

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

November 2022



Instead of donating soup ingredients and pies, and desserts, the soup committee is asking for the monetary value of those donations be made to the UMW.

There will be no soup this year.

November Kids' Club will be November 15th.

At the Gladbrook UMC

Follow us on Facebook for further details.



Gladbrook Community Kids' Club

let's do
lunch

Senior Dinner @ Memorial Building

The November Senior Citizens Dinner will be served on **Fri.**, Nov. 11th, 11:30 at the Memorial Building. Westbrook Acres is hosting the meal. Call Jeanne at [641-751-2039](tel:641-751-2039) to make reservations for in house dining or deliveries.



We pause to **give thanks** for all church leaders who selflessly offer their time, talents and service to make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you for answering God's call! We especially offer our thanks to Pastor Gideon for his boundless energy and leadership. October was



2022 Christmas Family Project

The Northwest Tama County Churches serving the Garwin, Gladbrook, Green Mountain, and

Lincoln communities are again hosting the Christmas Family Project Boxes and Gifts. If a family is in need of a food box and/or gifts for your children this Christmas season, please request an application for: Lincoln and Gladbrook patrons: Jeanne Paustian, 1674 Hwy. 96, Gladbrook, Iowa 50635, call 641-751-2039 or 473-2843, or stop at Peace Church. Applications must be turned in by Nov. 18th. Family boxes and gifts will be ready to be picked up at Peace Church on Friday, Dec. 16th, 8:30-10:30 a.m.



Area Veterans Day Program

The Gladbrook American Legion

Auxiliary is hosting an area

Veterans Day Program on **Fri.**, Nov. 11th, 2 p.m. at Westbrook Acres. Americanism Chairman Lisa Reinhard will conduct the program. There will be patriotic music as well as the playing of all the service songs. All veterans will be recognized. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us as we honor our veterans.

Gladbrook UMC

Financial Health Report as of 10/25/22

Balance as of 10/25/2022	\$18,694.71
Estimated Expenses	- <u>\$3,55.57</u>
Balance Remaining	\$15,141.14

BOLDNESS

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...

Grace and peace be yours in abundance”

-I Peter 1:1,2-

We all know who Peter is. Some history books use his Aramaic name and call him Cephas, but Jesus gave him the name Peter, meaning “ROCK.” If Jesus thought of him as being as hard or as tough as a rock, it’s pretty obvious to me that Peter didn’t wear black, have lace on his handkerchief, or sit around singing hymns all day, drinking vinegar to keep from smiling.

Peter was a pretty tough character in his younger days. Born to Jonah, a fisherman who lived in northern Galilee on the shores of the sea, Peter joined with a couple of buddies, James and John, and ran a fishing business that gave them a pretty fair living. I have yet to meet a commercial fisherman who put perfume behind his ear or frosted his hair. I’m sure Peter was no different. The wind and weather bronzed and etched his face, and the long hours of labor battling the seas and the nets hardened his muscles and strengthened his back.

As I think or as you think of Peter, we can think of four qualities or attributes.

FIRST, he was a man of action. He never vacillated. He didn’t play the grandstand. He may not have always been right, but we knew where he stood. He did what he thought was right. It was this quality that made him a leader.

SECOND, Peter was a man of commitment and loyalty. Once Jesus entered his life, Peter quickly walked away from his nets and vowed allegiance to the Carpenter-Messiah from Galilee. “Lord, no matter what others may do, I’ll die for You. I’ll go to the wall with You!” That was Peter temperament!

THIRD, Peter was a man of courage. When the temple guards seized Jesus as He prayed alone in the garden, it was Peter who quickly drew his sword in defense.

Yes, I remember that Peter denied Jesus as he warmed his hands outside the house of Caiaphas, but I am also reminded that he was the only one who even tried to stay close to Jesus in His hour of trial.

The closer he was, physically, to Jesus, the more secure he was psychologically; and inversely, the farther away he was physically, the greater his insecurity and difficulty.

As I think of Simon Peter, I also think of him as a man of conviction (*this is the fourth quality or attribute of Peter*). “I say You are the Son of God!” shouts Peter as he waves his fist in the air to drive home his point. It was the same conviction that, fired by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, caused Peter to become the leader of the early church and eventually give his life for the cause of Jesus Christ. According to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down, because he did not deem himself worthy to die as his Lord had died. After Pentecost, Peter was a changed individual.

Why bother to talk about the life of a man who lived and died 2,000 years ago? I see myself in Peter. I also see my neighbors and friends in him. Perhaps you see yourself in Peter as well, especially in this troubled time and what we are going through as a church. There is something of this man in us all, and the way God used him with his faults and failures gives me hope, for the God who changed his life is still in the business of changing people.

