

# THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

October 2022



UMW will be meeting October 19th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Every woman who belongs to or attends church is joyously invited to join us for this informative fellowship.



## Senior Dinner

The Gladbrook Auxiliary will be hosting a **Senior dinner** on Fri., Oct. 14th. The dinner will be served at 11:30am. The cost is still \$5.00. Anyone 55 and older is invited to make a reservation. Call Jeanne to make reservations: [641-473-2802](tel:641-473-2802) or 2843 or cell number [641-751-2039](tel:641-751-2039).

Old Christmas cards are needed. They will be repurposed into gift tags for the Kids' Shopping Day. If you have any cards to be repurposed, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall in the marked basket.



**Oct. 2 Salem Church, Lincoln @ 1:30pm**

Crop Walk raises funds and awareness in prayerful hope to one day end hunger worldwide.

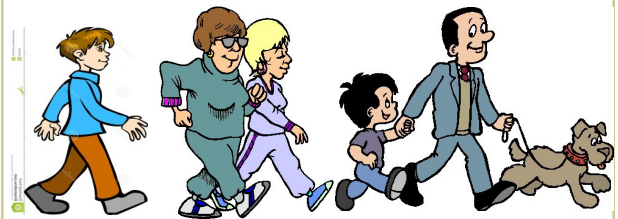
There are several ways that we can all get involved. The first is the Crop Walk. It will start from the Salem Church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. on October 2nd. We plan to walk the town.

There will be refreshments available.

Secondly, you can make a donation through your local church.

Thirdly, you can turn your daily walks into dedicated Crop Walks by collecting donations for your time or mileage walked personally.

Let's put a dent in the local and world hunger problem together and remember a portion of the donations go to our local food pantry.



The UMW and soup chairwomen have decided there will not be an Election Night Soup Supper this year.

**Instead, we will be holding a No Soup Supper.**

In other words, we will be asking members of the community to monetarily support our UMW as they have in the past, as if they were ordering quarts of soup.

Donations can be sent to Gladbrook United Methodist Church, 715 Lincoln St., Gladbrook IA 50635 Mark checks for the UMW.

Thank you,  
UMW Election Night  
Soup Supper Committee



## Trunk or Treat

The UMW will be hosting its annual Halloween Feast at the church. We will have lunch bags for visitors available from **5pm** until **5:45pm** in the church parking lot.

To help with a safe flow of traffic, we are asking visitors to arrive by the EAST driveway and leave by the WEST driveway.

There will be **Trunk or Treating** in Gladbrook on Main Street this year.

The hours for Begger's Night will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.  
**The Haunted Library will be open from 7 until 9pm**

## Appreciation

Pastoral Appreciation Sunday will be **October 30th** during the Worship Service and Fellowship that will follow. We will be celebrating Pastor Gideon Gallo for all the hard work of the people he performs everyday. Kevin Williams will preach during our worship service and the SPPRC committee will provide the Fellowship.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual Charge Conference will be on **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm at the Gladbrook United Methodist Church.** We will be hosting our "Cluster" consists of Gladbrook, Chapel, Garwin, Traer, Dysart, Geneseo, Living Faith, Toledo Christ, Chelsea, Grundy Center, Conrad, Beamon and Reinbeck.

The Rev. Moody Colorado, Superintendent of the Picture Rocks District, will preside. All members are invited to attend, but those on the Ad Council are encouraged to attend.

There will be light refreshments available.



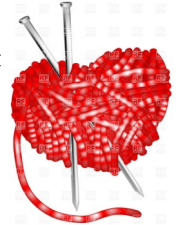
## H.A.N.D.S. Prayer Shawl Ministry

The H.A.N.D.S. (Hope and Needles Doing Service) Gladbrook area prayer shawl ministry has been active for Eleven years. They began meeting weekly in November 2011 at Gifts of Grace, then Serendipity by Deb, then at Peace UCC and then at the Independent Living. Over 1300 shawls have been distributed to community people (and beyond) over the past years with the help of area churches and members. Shawls have also been made and given for blessing couples getting married, the baptism of babies and also given to fundraisers to help out worthwhile causes.

There are many people that make this ministry a success. Thank you to all that create the shawls, donate yarn, donate funds for yarn and help make comfort tags that are attached to each shawl. The completed shawls are kept at Peace UCC (2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom/nursery). The ministry works with area clergy to get shawls to those in immediate need, but **you** also can help spread this ministry. If you think of a friend or relative that would like a shawl, all you need to do is choose one, record your gift on the notebook by the shawls and give it away.

