



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.



Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship

KIDS WORSHIP DAY: AUG. 18

Join us on Sunday, Aug. 18, for Kids Worship Sunday!

- Songs and liturgical elements chosen for the kids (and sure to be enjoyed by the young-at-heart)
- Back-to-school blessing
- Socks and undergarments collected for 5 Loaves, 2 Fish distribution event



Hey, Kids in Kindergarten through 5th Grade! You're Invited to VBS 2024!



Vacation Bible School

Join us to dig in and grow deep at this year's Vacation Bible School on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. here at GUMC. We are excited to offer this new one-day format. In *Just Like Me*, members of the Garden Group will invite our own gardeners (kids) into Bible lessons as themes are explored through storytelling, crafts, music, and structured play.

Registration/waiver forms are available on the lobby table and will also be sent out with this newsletter. Completed forms should be returned to the church office as soon as possible (dropped off or emailed to garnerumc@comm1net.net) so staff can plan for your kids. We look forward to welcoming children who will be in grades K-5 this fall.

If you're a junior high or high school youth or an adult willing to help lead the day, contact Beth Myers (515-681-9236 or bethannmyers@yahoo.com).

Duesey Days Pie Stand Update

Many thanks to all those who baked pies on your own or as part of pie-making day, donated money and supplies for root beer floats and pies, and/or helped with the pie stand on a very hot, humid Duesey Days Saturday. Thanks to all those who bought pie (slices or a whole pie) as well. Profits of \$1,587 have been deposited in the Building Stewardship Account earmarked for the roof replacement project.



Worship Tech Assistants: Jill Blank, Stan Isvik, Kevin Sweers, Jody East, Steve East, Ruth Legge, Beth Myers, and John Bowman

August Quarters: Items for Ingathering Health Kits

One Mat Weaved!

The Mats Matter group has completed their first mat that matters! The mat and display board were at the Hancock County Fair July 23-26. An estimated 1100-1200 plastic bags were used in the mat! You may recall these mats create a barrier between an individual and the ground for disaster relief as well as for those experiencing homelessness.

Join the work of this mission on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. All kinds of tasks are involved in this: flattening, folding, and cutting bags and the actual weaving itself. Those already trained will be happy to teach you. You can also pop into the Fellowship Hall at a time that works for you or do some of the tasks from home. Continue to bring in your plastic grocery bags. Contact Robin Sweers if you have any questions.



Wow! It's almost August! Where does the time go?

In June we donated \$500 to 5 Loaves, 2 Fish for their summer lunch program. We are continuing to collect quarters for Ingathering school kits during the remainder of July and will be assembling them next month. If you'd like to purchase supplies to be used in the kits, we've included the list of needed supplies later in the newsletter, or you can also grab one from the top of the bus parked in the lobby. You can put your donated supplies in that bus through the end of August.

In August we are collecting quarters to purchase items for Ingathering health kits. We are also supporting 5 Loaves, 2 Fish as they collect socks and undergarments for their Hancock County School Supply Event on Monday, Aug. 19 (more information on that event on last page of newsletter). Please consider purchasing socks and undergarments (sizes 4T-Adult XXL—any gender) and bringing those donations to worship on Sunday, Aug. 18. If you're unable to be in worship that day, you can drop off your donations in the church office.

Thank you to all for your generosity. Enjoy the rest of your summer!
The Missions Committee

Bring Your Tabs: We plan to deliver aluminum can tabs to the Rochester Ronald McDonald House this fall; our quarters will support them in September. Please continue to pull your can tabs and place them in the jug in the lobby. Thanks!

August Ushers and Fellowship Servers

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

These are the **August ushers**:

Aug. 4: Scott and Jody Seelhammer

Aug. 11: Jeff Omans and Josh Omans

Aug. 18: Ken Smith and Ted Hovda

Aug. 25: Jerry Myers and Ryan Frohling

These are the **August fellowship servers**:

Aug. 4: Ted and Susan Hovda

Aug. 11: Sundaes on Sunday – Sarah Circle

Aug. 18: Paul and Nancy Nelson

Aug. 25: Mary Andrews, Joyce McClintock, and Maurene House

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 (641-923-2191) know as well.