GOD BLESS TO ALL!

Pastor Gideon



KIDS' SHOPPING DAY COMING SOON!

Gladbrook's 10th Kids Shopping Day is right around the corner. The special shopping day for kids is Sat., Dec. 10th, 9-noon at Peace Church.

KIDS' SHOPPING DAY is a community effort to honor Jesus on His birthday by serving the children and families in the area. The planning team wants to offer the youth of our community an opportunity to be personally involved in choosing, wrapping, and giving gifts to their family members this Christmas. We know that in the giving of simple gifts, our kids can more fully experience the joy that caring for others brings. It's also the perfect time for us to remind the children of the precious gift God gave to the world on the first Christmas...our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Who can shop: Anyone from the age of 3 through seniors in high school. No family member will be allowed to help their children. The 3 & 4 year olds and, if needed 5 years olds, will be aided by a volunteer.

If you would like to join our team you could... *Volunteer to wrap gifts.

*Help to set out "merchandise" Dec. 7-9. *Make items to share with our shoppers. *Come and take the hand of a little one and help them pick out a special gift for someone they love. *Offer a hand to help clean up after a busy, but very heart-warming day. ***Of course, donate new or gently used items (no clothes except collegiate) to be used as "merchandise" for ALL AGES... AT NO CHARGE.** (Bring items to the UMC or to Peace Church). Financial donations are also appreciated so the committee can purchase items where needed.

Join the fun to prepare for KIDS' SHOPPING DAY on the **Sat., Dec. 10th, 9:00-noon**, as we reach out to bless others **in Christ's name**. Helpers on the 10th need to be at Peace Church by 8:15. Call Jeanne at 473-2802, 473-2843, or 641-751-2039 to get involved! We need at least 75 men and women volunteers on the 10th.

The Gladbrook Lions Club Soup Day is also on Dec. 10th, starting at 10:30 at the Memorial Building. The Wolfcreek Whirlwinds is hosting a Cookie Walk, too.



**The Gladbrook Tree Lighting and Beginning
of the Festival of Trees will be
November 30th.**

The theme this year
will be Santa's
Workshop. Please
contact the City office
for more information.



Advent Readers Needed

We need Advent readers beginning
November 27th. If you would be willing to
light the candles and read a short verse,
please let either Gideon or Dana know so
we can plan our advent season



H.A.N.D.S. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do
not see. Hebrews 11:1

Thank you to all the area churches for working with us in distribution and for all the
people that have made shawls, given yarn or donations and supported this minis-
try. We are thankful to God for all our times together in learning how to be his H.A.N.D.S. (Hope and
Needles Doing Service) New members are always welcome to knit, crochet, lead devotions, make prayer
cards, assist with distribution or just be with us. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at Independent
Living from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Rose Russell & Carolyn Moe – Chairpersons



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

We welcome anyone who would enjoy knitting or crocheting for others. If you would like
to join us, we will be meeting at the Independent Living Building November 2nd from 1
until around 3.

**We are beginning the planning of our Thanksgiving Potluck, November
20th.**



Dana will be cooking the Turkeys and Hams as she has done in the
past. She will also make the gravy and dinner rolls.

If you would like to donate a turkey or a ham, please let Dana know.

We are thinking we will need 3 turkeys and 2 hams.

If you have a favorite potluck item that you know you will be
bringing, let Dana know so we can track how many salads, corn
dishes, and pies we will have. This helps others know what other
items they could bring to fill in the needed items.



November 2022

- 2 Scott Murty
- 3 Paul Koester
- 6 Barry Reese
- 9 Keith Sash
- 13 Barb Modlin
- 13 Steve Murty
- 14 Gayle Bruene
- 16 Joyce Bruene
- 17 Katie Chizek
- 19 Richard Klinefelter
- 21 Kari Groth
- 22 Barb DeWitt
- 23 Kathy Vavroch
- 25 Samuel Mussig
- 25 Braxton Caron
- 26 Maxine Schoel
- 27 Becky Fish
- 27 Nicholas Flamme
- 27 Scott Vavroch



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, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals.

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

Patsy Rinz, Barb Berezki, Stetson Weuve (son of Jackson Weuve and Sydney Vavroch) June Klinefelter, Pauline Flamme, Lucy DeWitt, Harold McKinney, Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden, Carolyn & Don Anker, Paul Purvis, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, Carol Mead, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, Denise Handorf Kemp, Tim and Barb Quam (Jennifer Strohbehn's parents), Greg Gehrke (Larry & Corrine Jensen's son-in-law)

November 2022
Lectionary Readings

November 6, 2022

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38

November 13, 2022

- Isaiah 12
- Isaiah 65:17-25
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

November 20, 2022

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 1:68-79
- Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

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



Happy Anniversary!

