

# THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist

July 2022

Vacation Bible School July 6th

Kids' Club News



## COME HAVE S'MORE FUN AT THIS SUMMER'S VBS.

What would summer vacation be without Vacation Bible school?

Five churches have joined together to create an action-packed, fun-filled, Bible-based, Vacation Bible School experience. Our kids need action oriented activities during the hot summer months and parents really need a break. Our kids also need to learn the simple truths taught in God's word. Garwin United Methodist, Salem Church, Chapel Church, Gladbrook United Methodist and Peace Church are pulling their resources and youth specialists together to create Camp Discovery, a super one day VBS event from 9am to 3pm. So, save Wednesday, July 6, for Camp Discovery at the Youth Center at Union Grove Lake Park. Registration forms are at all the churches. Please register early so we can get a count for supplies. You can still register on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center.

Our children from the five churches call on their friends and all other kids from the age of 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join them for this day of entertaining fun. There will be songs, outside games, crafts and interesting lessons based on the Bible. They'll see many of their friends from school and from Sunday School and meets tons of new friends. The youngsters will be separated into age oriented groups and will be challenged to learn at their appropriate level by trained and competent instructors. They'll learn to establish new relationships that will bear the test of time.

Any questions call Peace Church, 641-751-2039 or 641-473-2802, the coordinator of the 2022 VBS.

Gladbrook Community Kids' Club *is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the community.*

There is no charge to the kids for Kids' Club as it is funded through contributions from local churches, Gladbrook Community Foundation and individual donations.

Kids' Club goals are to add to the kids' knowledge of and love for Jesus Christ through fellowship, songs, crafts, Bibles stories and games resulting in deeper Christian character

Kids' Club meets monthly after school from **Sept through April** at Gladbrook UMC or Peace church and is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the community. The monthly meeting begins with an after-school snack followed by Bible stories (skits), songs, crafts, games and Bible verse study and ends with supper. The program runs from about 4PM to 6:30PM when the parents pick up their kids.

Gladbrook area kids are growing in Christian character carrying their experience and knowledge beyond 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids' Club participated in nursing home visits, Christmas caroling in the community and preparing and delivering cookies to shut-ins.

If your child (children) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grades would like to participate in Kids' Club, please complete a registration form. Forms will be available at Gladbrook UMC (641) 473-2025 or Peace church (641) 473-2802

**Please follow us on Facebook:  
Gladbrook Community Kids' Club**

SERIES NO. 4

“Jehovah Ra-ah”

(GOD OUR SHEPHERD)

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, as he works among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

**-Hebrews 13:20-21-**

“**What I believe about God,**” says A. W. Tozer, “**is the most important thing about me.**” But the problem is that most of us aren’t sure what we believe about Him. Most of our knowledge and images of God are leftovers from our parents or bad experiences that we conclude are reflections of God.

None is more personal and confronting than the one used by David in Psalm 23 where he called God *JEHOVAH RA-AH* or “God my shepherd.” David began, saying, “*The Lord is my shepherd....*”

Some animals can outrun their enemies. They are fleet of foot. *But not sheep.* Others have great strength. They can defeat their enemies. *But not sheep.* Yet others can hide from their enemies. Their markings blend in camouflage. *But not sheep.* Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for protection and guidance. Sheep need

*help when they fall,*

*strength when they are weak, and*

*direction when they are lost.*

Is it any wonder that Jesus looked upon the multitude who had come to hear Him speak, and seeing their needs, was moved with compassion, describing them as “*harassed and helpless, like sheep without shepherd*” (Matthew 9:36)?

Long ago the prophet Isaiah described us as sheep who had gone astray. He said, “*each of us has turned to his own way,*” and in those simple words, we have the dilemma that confronts us. Having turned from the care of the shepherd, we have strayed far from the Kingdom of peace. Jesus said, “*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost*” (Luke 19:10).

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Pastor Gideon



**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, anyone touched by the COVID-19 pandemic, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals.

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

Gallo family, Pauline Flamme, Charlette Bruene, Lucy DeWitt, Mark Knaack, Steve Keiser, James Caron & MacKenzie Brown, Kim Pepe, Harold McKinney, Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden, Carolyn & Don Anker, Paul Purvis, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, Cindi Hodgkin, Denise Handorf Kemp, Tim Quam (Jennifer Strohbehn's father), Carolyn Groth, Terry Wilson



**INGATHERING KITS**

The Annual Ingathering is Sat., Nov. 5th. We participate by collecting items for the following kits: personal dignity, student / school, layette, birthing, and feminine hygiene. With school just around the corner, there are many supplies available that may be used in the school kits. Please consider donating kit supplies for any of the kits.

Once kits are taken to Ingathering, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center ships them to where they are needed. A detailed list of each kit is available on the online. Please review the kit requirements as they have changed from previous years. All kit supplies are due to the church by October 16th.

For more information about Ingathering, visit: <https://www.iaumc.org/ingathering>

Or click the link below.

[PDF for Iowa Ingathering \(iaumc.org\)](#)

Dana also has, or can make, copies of all pattern if you need one.

Upcoming Mission... Besides making ingathering kits, we will also have an underwear and socks drive for Bidwell-Riverside in Des Moines this fall. The Iowa Tax Free Weekend is August 5-6 and would be a perfect time to shop!

