

# THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

April 2022



United  
Methodist  
Women

April 20,  
2022 will kick  
off the 2022

season. All women who belong to our church are welcome to attend. We meet at 9:30am



## SPRING CLEAN

### Church Yard Clean up

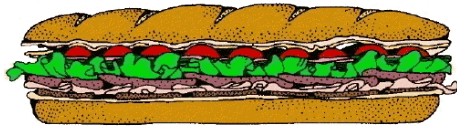
April 2- @ 8-11am Please bring your own rake, gloves, trimmers, etc.... Treats and coffee will be available. Rain Date: April 9th



### April Senior Dinner

The Gladbrook Women's Club is hosting the Senior Citizens dinner on Thurs., April 14th, at the Memorial Building. Cost is \$5.00. Call Jeanne to make reservations at 641-751-2039, 473-2843 or 2802.

## Let's Do Lunch



### Corn Carnival Fundraiser

The annual Corn Carnival fundraiser will be Sun., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30-12:30, at the Gladbrook Memorial Building. The turkey dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert will cost \$10.00 and kids under 12- \$5.00. Call Jeanne for deliveries at [641-751-2039](tel:641-751-2039). We will be delivering to Garwin and Lincoln.



### S A L Fish Fry Grab- N- Go

Friday, April 15th, 2022 @ 5-7 PM

Memorial Building

All you can eat fish, cole slaw, baked potato, dinner roll and a drink. Cost is \$15.00

Delivery available.

Call Jeanne @ 641-751-2039



Crayon Corner Learning Center presents the

## 2022 Adult Prom

Saturday, April 2  
Gladbrook Memorial Bldg.

Social Time 5:30 pm  
Dinner served at 6:30 pm  
Silent Auction 5:30 - 9:00 pm  
Dance 8:00 pm - midnight

Tickets \$20 each until March 23 or \$25 at the door. Available from any Crayon Corner Daycare Family, Board Member, the Crayon Corner Office (641-473-2600) or City Hall (641-473-2582).

*Come out with your family & friends for a fun night with great music all while supporting your local Child Care Center. Prom attire of any era encouraged but not required. The evening is for adults only.*

Meal deliveries available - to reserve a delivery contact Jeanne at 641-751-2039

Dinner  
Cash Bar  
50/50 Raffle  
Door Prizes

Silent Auction  
Crowning of the King & Queen

DJ and Karaoke  
by Birdy Young

## “Jehovah Jireh” (God Our Provider)

<sup>3</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

-Genesis 22:13-14-

Beginning April, I would like to write articles on the Hebrew Name of for God.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew name for God, YAHWEH, is also compounded with other names giving us beautiful pictures of God’s nature and character. He is called *Jehovah Elohim (Jehovah God)*, *Jehovah Jireh (God Our Provider)*, *Jehovah Rapha (God Our Healer)*, *Jehovah Shalom (God Our Peace)*, *Jehovah Ra-ah (God Our Shepherd)*, *Jehovah Shammah (God, the One Present)*, among many others.

Do you remember the story of a father who was asked by God to sacrifice his son on Mount Moriah? His name was Abraham and his son was Isaac. Abraham’s account reads. “then God said, **‘Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and... sacrifice him there as burnt offering....’**” (Genesis 22:2).

With trembling heart, Abraham obeyed, but God provided the sacrifice. **“Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horn. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the place THE LORD WILL PROVIDE”** (Genesis 22:13-14). The phrase we translate “The LORD will provide” is *Jehovah Jireh* or “God Our Provider.”

Have you discovered that God still provides for His children? Have you learned that God’s provision is enough to meet the needs of your life and that He will be with you when you go through tough times?

The psalmist presented the challenge: **“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him”** (Psalm 34:8). You can prove for yourself that the same One who provided a ram in the thicket for Abraham can provide for you today.

NEXT article will be “Jehovah Rapha-GOD OUR HEALER.”

God bless and be encouraged.

Pastor Gideon Gallo





**PRAYER CORNER:**

Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war, people under persecution everywhere, and our many unspoken concerns.

**Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its**

**need:** Lucy DeWitt, Kevin Williams, Becky Fish, Mark Knaack, Steve Keiser, James Caron & MacKenzie Brown, Kim Pepe, Jhona Lyn Gallo, Kyle Koester, Harold McKinney, Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden, Carolyn & Don Anker, Paul Purvis, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, Melva Vint, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, Cindi Hodgin, Denise Handorf Kemp, Tim Quam (Jennifer Strohbehn's father), Carolyn Groth, anyone touched by the COVID-19 pandemic, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals.

**THANK YOU**

*For your participation in our church activities during the month of March*

Ushers, Acolytes, Projectionists, Liturgists, Organists, Fellowship Servers, Sunday School Teachers, Kids' Club Leaders, Communion Stewards and Committee Leaders & Members.