Call the Peace Church to see the beautiful shawls waiting to comfort someone in need. The group prays that the recipient is touched by God's love and amazing grace and feels the blessings that have been knitted/crocheted into each shawl. Hope, faith and love are in each stitch from beginning to end. New members are always welcome. We meet monthly but, you need not attend each month. Thank you for all the support of this ministry. For more information contact Rose Russell, Carolyn Moe or church offices.

We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month. October 5th will be our next meeting. We have patterns, yarn and needles or hooks if you would like to create but don't have supplies. Just call Dana @ 641-750-2219 to make arrangements.



## KIDS SHOPPING DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th Peace Church, 9-noon

Gladbrook area churches and organizations are working together to create an opportunity for our area children to "shop" this Christmas. With items that are donated by the community we will create a "Christmas Store" where the kids will be able choose just the right gifts for their family...without any exchange of money. Children from 3- senior in high school can shop. Volunteers will help the 3 & 4 year olds shop. No family members are allowed in the social hall. Volunteers will wrap their gifts and the shoppers will make out gift tags. We'll remind the children that Christmas is the birthday of God's son, Jesus, and that God wants us to know that the best gifts we can give Jesus for His birthday are our prayers and our love. Happy children will head for home with a Christmas greeting from God, and gifts for their loved ones.

Please bring gently used items and new items, for gals & guys of all ages to Peace Church or UMC. After Dec. 1st all items should be delivered to Peace Church. Christmas wrap, and bags are also needed. Boxes other than shirt boxes and all sizes of small boxes are needed. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated as well.

It takes 80 volunteers, men and women, to help the younger children shop, wrap gifts, and just keep everything running smoothly.

So, look through your closets, cupboards, and drawers to see if you can find some treasures that you don't use or need any more. We will stock our "Christmas Store" and together make our 10th KIDS SHOPPING DAY a success!

This project is sponsored by the Gladbrook Auxiliary Children & Youth Committee Becky Fevold, Becky Fish, and Jeanne Paustian. Call any committee member to volunteer.



## “What Echo Do You Hear?”

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

### -Galatians 6:7-8-

A little boy, in an outburst of temper, once shouted to his mother that he hated her. Then fearing punishment, he fled from the house to the hillside and shouted in the valley. **“I hate you! I hate you!”** Back from the valley came echo. **“I hate you! I hate you!”** Startled by the response, the little boy ran back into the house and told his mother that there was a mean little boy in the valley shouting that he hated him. His mother took him back to the hillside and told him to shout, **“I love you! I love you!”** The little boy did as his mother said. This time he heard another boy in the valley saying **“I love you! I love you!”** The little boy learned that what he received was but a mirror of what he gave.

### **In your own life, what echo do you hear?**

The natural laws of life tell us that what we give, we get; what we sow, we shall also reap; and what we send out, comes back. **Galatians 6:7-8 says:**

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Echoes mirror our actions whether good or bad, sometimes even to a degree greater than that which we give. Our failure to recognize this may bring about tragic results.

A teacher once asked her students to jot down in 30 seconds the names of people they really like. Some students could think of only one person during that half minute. Others listed as many as 14. The interesting fact that emerged from the research was that those who dislike the most people were themselves the most widely disliked!

The “Law of Echoes” state that if you want to be judged and condemned, that start doing it to others. If you want others to be understanding towards you, then start being that way to others. Whatever you deposit in the bank of echoes, you will draw in return and at times with interest!

Some people think that they can get around the divine law of sowing and reaping. But we can surely expect that harvest appropriate to our deeds to come. The person who ignores God’s standards and caters to his sinful appetite can expect a harvest of moral and spiritual ruin. He or she who plants to please his or her desires will reap a crop of sorrow and evil. But he or she who plants to please God will reap joy and eternal life. To sow to please the Spirit is to yield oneself to the influence of the Holy Spirit and to let Him govern his or her conduct.

We need to seriously ask ourselves. **“What are we sowing in the soil of our lives?”** As we reflect on what we have sown, **“what kind of harvest can we then expect?”**

Truly each Sower will eventually decide what his or her harvest will be.

Pastor Gideon



## Gladbrook United Methodist Trustee Minutes

September 18, 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, Al Gienger and Cathy Gethmann.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer report included past paid bills and current balance is \$28,913.03

It was suggested if memorials are given with an “interest only use” for the Trustee account, that a time limit be added when donations of this kind are made.

### NEW / OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

**Furnace Room:** Paul and Phil worked on cleaning the furnace room. If anyone wants a long hose, shelves or a window from the basement these are available. If a new home is not found, they will be removed.