July and August Worship Leaders

Below are the worship leaders for July and August. If you wish to be added to our list of liturgists, please let Debra Hill know. If you have a conflict, feel free to trade with someone and then let Lori in the office know (641-923-2191). If you wake up feeling under the weather, please contact Debra Hill (artwoman825@gmail.com or 641-425-2511).

These are the **August worship leaders**:

Aug. 4: Robin Sweers

Aug. 11: Terri Beshey

Aug. 18: Ted Hovda

Aug. 25: Kay Mestad

These are the **September worship leaders**:

Sept. 1: Robin Sweers

Sept. 8: Roger Tietjens

Sept. 15: Deb Trulson and Jackson Trulson

Sept. 22: Beth Myers

Sept. 29: Debra Hill

Summer All-Church Fun & Fellowship Reminders

LAKE TIME

Sunday, July 28

2-4 p.m.

Eldred Sherwood Park

2185 120th St.

Goodell, IA 50439



The shelter house is reserved! Come join us for a relaxing afternoon of games, swimming, fishing, snacks, and fellowship. Learn more about this park at the link below:

[Eldred Sherwood Park - Hancock, IA](#)

ZOO TIME

Sunday, Aug. 11

Join us for a trip to
Blank Park Zoo!



IOWA'S WILDEST ADVENTURE

We will leave the church at 11 a.m. and carpool to Des Moines, enjoy an afternoon at the zoo, and return to Garner no later than 7 p.m. The church will cover the cost of zoo tickets.

This zoo offers lots to see but is not too big--great zoo for children and adults, too!

Ingathering School Kit Supply List

1 Ruler – 12" with metric

1 pencil sharpener

1 box 12 colored pencils

1 pair student scissors

6 pencils – unsharpened

1 eraser – 2" or larger

1 box 24 crayons

*We have the needed notebooks already.



You can put any supplies you purchase in the bus in the lobby. Thanks!



United
Women
in Faith

This Month's Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Circle Meetings

No Circle Meetings

UWFaith Executive Board Meeting

Friday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.

Unit Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 5:15 p.m.

Guest Night and Picnic Potluck

During my high school years, most everyone owned them. They consisted of a thin piece of colored rubber with a "Y" shaped strap attached. We called them thongs and wore them on our feet. As a lifeguard back in the days, I saw them in numbers at our local pool. Fast forward to learning from my own high schooler that they were absolutely not called "thongs" but "flip flops." "Thongs" were the name of something completely different and not to be seen in public. It was an eye opener. So dig out your favorite summer shoe—flip flops if you choose—and head to the church fellowship hall for our UWFaith Guest Night: *Flip Flops, Food, Fellowship & Fun*. The event will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 5:15 p.m. There will be burgers and brats and fun activities. Bring a friend!



Giving a shout out to Barb for leading three disciples in making 20 pies for the men's Duesey Days pie stand. She gathered and brought supplies and instructed us in the mystery of mixing, rolling, and transferring crusts expertly to the tin. We couldn't have done it without her encouraging us along even when we messed up. Thanks, Barb!

A gentle reminder to mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 21. GUMC will be hosting United Women of Faith from the entire Camp Clear Lake District, and we will need your help.

We are blessed to be a blessing,
Debra Hill

"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, Aug. 28**, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our first Sunday to sing will be Sept. 15 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 Aug. 28!
Myra Bowman
Choir Director



**Garner Community
Blood Drive**

Garner United Methodist Church
885 Maben Ave. | Garner



Tuesday, August 20

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

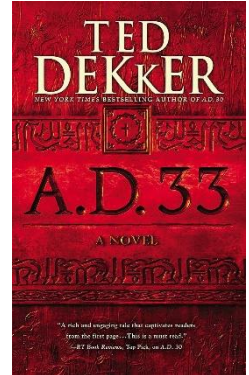
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Check It Out: A.D. 33

by Debra Hill

A.D.33 by Ted DEKKER is the conclusion to the story the author began in *A.D.30*. I wrote about the first book in the June newsletter; you might remember that book begins the story of Maviah, who was unwanted, illegitimate, a slave, and, worst of all, female. In the first book she encounters Yeshua, who opened her eyes. In *A.D.33*, she returns to the desert she came from and grows a kingdom from outcasts. The power she gains is her undoing, and she becomes a slave once more. Again she comes face-to-face with Yeshua and more of his teachings. She witnesses his death on the cross and finally his resurrection. The teachings in the story are taken directly from the Bible but are understood by various characters. I found their interpretations meaningful and full of hope. I would suggest you spend time with Maviah and her journey to find the Way.



