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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 Roll Down, Justice!

I hate, I reject your festivals;
I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies.
If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of food —
I won't be pleased;
I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals.
Take away the noise of your songs;
I won't listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

— Amos 5: 21-24 (CEB)

Roll Down, Justice! is a series inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable; rather our songs must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. Through powerful music and the remembrance of our rituals of baptism, this series will offer us reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel — proclaiming God's love for all people.

In the month of September, anchor your faith to the Gospel of justice. Invite a friend to worship and share the Good News from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth!



Week One — Child of God: Naming Each One; Amos 5: 21-24 (CEB), Romans 8: 31-39 (CEB)

Week Two — How Long: Renouncing Evil; Amos 6: 4-8 (CEB), Psalm 13 (CEB)

Week Three — I Dream of a Church: Christ's Representatives; Amos 5: 10-15 (CEB), Matthew 25: 31-40 (CEB)

Week Four — I Choose Love: Communities of Forgiveness; Amos 8: 4-10 (CEB), Luke 23: 32-43 (CEB)

Week Five — God Has Work for Us to Do: Faithful Disciples; Amos 9: 11-15 (CEB), Isaiah 58: 6-12 (CEB)

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin

Come One, Come All!

SEPT. 8, 9 A.M.

GUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us as we kick off Sunday School 2024-25!

We will have a light breakfast and activities for children ages 4+.

Adults will have time to gather and plan.

Parents, please fill out a registration form for your child/children (available on lobby table or on Facebook) before that day or during the Sunday School hour on Sept. 8.



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

September Quarters: Ronald McDonald House

Sunday Schedule for Sept. 1

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

Sunday Schedule for Remainder of September

9 a.m. Sunday School – Adult and Youth/Children
10:15 a.m. – Worship
11:15 a.m. – Fellowship

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!



It's hard to believe summer is almost over already and school is starting again.

We will continue to collect quarters for Ingathering health kits during the rest of August. We held "Sock It to Me Sunday" on Aug. 18. All the donated socks and underwear that came flying at Pastor Kristin were placed in baskets and big garbage bags by the kids and given to 5 Loaves, 2 Fish for their school supply

distribution event held Aug. 19 for students in Hancock County. Thanks to your donations, the kids had plenty to pick up! (Check out the photo to the right.)

You can still purchase school supplies and put them in the bus in the lobby as we are continuing this project through September. Our goal is to have enough supplies for 75 school kits to take to Ingathering. Lists are on the top of the bus if you need one.



Quarters collected during September will go to the Ronald McDonald House, and we will also be delivering the aluminum can tabs we've been collecting. We have two jugs full now; let's see if we can fill a third one by the end of September! You'll find the jug in the lobby.

Our thanks to everyone for sharing your gifts with others.
The Missions Committee

September Ushers and Fellowship Servers

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

These are the **September ushers:**

Sept. 1: Gary and Mary Thoms
Sept. 8: Steve Wood and Mike Brown
Sept. 15: Jake Pringnitz and Rick Gilbert
Sept. 22: Terri Beshey and Russ Trulson
Sept. 29: Kris Hanson and Ken Smith

These are the **September fellowship servers:**

Sept. 1: Todd and Julie Jass
Sept. 8: Ken and Mary Beth Cline
Sept. 15: Kris and Joan Hanson
Sept. 22: Scott and Renée Kramer
Sept. 29: Ryan and Ami Frohling

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.

September and October Worship Leaders

Below are the worship leaders for September and October. 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 **September worship leaders:**

Sept. 1: Robin Sweers

Sept. 8: Roger Tietjens

Sept. 15: Deb Trulson and Jackson Trulson

Sept. 22: Deb Hill

Sept. 29: Beth Myers

These are the **October worship leaders:**

Oct. 6: Robin Sweers

Oct. 13: Lynn Smith

Oct. 20: Jody Seelhammer

Oct. 27: Kevin Sweers



All Hail the Queen!

Congratulations to Beverly McCormick! Beverly was selected by Prairie View residents as Queen of Prairie View for the 2024 Duesey Day celebration. She said that she was surprised and honored to be selected and shared that it reminded her of when she was selected to represent Garner High School as the 1946 Band Queen Candidate for the Mason City Band Festival. Beverly said that it was fun to see many people along the parade route, and it was a big surprise to see her nephew from Okoboji waving at her.

Beverly was Candidate 27 for the 1946 Band Queen, and this is her picture and the information submitted to the Mason City Chamber of Commerce Office for Miss Garner, Beverly Molander, that year: *Miss Molander was chosen by an all high school vote. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Molander of Garner. At present her father is operating a farm near Garner.*



Miss Molander has just been graduated from the Garner high school where she ranked among the first 10 in her class in scholarship. She was a member of the mixed chorus and took part in the junior and senior class plays. She is a member of the Delta club.