PUT ON YOUR BOOTS, SADDLE UP, AND MOSEY ON OVER TO THE

# Senior Citizen's Dinner

Friday, July 8 at 11:30am  
Gladbrook Memorial Building  
hosted by the Gladbrook American Legion Auxiliary

Join us for some Hoedown Fun

Menu: meatloaf, roasted potatoes, cowboy beans, corn bread, mini fruit pies, & beverage

Just for fun, feel free to dress western style: boots, cowboy hat, jeans, checkered shirt, bandana - whatever you may have!

**Dine-in or Delivery**

For reservations call Jeanne Paustian

Cell phone 641-751-2039  
Peace Church 641-473-2802



**The Food Pantry is open 3 times every month.**

It is open to anyone in need of assistance. There are no longer financial requirements. We do ask that you limit your visits to once a month.

**If you believe you need assistance, we believe you need assistance.**

Where: Gladbrook United Methodist Church. Please enter at the lower Southwest doors.

When: 1st Saturday, 9-11am,

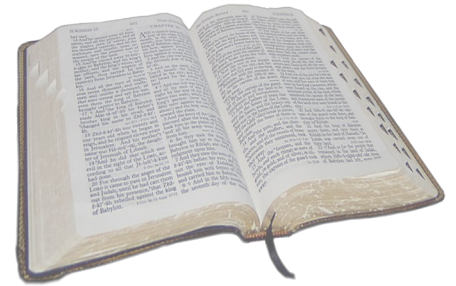
2nd Monday of every month 4-6pm

4th Monday of every month 4-6pm

Who: Anyone needing help with obtaining groceries.



Happy Anniversary



**July**

- 1 Arianna Pierce
- 2 Al Gienger,
- 2 James Caron
- 6 Tanner Purvis
- 7 Marcy Knaack,
- 7 Scott Strohbahn
- 7 Clay Koester
- 7 Tate Koester
- 9 Jennifer Strohbahn,
- 10 Becky Klinefelter
- 11 Will Garber
- 11 Taelyn Sash
- 13 JoAnne Sash
- 14 Brandon Strohbahn
- 15 Luke Petty,
- 15 Mike Wentzien,
- 15 Susan Beichley
- 16 Kristi Carlson
- 22 Jack Garber
- 23 Jenna Beichley
- 23 Keith Poling
- 24 Grant Strohbahn
- 25 Kyle Chizek
- 25 Ethan Gienger
- 26 Betty Dahms
- 26 Kohen Gienger
- 28 Kelli Gartman
- 29 Alexis Strohbahn
- 30 Blake Moore
- 31 Lisa Koester

**July**

- 2 Paul & Kay Purvis
- 11 Dwight & Joan Surber
- 11 Dan & Bridget Bearden
- 16 Mike & Sara Wentzien
- 16 Matt & Beth Koester
- 20 Andrew & Katie Raska
- 20 Bruce & Joan Appelgate
- 21 Roger & Terri Luehring
- 24 Mark & Lisa Flamme
- 26 Andy & Rose Chamra
- 26 Keith & Kathy Poling
- 31 Scott & Jennifer Strohbahn

**Lectionary Reading for  
the JULY 03**

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalms 30 (UMH 762); Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**JULY 10**

Amos 7:7-17; Psalms 82 (UMH 804); Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**JULY 17**

Amos 8:1-12; Ps 52 or Psalms 82 (UMH 804); Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**JULY 24**

Hosea 1:2-10; Ps 85 (UMH 806); Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

**JULY 31**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalms 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830); Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-2

**Sunday School News**

Thank you so much for the teacher appreciation gift. I love the cross, the golf balls with scriptures, and the teacher bookmark. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the children and youth of GUMC. I appreciate the parents for making the effort to bring their children to Sunday School. I am so grateful for everyone that helps with Sunday School. A special thank you to Jhona Lyn Gallo, Kayla Vavroch, Lisa and Dave Koester, Linda Schneider, BJ and Kevin Williams, and Heidi and Sean Williams.

Have a restful summer and we will see where God leads us in the fall.



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## JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### ACOLYTES

July 3 Josh Gallo  
July 10 Beau DeWitt  
July 17 Cael Carlson  
July 24 Tate Koester  
July 31 Jenna Beichley

### GREETERS

July 3 Pauline Flamme  
July 10 Matt & Kristen Garber  
July 17 Cornell & Cathy Gethmann  
July 24 Al & Janell Gienger  
July 31 Duane & Kari Groth

### LITURGISTS

July 3 Lisa Koester  
July 10 Dave Koester  
July 17 Carolyn Moe  
July 24 Roger Luehring  
July 31 Left intentionally blank

### PROJECTION

July 3 Jhona Lyn Gallo  
July 10 Kyle Koester  
July 17 Kyle Koester  
July 24 Joan Appelgate  
July 31 Joan Appelgate

### ORGANIST

July 3 Ann Vibbard  
July 12 Sam DeWitt  
July 17 Ann Vibbard  
July 24 Sam DeWitt  
July 31 Sam DeWitt

### USHERS

Steve Keiser, Matt Koester,  
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Marcia Koester & Barb DeWitt

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