in the church office.

Changemakers Lab is an interactive Vacation Bible School curriculum focused on the message that everyone can make a difference in the world. Children will learn about people from the Bible who experienced and brought about change in the world around them. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world.

In partnership with the Garner Presbyterian Church



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

No Circle Meetings in August

Unit Meeting: Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)

United Women in Faith say in our purpose statement that we are to develop a creative, supportive fellowship in our group and to expand concepts of mission. With that in mind, we are trying to grow our UWFaith group, and we are inviting women from our church to join our guest night meeting and activity.



On Wednesday, Aug. 30, we will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) for a potluck picnic. Hamburgers, brats, and drinks will be provided, and others attending should bring a side dish to share. We will eat first, and then we will be making T-Shirt bags for Families Forward in Des Moines. These bags require no sewing, only cutting and tying. It would be so nice to see some new faces at our gathering as well as our UWFaith sisters!

United Women in Faith have many national institutions that we support through our mission giving. We have had two of these in Des Moines called Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorne Hill. As of July 1, 2023, these two institutions have combined and are now called Families Forward. However, they still have their existing programs like before. Those four programs are Bidwell Pantry (food and clothing), Child Development Center, New Directions Shelter, and The Home Connection. They have requested units to make T-shirt bags as they do not break like plastic or paper sacks, and they hold more things.

We are excited to have been awarded the Barbara Csomay Be Bold Grant for \$1,000 to purchase supplies for our T-shirt bag project. Now we just need YOU to come and help us make them so we can be a blessing to families who received help from Families Forward!

We hope to see you at our Aug. 30 meeting!

We believe love in action can change the world.



From the Family of Mike Shaffer

Thank you for your support, prayers, and love. It meant so much to us to know that so many were praying for Pastor Mike. It helped him to battle this awful cancer.

Thank you for all you did for us. We had hoped to be in Garner for several years, but it was not to be. Thank you for the quilt, the puzzle picture, the Meal Train, the flowers at the funeral, plus so much more!

Remember: God loves you and there isn't anything you can do about it!

Join in the fun of the

Crossroads Connection Circuit

POTLUCK PICNIC!

Time and Date: Noon on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023

Place: Garner United Methodist Church

885 Maben Ave., Garner, IA 50438

Please bring food to share and your own table service. Be ready to enjoy fellowship with others from our circuit!



Calling All Singers. . .and Song Requests

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30)

If you love to sing, you are welcome to join our UMC Adult Choir this fall! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our first Sunday to sing will be Sept. 17 during worship.

If you have an anthem or song that you would like to have the choir sing, please let me know soon. I will be planning our schedule for the year during August.

Hope to see you on Sept. 6!
Myra Bowman, choir director



Oh, the Places Baby Isaiah Will Go!

JOIN US FOR A "SPRINKLE" SHOWER

HONORING Kristin Peters

SATURDAY

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AUGUST



FROM

2-4

PM

Winnebago Lutheran Church
40029 210th Ave Lake Mills, IA 50450
RSVP to Anita Peters 641-590-2792
Registered on Amazon: Kristin Peters Albert Lea, MN

Interested in Learning More about GUMC?

You're invited to gather for brunch on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about the Garner United Methodist Church and membership here. Feel free to bring your friends (and that includes current members). The brunch will be followed by a short informational presentation and a question-and-answer period. Please sign up on the sheet on the lobby table on or before Aug. 23 if you plan to come.



Mark Your Calendars

A back-to-school blessing for all those going to school this fall in any role—students, teachers, staff, substitutes, volunteers—will be part of the Sunday, Aug. 20, worship service.

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August Birthdays

Jori Meints	Aug. 2	Greg Schoneman	Aug. 14
Kollin Hanson	Aug. 3	Beth Myers	Aug. 16
Luann Smit	Aug. 3	Jill Schott	Aug. 17
Luka Kramer	Aug. 4	Deb Kapping	Aug. 18
Rob Legge	Aug. 5	Deb Wiese	Aug. 18
Robin Sweers	Aug. 6	Lorie Nelson	Aug. 19
Kay Mestad	Aug. 8	Bruce Clement	Aug. 20
Lydia Seelhammer	Aug. 10	Janet Abele	Aug. 25
Suz Shaffer	Aug. 10	Michael Brown	Aug. 27
Braden Meints	Aug. 11	Ronna Myers	Aug. 27
Jean Schisel	Aug. 12	Chelsey Formanek	Aug. 28
Joan Hanson	Aug. 13	Trever Nelson	Aug. 29
Diane Gilbert	Aug. 14	Willow Peters	Aug. 31

August Anniversaries

Tom and Karen Johnson	Aug. 4	Gus and Jan Erickson	Aug. 17
Todd and Julie Jass	Aug. 5	Dean and Marcia Sonquist	Aug. 17
Pete and Ellen Duffy	Aug. 8	Russ and Barb Trulson	Aug. 20
Pastors Lou and Kristin Peters	Aug. 8	Travis and Theresa Glidden	Aug. 22
Ryan and Ami Frohling	Aug. 12	Phil and Avis Haberkamp	Aug. 22
Bobbie and Barb Haugland	Aug. 12	Steve and Bev Templeton	Aug. 23
Ryan and Ashley Ploeger	Aug. 12	Bruce and Laurel Clement	Aug. 24
Ty and Tarron Glidden	Aug. 15	Dennis and Jill Schott	Aug. 26

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

Contact Us

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