Source: [IAgenWeb ~ Cerro Gordo County ~ 1946 North Iowa Band Festival, Mason City IA](#)

Walk the Labyrinth

Tuesday, Sept. 17

GUMC Fellowship Hall

Guided Walk: 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Available for Individual

Walking: 3:30 – 7 p.m.

Come plug in to some
sabbath rest through this
calming, meditative
practice.

UMM Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9

6 p.m.

GUMC Fellowship Hall

All men are welcome!



Choir Time

All singers are welcome as
the GUMC Adult Choir begins
rehearsals.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

7 p.m.

GUMC Fellowship Hall

Mats Matter Multiple Choice

Test yourself to see how much you know about our newest mission project!

1. Why did we begin the Mats Matter project?

- A. To recycle plastic bags
B. To provide a dry surface for unsheltered people
C. To follow Jesus' command to help "the least of these"
D. All of the above

2. Approximately how many hours does it take to complete a mat?

- A. 10
B. 50
C. 30
D. 40

3. Approximately how many bags does it take to make a mat?

- A. 1500
B. 1000
C. 1200
D. 2000

4. What is the term for the material used to weave the mats?

- A. Plags
B. Plarn
C. Sacarn
D. Bagarn

5. What is the maximum number of persons who can weave at one time?

- A. 4
B. 5
C. 3
D. 2

6. What kitchen utensil is used when weaving the mat?

- A. Potato masher
B. Turkey baster
C. Spatula
D. Slotted spoon

7. How can you become involved with Mats Matter?

- A. Flatten bags
B. Bring bags to church
C. Join us from 1-3 on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall
D. All of the above



Answers can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Any questions you have about this ministry can be directed to Robin Sweers, Mel Hiscocks, or John and Myra Bowman.

New Session of GriefShare

A new 13-week session of GriefShare will begin Sunday, Sept. 8, and will meet here at GUMC in the Fireside Room from 2-4 p.m. each Sunday. GriefShare is a free, faith-based grief recovery seminar and support group open to people of any denomination. New participants can join anytime.

GriefShare is a video seminar series featuring individuals who have personally experienced the death of a loved one as well as some of the nation's foremost Christian experts speaking on grief and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. It also includes healthy living tips, timely articles, and more. Each session includes a time for participants to discuss the content of the DVD and to share how they are doing with their own loss.



If you have questions, please contact Robin Sweers (641-860-1704) or the church office (641-923-2191).



United
Women
in Faith

**This Month's Bible Verse: 2 Thessalonians 3:13
(NIV)**

And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle: Monday, Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Hostess: Julie Jass; Program: Karen Springer

Martha Circle: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Carol Rork; Program: Cindy Schubert

Joy Circle: Thursday, Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Mary Andrews; Program: Lora Brown

Rebekah Circle: Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Hostess: Jan Sweers; Program: Robin Sweers

Hooray! We won some gold medals! Did you watch the Olympics and the amazing participants from the USA? Big WOW. Well, UWFaith won some gold medals also, but not on the world stage and not in medal form. We were recognized by the Iowa Conference for all the love in action that our group does. If you are unfamiliar with our group, I will share some of the good stuff.

We have two priorities of Climate Justice and Criminalization of Communities of Color. We read books from our reading list to become more educated in these areas to better our thoughts and actions. We are a green group. We avoid using styrofoam and plastic, we recycle, we use non-toxic cleaning products, and we turn off lights when not in use, all in an effort to be good stewards of the earth. We contact legislators and advocate on issues sanctioned by the UMC. We pledge and follow up by sending money to the ministries of the church, including Families Forward. We pack personal dignity and school kits and make comfort quilts and Gifts of Grace for cancer patients. We weave mats for those experiencing homelessness and those affected by disasters and save the planet in the process. We have women attend district and conference meetings as well as Mission U. There is so much more that we do, but those are a few of our gold-medal works.

Are you hungry? The planning is almost done for our casserole sales. This money—along with our personal giving and your generous donations on Sundaes on Sunday—provides the dollars for our five channels of mission giving. We appreciate your help. Watch for our sales after church sometime in September and consider if you would like to purchase for yourself, for a friend, or to keep in the freezer in case of unexpected company or a neighbor in need. If you would like to help with the making of these casseroles, we could sure use it.

Coming very soon is the Camp Clear Lake District annual meeting, which will be held at our church on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is author Diana Koppen, and there will be books and Fair-Trade products available for sale. Come and help and enjoy all or part of the day.