Pastor Gideon

**Financial Health Report as of 3/27/2022**

<b>Balance as of 3/27/2022</b>	<b>\$34,210.37</b>
<b>Estimated Expenses by month-end</b>	<b><u>\$7,878.77</u></b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$26,331.60</b>

**Lectionary for the Month of April**

**April 3**

Isaiah 43:16-21      Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14      John 12:1-8

**April 10**

Isaiah 50:4-9a      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Psalm 31:9-16      Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 19:28-40      Luke 22:14-23:56

**April 14: Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14      Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26      John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 15: Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12      Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25      John 18:1-19:42

**April 17**

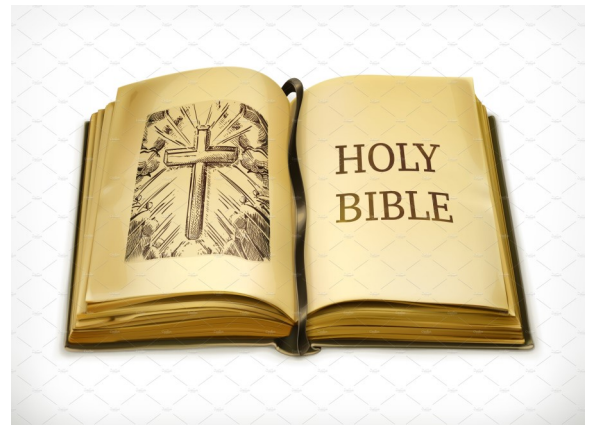
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
Acts 10:34-43      1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12      John 20:1-18

**April 24**

Psalm 150 (UMH 862)      Acts 5:27-32  
Revelation 1:4-8      John 20:19-31

**Psalm 119:105**

***105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***



## Gladbrook United Methodist Trustee Minutes

March 20, 2022

President Paul Koester called the Trustee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present include Phil Koester, Mark Lowry, Mark Knaack, Keith Sash and Cathy Gethmann.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

The Treasurer report included past paid bills of:

Church boiler repair \$8,743.45,

Nagle sign replaced 6 bars under warranty but labor and mileage was \$385.20.

An outstanding bill not paid is the replacement hot water heater at the parsonage.

Current balance is \$27,288.50 which includes two estate \$\$ with the use of interest only.

### **NEW / OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Elect of Officers:** Motion was made by Phil and seconded by Mark to elect the current officers of President Paul Koester, Vice President Mark Lowry and Secretary Cathy Gethmann.

Motion passed. A question was presented as to whom of the current Trustees would have an upcoming terms expired. No one was able to answer, as this information has not been presented for several years.

**SOUND SYSTEM:** continues to move forward as we wait. This project will be paid with Memorial funds.

**FURNACE INSPECTION:** with the boiler repair, a furnace inspection came about. This area needs to be de-cluttered before September. Assistance will be needed in this area. A few items will be relocated and several items will be removed. A floor support pole was added to this area. There have been a few issues with the thermostats in the basement area. A compressor belt was replaced and this will be watched. If there is an issue of the church being overly warm, please let someone know ASAP. We don't need the furnace running non-stop.

**LIGHTS:** A friendly reminder if you leave an area, **please turns the lights off.** We are finding lights left on overnight and lights left on when no one is in the area. This does not help our increasing utility bill, so please help turn off a light when not in use. Thank you!

**Carpet/ Tile Cleaning:** We appreciate that Marilyn Brekke has donated money for the fellowship carpet to be cleaned this year. Cathy will contact Rainbow (Conrad/ Beaman) to clean carpets, wax the main hallway and possibly wax the kitchen floor, if UMW wants to support that project again.

**SPRING CLEAN UP:** Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the rain date: April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own equipment and start between 8-9 and be done before noon. Coffee and goodies will be available. Tree removal will happen when it works best for our volunteers with the corner trees on the southeast and southwest being removed.

Meeting adjourned 7:40

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Gethmann

## Administrative Council Minutes

February 28, 2022

Twelve members of the Ad Council met on February 28, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the GUMC.

Members in attendance were Susan Beichley, Dana Brown, Gideon Gallo, Cornell Gethmann, June Klinefelter, Lisa & Dave Koester, Roger Luehring, Carolyn Moe, Linda Schneider, and Grant & Susie Strohbehn.

Chairperson Lisa called the meeting to order. Carolyn provided our devotional. The past minutes were approved. Thank you to Susan B for taking notes in Dana's absence in January. It was much appreciated.

Susan provided the Treasurer's report. Apportionments money has been set aside in the savings account until we decide the future of our church. Contributions have been holding steady. Sharefaith fees have risen to a point that it is no longer wise for us to carry this service for the few people who use it. Grant motioned we discontinue this service. Linda gave the second. Motion approved.

**SPPRC, Dave K.** –meeting was held February 7<sup>th</sup>. Employee reviews will be scheduled in March. Working on form Another Set of Eyes.

