



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

We are beginning to enter the holiday season! It is our time of gathering with those we love to create memories we cherish for our lifetime! We will honor the Saints that have impacted our faith by being a part of our beloved community on Nov. 3. Remembering and recalling them at the beginning of the month, we are preparing ourselves for some of our first holidays without them. We honor their lives and carry their stories with us in thanksgiving as we head toward our first Sunday of Advent on Dec. 1.

During Advent this year at GUMC, we will be studying Jesus' genealogy as it is told in the Gospel of Matthew. Our series, "Grandmothers of God," will share stories of the ancestors and of the heroes of Israel who gave the people back their identity and pointed them toward a renewed purpose for being different from everyone else in a time after exile when the shattered Israelite people needed to remember who they were.

In honor of these brave, cunning, loyal, and faithful women, we invite you to share the matriarchs of your lives with us at GUMC. We will have a special tree this year that will have ornaments of our grandmothers and matriarchs of the Church. Please send your digital photos of matriarchs you would like to hold up to garnerumc@comm1net.net. If you do not have a digital copy, please bring your photo by the church during office hours to have it scanned. We will place these women who have birthed our faith on our tree as we await the light of the Christ-child this season. The women who devoted their lives to mothering God inspire and strengthen us. They overturn our expectations and shake up our lives in time for Jesus to come and save us.

"By including the stories of Rahab, Ruth, Tamar, Bathsheba, and Mary in the very first verses of Matthew's gospel, Matthew alerts us to the startling news of the Realm of God. This is a realm of God that pulls the rug out from under the feet of those comfortable and settled with how things are; a realm that laughs gently at those with pretensions of insider status; a realm that requires us constantly to question our areas of exclusion and our points of prejudice."

—Merryl Blair

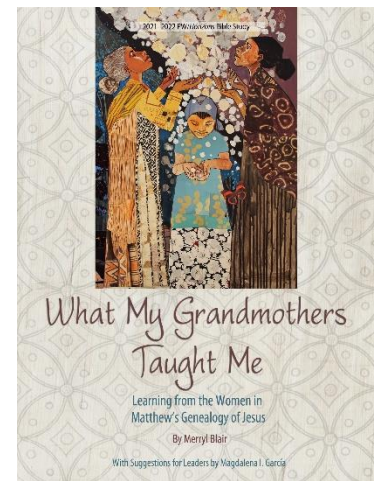
This is our invitation to stand with these women to witness Christ's resurrection. We are called to continue telling the Good News so that all, without exception, may be overwhelmed with joy.

Please turn in your photos no later than Nov. 7, 2024, so we can have the ornaments completed by our Hanging of the Greens service following worship on Nov. 24.

Advent Sunday School Class: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair
Dec. 1, 2024 – Jan. 12, 2025, at 9 a.m. (No class on Dec. 29)

Scriptures for the month of November will follow the Revised Common Lectionary.

In Peace,
Pastor Kristin



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

November Quarters: Christmas Giving

Sunday Schedule

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

Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends in the early morning hours of Nov. 3; be sure to change any clocks that don't adjust automatically.



We have all been enjoying this wonderful fall weather and the turning of the leaves.

With the help of your quarters donated in August, we purchased items for 24 personal dignity kits and assembled them. They will be taken to Cedar Falls to the Ingathering on Nov. 2 along with the 77 school kits we assembled.

Ruth took a \$500 donation and our five jugs of can tabs to Rochester for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks for your quarter donations in September and for bringing in your tabs to help make this possible. As you can see by the picture, you can always drop off more in the little house by their door if you have some and are in the area.



We are continuing to collect quarters during the month of October for Gods Pantry. In November we will be collecting for Christmas Giving. Thank you to all who continue to share with others.

--The Missions Committee

November Ushers and Fellowship Servers

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

These are the **November ushers:**

Nov. 3: Gary Thoms and Jake Pringnitz
Nov. 10: Ken Smith and Russ Trulson
Nov. 17: Scott and Jody Seelhammer
Nov. 24: Rick Gilbert and Steve Wood

These are the **November fellowship servers:**

Nov. 3: Jeff and Carrie Omans
Nov. 10: Ted and Susan Hovda
Nov. 17: Scott and Renée Kramer
Nov. 24: Hanging of the Greens Potluck

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.

November and December Worship Leaders

Below are the worship leaders for November and December. If you have a conflict, feel free to trade with someone and then let Lori in the office know (641-923-2191). Please contact Debra Hill (artwoman825@gmail.com or 641-425-2511) if you need a last-minute replacement.

These are the **November worship leaders:**

Nov. 3: Robin Sweers
Nov. 10: Mike Brown
Nov. 17: Carrie Omans
Nov. 24: John Bowman

These are the **December worship leaders:**

Dec. 1: Robin Sweers
Dec. 8: Josh Omans
Dec. 15: Mel Hiscocks
Dec. 22: Lorene Dykstra
Dec. 29: Debra Hill



United
Women
in Faith

This Month's Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Be joyful always. Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Unit Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5:15 p.m.

Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle: Monday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.
Hostess: Chris Formanek; Program: Deb Hill

Martha Circle: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m.
Program: Jean Sheets

Joy Circle: Thursday, Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.
Hostess and Program: Joyce McClintock

Rebekah Circle: Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.
Hostess: Robin Sweers; Program: Myra Bowman

Just a time traveling...