Both books can be found in our church lending library and are available for checkout.

Walk the Labyrinth

Wednesday, Aug. 21

GUMC Fellowship Hall

Guided Walk: 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Available for Individual

Walking: 3:30 – 7 p.m.

Come find some sabbath rest through this calming, meditative practice. Guidelines Available



Ladies, You're Invited!

**Flip Flops, Food,
Fellowship & Fun**

UWFaith Guest Night

Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 5:15 p.m.

GUMC Fellowship Hall

Burgers, Brats & Drinks Provided

Please bring a side dish to share.



August Birthdays

Jori Meints	Aug. 2	Diane Gilbert	Aug. 14
Kollin Hanson	Aug. 3	Wendy Lewis	Aug. 16
Luann Smit	Aug. 3	Beth Myers	Aug. 16
Luka Kramer	Aug. 4	Deb Wiese	Aug. 18
Rob Legge	Aug. 5	Lorie Nelson	Aug. 19
Elton Sheets	Aug. 5	Bruce Clement	Aug. 20
Robin Sweers	Aug. 6	Janet Abele	Aug. 25
Merikay Mestad	Aug. 8	Michael Brown	Aug. 27
Shantel Nelson	Aug. 10	Ronna Myers	Aug. 27
Lydia Seelhammer	Aug. 10	Chelsey Formanek	Aug. 28
Braden Meints	Aug. 11	Trever Nelson	Aug. 29
Jean Schisel	Aug. 12	Jack Myers	Aug. 30
Joan Hanson	Aug. 13	Willow Peters	Aug. 31

August Anniversaries

Neil and Kathy Fell	Aug. 4	Gus and Jan Erickson	Aug. 17
Tom and Karen Johnson	Aug. 4	Dean and Marcia Sonquist	Aug. 17
Todd and Julie Jass	Aug. 5	Russ and Barb Trulson	Aug. 20
Pete and Ellen Duffy	Aug. 8	Travis and Theresa Glidden	Aug. 22
Revs. Lucas and Kristin Peters	Aug. 8	Phil and Avis Haberkamp	Aug. 22
Ryan and Ami Frohling	Aug. 12	Steve and Bev Templeton	Aug. 23
Bobbie and Barb Haugland	Aug. 12	Bruce and Laurel Clement	Aug. 24
Jack and Billie Myers	Aug. 12	Travis and Shantel Nelson	Aug. 24
Ryan and Ashley Ploeger	Aug. 12		

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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School Supply Event

For students in **Hancock County**

Monday, Aug. 19, 4:30PM-6PM

@Presbyterian Church, Garner
(475 Maben Ave.)

Students attending schools in HANCOCK COUNTY who have need of basic school supplies are free to come and receive school supplies, a new backpack OR zippered trapper, tennis shoes, and 10 items from our clothing closet, socks/underwear

- Weather permitting, meet in the courtyard BEHIND the church to register
- Students **NEED TO be PRESENT** to receive **TENNIS SHOES**
- **NEW THIS YEAR***** Parents/guardians should fill out a survey for each child needing supplies to reduce waiting time at the event and to better ensure needed items are available.

○ Student survey: https://qualtricsxmhcwz2y8fz.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6EEz4t4CSIFh1um

We would like to thank those that made this event possible!

- Hancock County Foundation Grant
- IMT
- Generous donations by individuals, churches, and businesses in the community
- The Garner United Methodist Church—socks and underwear donations
- The United Presbyterian Church, Garner—use of their facility



If you are unable to attend the event but have need of school supplies, make an apt. with 5 Loaves 2 Fish, Inc. over Messenger on Facebook, email: 5loaves2fishgarner@yahoo.com or text 641-330-6849 after the event.