**UMW, Linda S.** – Senior Citizens Dinner will be held Friday March 11, at 11:30am. It will be an in house sit down service. Our first meeting of 2022 will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Kids Club** Linda S. – Thank you to Susan Beichley, Jackie Stephenson, Gideon Gallo and Beth Koester for being flexible by helping change the plans to hold Kids' club at the Methodist Church instead of Peace due to their heating issues.

**Mission Outreach, Carolyn M** – No report to give at this time.

**Trustees, Gideon** the boiler tank and the water pump at the church have been replaced.

**Finance Committee, Grant S** – no report.

**Memorial, Roger L.** – Audit is underway at this time.

**Good Samaritan, Dana**– One family is asking for gas money. Husband has been sick and is now out of work. Wife is working part time. Gideon and Dana will work with the family to provide what services we can.

**Pastoral Report, Gideon** – Gideon reported he made 2 worship services at Westbrook Acres, 1 worship service with Philopena group. He lead 1 Lenten study. He plans to have a Lenten Study every Wednesday until April 13. He's been meeting with the youth group at least once a month. He made 2 hospital visits, drove one person to the hospital and attended several ministerial meetings and 2 conferences this month. He discussed the General Conference of 2022 probably being postponed again until 2024 because Visas are not readily available to foreign visitors because of the pandemic. He discussed the Council of Bishops redirecting money from missionary funds to be put into the Episcopal Fund that pays the bishops' salaries. There is a meeting being held at the same time as this meeting to further discuss this matter. Gideon has stopped his Circuit Training because he believes it is being used to push an agenda he doesn't agree with.

### Joys

Kyle Koester is back to work.

Kevin Williams is out of surgery for his shoulder and is home recovering.

Roger shared his father will be turning 90 next week.

Joan Surber's shoulder isn't broken but surgery is recommended to repair rotator cuff tear.

Linda's grandson, Zach Pierce, is officially engaged.

Janell Gienger is home from knee surgery.

A new family has been attending. They have 3 small children.

Al and Ann Vibbard would like to formally join the church.

### Concerns

James Caron has been let go from his job because he has used all his sick leave but is still too sick to work.

Steve Keiser will be having shoulder surgery March 9, 2022.

Mark Knaack has been having trouble and pain with his shoulder. Surgery may be recommended.

Carol Sperry- Weber and her entire family is in need of prayers for strength comfort and grace.

We are in need of people to sign up to serve fellowship time after worship service.

Gideon closed with a prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2022, at 7:00pm. Cornell will supply the Devotional.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brown





**April**

- 5 Carolyn Moe
- 5 Peter Moore
- 6 Phil Koester
- 7 Joan Surber
- 7 Heidi Williams
- 11 Breanna (Vint) Staker
- 12 Mavis Nelson
- 12 Taniah Teney
- 13 Lauren Koester
- 15 Terry Purvis
- 19 Rob Herink
- 20 Paul Lowry
- 23 Mike DeWitt
- 25 Sarah Reinberg
- 27 David Flamme
- 29 Mary Lynne Bearden
- 30 Zachery Deardorff



**April**

- 24 Paul & Kari Lowry

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The H.A.N.D.S. Gladbrook Area Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the **first Wednesday** of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Independent Living. **April 6** is their next meeting. Come join us to knit, crochet, and short devotional. Visitors/new members are always welcome. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Moe or Rose Russell.

The family of **Mavis Nelson** invites you to share in her 95th Birthday Celebration on April 12th. Please send cards and memories to:

Mavis Nelson  
 511 E. Center St.  
 #305  
 Conrad, Iowa 50621

**COLLECTORS AND DESIGNERS WANTED**

We are looking for a few people willing to share their collections or talents with us during our fellowship time by arranging table displays. You can volunteer to decorate the fellowship tables for a day, a week, a month. You decide how long your treasures will be on display.

Contact Dana to get more details and to get on the schedule.





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### **USHERS**

Mike Dewitt, Dan DeWitt, Steve Keiser

### **ACOLYTES**

Apr. 3 Liam & Drayson Stephenson  
Apr. 10 Cael Carlson  
Apr. 17 Jenna Beichley  
April 24 Clay Koester

### **LITURGISTS**

Apr. 3 Richard Klinefelter  
Apr. 10 Sean Williams  
Apr. 17 Paul Koester  
April 24 Kevin Williams

### **GREETERS**

Apr. 3  
Apr. 10 Tim Pierce family  
Apr. 17 Diane Mussig  
April 24 Doug & Ashley Bruene family

### **ORGANIST**

Apr. 3 Ann Vibbard  
Apr. 10 Sam DeWitt  
Apr. 17 Ann Vibbard  
April 24 Sam DeWitt

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

Cheryl Bruene & Kay Lowry



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