At the time of this writing, I am looking to the future with all the thank-you love! Many thanks to those who sold and/or purchased our frozen casseroles, to those who determined our grocery needs, and to those who donated and/or ordered the groceries. Thanks to those who signed up and showed up to cook the meat and those who diligently assembled the casseroles, labeled them, and placed them in the freezer. And finally, a big thank you to those who gave up a beautiful Saturday morning to make sure casseroles were available for pickup and dollars for missions were collected. We lovingly assembled 28 large and 55 small chicken casseroles and 22 large and 38 small lasagna casseroles.

We have only to look to the book of Ecclesiastes to remind us that we do need friends to help us persevere in our Christian lives. Chapter 4, verse 9 states "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor." Looking at the profits from this endeavor, all donated to missions, we are living out John Wesley's initiative. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Amen.

Rebekah Circle will be selling pecans in the lobby after church on Sunday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Nov. 3. You can purchase a 1-pound bag of mammoth pecans to use in your holiday baking or enjoy as a snack.

We are blessed to be a blessing,
Debra Hill



5K CHALLENGE: NO RUNNING INVOLVED UPDATE

Last month the update came out that the roof above the offices and education rooms was in dire condition and at risk of severe damage. An anonymous donor issued a challenge that they would match up to \$5,000 of donations received

between then and the end of October. Your response was incredible! You met the challenge and then some! With a week to go, you have generously contributed over \$11,500 to the roof, which has been installed. That \$24,000 still needed when the challenge began is now around \$7,000 thanks to your contributions and the donor's gift. Congratulations indeed!



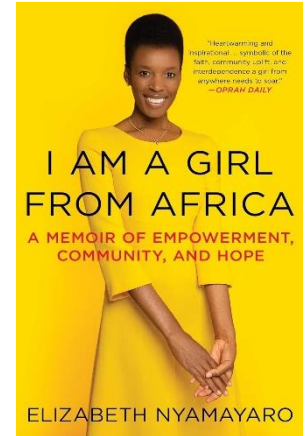
Check It Out: *I Am a Girl from Africa*

by Myra Bowman

When Elizabeth was eight years old, during a terrible drought in her village in Zimbabwe, her life was saved by a United Nations aid worker. This transformative moment—when “the girl in the blue uniform” found a starving Elizabeth in her grandmother’s field and gave her a bowl of porridge—inspired her life’s purpose: to work her way to the United Nations and dedicate herself to giving back to her community, her continent, and the world.

Uplifted by her community, grounded in the principles of respect, interdependence, and care imparted by her beloved grandmother, Elizabeth and her journey show just how much we all need each other and how a single act of kindness can profoundly change a life.

This memoir by Elizabeth Nyamayaro is subtitled *A Memoir of Empowerment, Community, and Hope* and is a must-read book from the UWFaith reading list that can be found in the library in Betty’s Room (next to the restrooms).



Join us for a **Spooktacular Celebration**

Mats Matter
Oct. 31, 1-3 p.m.
GUMC Fellowship Hall



The second mat is close to completion,
so let’s celebrate!
Come enjoy pictures, treats, fellowship, and
the beginning of Mat #3.
All are welcome.
Feel free to bring a friend.

Pay Us a Visit!

Check out GUMC’s updated website:

<https://umcgarneria.org/>

Fine tuning is still in progress;
we welcome your feedback.



Picture Reminder

Email or bring in pictures of your grandmothers and matriarchs to be hung on our special tree as part of the Grandmothers of God series.

Due: On or before **Thursday, Nov. 7**

Lori’s Email: garnerumc@comm1net.net



Walk the Labyrinth

Tuesday, Nov. 19
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,
prayerful practice.

Join us for The Hanging of the Greens Sunday, Nov. 24

Meet in the Sanctuary right after worship to
hang the greens as we begin to prepare for
Advent and the coming of the Christ Child.
All are welcome to help or supervise and
enjoy the fellowship. A potluck will follow.



Heads Up: GUMC will be helping staff God's Pantry on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons in December.

November Birthdays

Angie Schilling	Nov. 1	Kellen Krutsinger	Nov. 23
Cindy Sonquist	Nov. 1	Jody East	Nov. 24
Stan Isvik	Nov. 5	Al Jenniges	Nov. 24
Croix Glidden	Nov. 7	Robin Ginapp	Nov. 25
Cody Kramer	Nov. 10	Amarie Abbas	Nov. 26
Taylor Krutsinger	Nov. 12	Mary Thoms	Nov. 26
Bev Templeton	Nov. 12	Jewel Bannwarth	Nov. 28
Steve Wood	Nov. 13	John Bowman	Nov. 28
Terri Beshey	Nov. 14	Kael Krutsinger	Nov. 28
Ellen Duffy	Nov. 14	Arlene Davis	Nov. 29
Isaac Myers-St. Ores	Nov. 18	Andrew Legge	Nov. 29
Tjaden Kramer	Nov. 21	Jennifer Kramer	Nov. 30
Emma Frohling	Nov. 22		

November Anniversaries

Morgan and Derek Smuck	Nov. 3	Jake and Nicole Pringnitz	Nov. 28
Kyle and Sarah Pahn	Nov. 7	Mike and Cheri Brown	Nov. 30
Andrew and Taylor Legge	Nov. 28	Mark and Carrie Ricke	Nov. 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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