We are blessed to be a blessing,
Debra Hill

Answers to Mats Matter Quiz on page 4

1. **D** All of the above—a Mission and Outreach program!
2. **C** 30 Hours
3. **C** 1200 bags per mat because we need it to be waterproof
4. **B** "Plarn"(Plastic Yarn)
5. **A** 4 Maximum is 2 on each end or 4 total
6. **A** Potato masher used to tighten the plarn
7. **D** All of the above are ways to be involved in Mats Matter.

Did
you
know?

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.



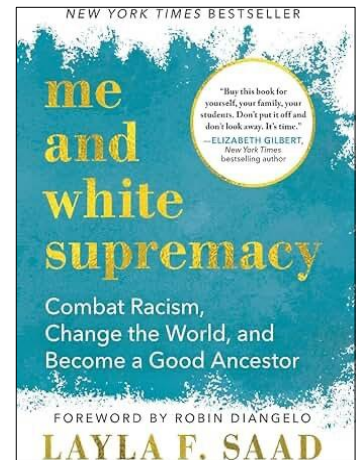
You can put any supplies you purchase in the bus in the lobby through the end of September.
Thanks!

Check It Out: Me and White Supremacy

by Debra Hill

I struggle to write this review about a book by Layla F. Saad, a brilliant black woman. I have read it, studied it, reread it, watched videos of her speaking, and then gone back to the book. It is not an easy book to take in, although the format and short chapters make it an easy book for reading. It is designed for change from the inside out, to crack your heart open so that you might let go of the white privileges, advantages, and comforts you are oblivious to in order to allow BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) more dignity and equality in their lives.

I am going to wager that you will not want to read it, but YOU NEED TO READ THIS BOOK. White supremacy is the most complex social system in our history, and there are no easy answers for ending it. But thinking that you are a good person, that it doesn't affect you, that you are too shy to do anything, or even that you voted for Obama makes you one of the good ones is incredibly wrong. The appalling silence of good people is white violence. Take a baby step and read this book, do the work, and make a change that will help stop the hurt. You will find it in Pastor Kristin's library.



Needed: Offering Counters

Would you be willing to serve as an offering counter on Sunday mornings? Offering counters meet in the church office after worship on Sundays to record the weekly offering on a form, count the quarters, total up the numbers, and drop off the money at the bank (night deposit slot). Two counters serve on a Sunday, so we hope to have enough people to create a rotation. If you'd be willing to do this or want to learn more about it, contact John Bowman, chairman of the Finance Committee (641-843-4086 or jlb Bowman51@gmail.com).

You're Invited

On September 12, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Rev. Eric Rucker from the Simpson Youth Academy will be sharing his experience and expertise on youth ministry with the Crossroad Connection Circuit. We are extending this experience to all laity in our circuit who are interested in youth ministry, working with youth, and engaging the youth in church. Rev. Eric wears many hats which include serving very part-time at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Des Moines (he is ordained in the Episcopal Church) then as program director at Simpson Youth Academy along with some chaplain duties at Simpson College, too. Last spring, Rev. Eric shared some insights and research on reaching youth with the Board of Laity. His insights and presentation were so well received, Rev. Eric was asked to share during a session at our recent Annual Conference. And now, he will be sharing that information with us to equip, inspire, and direct us in this important and needful ministry focus. You will be challenged by what he shares and leave with a new sense of purpose. No need to RSVP! Please bring your hopes and dreams about GUMC's relationship and engagement with youth and children.



September Birthdays

Valarie Welsh	Sept. 1	Kelsi Tobin	Sept. 16
Theresa Glidden	Sept. 3	Evan Welsh	Sept. 19
Jake Pringnitz	Sept. 5	Lennon Kramer	Sept. 24
Pete Duffy	Sept. 8	Kasper Casey	Sept. 25
Doug Jass	Sept. 9	Matt Sonquist	Sept. 26
Sarah Prahm	Sept. 9	Scott Kramer	Sept. 27
Rachael Hanson	Sept. 10	Roger Tietjens	Sept. 27
Margaux John	Sept. 12	Barb Trulson	Sept. 27
Paula Schoneman	Sept. 13	Zach Abbas	Sept. 29
Teri Kendall	Sept. 15	Nicole Trulson	Sept. 29
Cooper Smuck	Sept. 16	Laurel Clement	Sept. 30

September Anniversaries

A.J. and Taylor Krutsinger	Sept. 1	Rich and Clarissa Welsh	Sept. 21
Martin and Nicole Furst	Sept. 4	Nelson and Kylie Casey	Sept. 22
Deb and Pat Trulson	Sept. 15	Doug and LeAnne Blanchard	Sept. 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!

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