- 24 Harold & Rose Mary McKinney
- 27 Richard & June Klinefelter
- 29 Scott & Kristy Garber

Thank You

To everyone who helped with all our various church activities in the month of October

Thank You

To everyone who helped with our Sunday School programming. A special thank you goes to Nancy Keiser.



Administrative Council Minutes

October 24, 2022

Thirteen members of the Ad Council met on October 24, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the GUMC.

Members in attendance were Susan Beichley, Dana Brown, Cheryl Bruene, Becky Fish, Gideon Gallo, Cornell Gethmann, Dave Koester, Lisa Koester, Carolyn Moe, Linda Schneider, Grant Strohbehn, Susie Strohbehn and Kevin Williams.

Lisa called the meeting to order. Gideon provided our devotional. The past minutes were read and approved.

Susan provided the Treasurers Report. The report was read and approved. Connectional or apportionment money is still being kept in a savings account. Congregational giving is lower than this same time last year.

SPPRC, Dave K. –Pastor Appreciation Sunday is set for October 30th. Kevin will preach, the SPPRC will provide refreshments during Fellowship. Next meeting will be Nov. 7th.

UMW, Linda S.-Met Oct.19. Discussions were held about trick or treat supper, No soup supper fundraiser and future appointments.

Kids' Club, Linda S.- Met Oct. 24th. Fifteen students have registered. Supper of Pizza and cookies was supplied by Casey's. Children are learning the Fruits of the Spirit.

Mission Outreach, Carolyn M – Ingathering collection continues. Many kits are complete. We will use donation money to purchase the rest of the needed supplies to complete the partial kits. Any leftover school supplies will be donated to local schools. Ingathering is November 5th. Dwight & Joan Surber and Dana Brown will deliver the kits to Cedar Falls.

Trustees, Gideon reported The parsonage clothes dryer had recently been fixed. The sound system has been upgraded.

A few adjustments will be made as we "tweak" the new system.

Finance Committee, No report at this time.

Memorial, Cheryl B.- Account balances and designations were discussed. Items for Sunday school have been purchased. A donation in the name of Marshall Mussig was made to be used for church repairs.

Good Samaritan, Dana– Nothing to report at this time.

Food Pantry- Dana- We are helping an average of 10 families every month. We are still open 3 times a month, the first Saturday of the month at 9-11am, the second and fourth Mondays at 4-6pm. We are becoming low on our meats that we can offer from the freezer.

Pastoral Report, Gideon G. –He led worship service at Westbrook Acres and has made several home visits. He met with a couple interested in joining our church. Nov. 20th will be a Thanksgiving service at the Westbrook Nursing home. He has made 5 separate hospital visits this month. Two were to visit with Stetson Weuve and his parents, Sydney Vavroch and Jackson Weuve. He has provided newspaper articles to the Sun Courier. He is planning to hold Prayer meetings every Wednesday evening of November beginning at 7pm.

New Business: 1. Charge Conference was held here Oct. 23rd at 2pm. 11 churches were present. Sixty people were present. Eight attendees were from Gladbrook UMC.

2. Disaffiliation Process- Lisa has requested more information from the Iowa Conference about our specific disaffiliation. It was discussed that there are deadlines in this process. We have met the first deadline by Lisa requesting information formally before December 31st. It was also discussed that we will be holding a Charge Conference for only our church as soon as District Superintendent, Moody Colorado, can get one scheduled with Gideon. We will be voting to remain with the United Methodist denomination or to disaffiliate with the United Methodist denomination. As the rules stipulate, only members present will be allowed to vote. It is very important to get as many members as possible to attend this Charge Conference. There will be no absentee voting allowed.

3. Church broadcasting- We discontinued the use of YouTube last month. We are still using Facebook Live to broadcast our Sunday Services. We also use Facebook Live to broadcast our prayer services on Thursday nights.

Joys 1. Susie's sister is doing well. She had surgery for her cancer. She is recouping at home.

2. The Surber family celebrated Dwight's 78th birthday. He also received word that his CT scans are still clear of cancer.

Concerns 1. Lisa is concerned for her brother. He lost his job at Tyson. He may be moving to Arkansas to work in the corporate office there.

2. Susie will be having a cyst removed from her neck November 7th. She is anticipating it to be a simple procedure.

3. Kevin is concerned for a past co-worker who is battling cancer. She is still praising the Lord for the joys in her life.

Lisa closed with a prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for November 28, 2022, at 7:00pm. Paul K. will supply the Devotional.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Brown

UMW Minutes

Oct. 19, 2022 @ 9:30am

Seven members gathered at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Members were Linda S., Kay L., Dana B., JoAnne S., Becky F., Pauline F., and Avriel K. Two guests joined us during our fellowship time— Jody Anderson, from Anderson Funeral Homes, and Pastor Gideon. June K. And Pauline F. were hostesses. A variety of quick breads, juice and coffee were served.

Linda opened the meeting Pauline read the past minutes of September meeting. Letters from Mavis Nelson's daughter, Hawthorne Hill, Bidwell were read. No treasurer's report was available at the time.

Becky reported about her visit to the Westbrook Nursing Home sharing crafts and songs.

Dana reported the approximately 40 school kits, 10 layettes, 10 personal kits and 4 feminine kits are being packed for November 5th. Leftover supplies will be given to local schools.

Election Soup pots will be placed during church service for church members. No soup will be provided this year.

Halloween trick or treat supper will be from 5 to 5:45pm on October 30. June will be getting the hot dogs and buns. Water and chips will be furnished Linda will ask Susan Strohbahn to help as in the past. Becky and Kay also volunteered.

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 23rd. Neighboring churches will come at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served by Linda and Dana.

Next meeting will be held on Nov. 16th. Carolyn Moe has the lesson, Kay Lowry has devotions and Linda has the lunch. Activity will be making treat sacks to give to the elderly and shut ins. They listed a few supplies needed.

Linda's lesson was centered around Psalms 31:3. What are you carrying around in your purse/ Have you God in there? You need to organize, relax, clear that calendar. Where does Christ enter you life? A short quiz of what we kept in our purses ended her lesson. Linda gave us a sugar cooker shaped like a purse to remind us to put Christ first.

Submitted by Pauline Flamme



2022 Poinsettia Order Form

It is time to order Poinsettias for the coming Christmas season. Please fill out the order blank and return it to Cheryl

Bruene or the church office by **November 13.** (Cheryl will also accept phone orders.)

Cheryl Bruene, 1366 190th St., Gladbrook, Iowa 50635 - (641)473-2436

I would like to order _____ 6" poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each.

Enclosed is \$_____. (Make checks payable to Cheryl)

I wish to have my poinsettia(s) listed in the bulletin as

*Given in MEMORY of _____

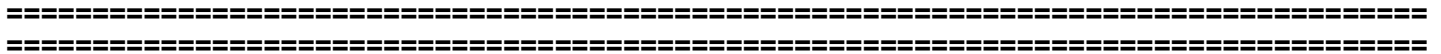
*Given in HONOR of _____

*Given by _____

Please check one:

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia(s) after Worship Service on December 24th

_____ I would like to donate my poinsettia(s).



OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas you may choose the Gift of Hope to remember or honor loved ones. Use the form below to give to a Gift of Hope. If you would like more information see the website for each area.

Church World Service Blankets \$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 _____ (other)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

2023 Mission Trip(s) for Hurricane relief & reconstruction \$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 _____ (other)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Self-Help International Children's Nutrition Program \$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 _____ other

With Quality Protein Maize (www.selfhelpinternational.org)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Donor's name (your name) _____

Your phone number _____

Your name, the gift and the person or persons you are honoring or remembering will be listed in a bulletin insert later in the same manner as those giving poinsettias.

Please make out checks to Gladbrook United Methodist Church.

Turn this form and your donation into the church office or put in the offering plate by **Sunday, December 11, 2022**



The Gladbrook United Methodist Messenger
715 Lincoln Street
Gladbrook, Iowa 50635



NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS

Keith and JoAnne Sash
2 Volunteers needed

ACOLYTE

Nov. 6 Cael Carlson
Nov. 13 Tate Koester
Nov. 20 Jenna Beichley
Nov. 27 Tate Williams

LITURGISTS

Nov. 6 Dave Koester
Nov. 13
Nov. 20 Kevin Williams
Nov. 27 Richard Klinefelter

COMMUNION STEWARDS

November 6- Marcia Koester &
Barb DeWitt

PROJECTION

Nov. 6 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Nov. 13 Dave Koester
Nov. 20 Dave Koester
Nov. 27 Roger Luehring

ORGANIST

Nov. 6 Ann Vibbard
Nov. 13 Sam DeWitt
Nov. 22 Ann Vibbard
Nov. 27 Ann Vibbard

GREETERS

Nov. 6 Paul & Avriel Koester
Nov. 13 Dave & Kim Pepe
Nov. 20 Scott & Bonnie Murty
Nov. 27 Duane & Barb Petty



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