**Tree Removal:** Mark Knaack will start Saturday morning to remove limbs on the dead tree on the southwest corner of the church lot. **Thank you Mark and Trustee crew** for getting the large tree safely down and trimming the oak tree limbs as well. The other corner “half tree” will be removed at a later date. It was noted that the pine trees on the north boundary are showing signs of stress with one probably needing to be removed.

**Fiber optics:** cable and trenches are visible on the north section as wiring for fiber optics is being installed.

**Dehumidifier:** a new dehumidifier for the basement was purchased and installed as the old one quit working

**Parking Lot Lines:** lines will be repainted on the curb only along with painting new handicap markings where needed

**Classroom Door Knobs:** Mark L will take care of replacing and matching classroom doorknobs

**Chair Cart:** a storage cart for the extra chairs is needed

**Basement Sink/ Men’s Bathroom:** the dripping faucet will be repaired

Meeting adjourned 7:40



## UMW

September 21, 2022

Eight members and one guest, Terri Lamb, were in attendance. Members in attendance were Linda S., Carolyn M., Becky F., Kay L., Carol M., June K., JoAnne S., and Dana B.

Breakfast was provided and served by Kathy H. and JoAnne S. They served cinnamon rolls, mixed fruit cup and coffee.

After breakfast, Linda opened the meeting with a poem about Autumn. Past minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, discussed and approved.

Old business: None at this time

New Business-

The election night soup supper committee and UMW have decided to not hold the usual soup supper or take orders for quarts of soup as we have in the past couple of years. This year we will hold a "soupless" event. We will have empty soup pots set out in the Fellowship hall where patrons can donate money as if they were receiving soup. No soup will be made.

Becky is making a request to make gift tags for the Kids' Shopping Day. A basket will be set for old cards to be donated to be repurposed into gift tags.

A discussion about Trunk or Treat was held. We decided to hold the hot dog supper as we have in the past few years. We will serve from 5pm until 5:45pm. Beggars Night will be October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Becky discussed recruitment of next year's leaders. Dana B. has agreed to be the president, June will continue to be treasurer, and Pauline F. will continue as secretary. Becky and Kay will continue to ask members to fill other positions.

Carolyn M. provided the devotional. Instead of a lesson, we worked on sorting and filling Ingathering kits. Some members cut out layette blankets while other members completed layette kits.

Our next meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>. Pauline F. and June K will provide the luncheon. Linda S. will provide the devotional and the lesson.

Submitted by Dana Brown in place of Pauline Flamme



## Administrative Council Minutes

September 26, 2022

Fifteen members of the Ad Council met on September 26, 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, June Klinefelter, Dave Koester, Lisa Koester, Roger Luehring, Carolyn Moe, Linda Schneider, Grant Strohhahn, Susie Strohhahn and Kevin Williams.

Lisa called the meeting to order. Kevin 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 being kept in a savings account. Congregational giving is lower than this same time last year.

**SPPRC, Dave K.** –Met Sept. 14th. Pastor Appreciation Sunday was discussed and set for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Kevin will preach, the SPPRC will provide refreshments during Fellowship. Salary increases were discussed and set. Next meeting will be Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**UMW, Linda S.**-Met Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Nine members attended. Discussions were held about Westbook Acres visits, Trick or treat, soup supper plans and future appointments.

**Kids' Club, Linda S.**- Met Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen students have registered. It looks to be another good year of fun and fellowship with our community youth.

**Mission Outreach, Carolyn M** – Ingathering collection continues. The committee of Carolyn, BJ Williams, Dana, Joan Surber and Linda Schneider will meet soon to organize and complete as many kits as we can. The date of the Ingathering is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustees,** Gideon reported the Ash tree at the west entrance of the parking lot was cut down. The Maple tree at the east entrance will be removed soon. Mark Knaack, Harold and Gary McKinney, Paul and Phil Koester and Steve Willer helped with all of the cleanup.

**Finance Committee,** Grant S.- Met Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> to set the budget. Grant discussed a few changes from last year's budget. Carolyn moved that we approve the 2023 budget as presented. Linda provided the second motion. The motion passed.

**Memorial, Cheryl B.**- Account balances and designations were discussed.

**Good Samaritan, Dana**– We were able to help a single parent fund his child's bussing from Gladbrook to GMG elementary school. Lisa reported there is state funding for low income families who open enroll to fund transportation. Dana will share this information with the bussing authorities in Gladbrook.

**Food Pantry- Dana**- We are helping an average of 8 families every month. The First Interstate Bank of Gladbrook came on September 14<sup>th</sup> to clean sort and restock the pantry. 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.

**Pastoral Report, Gideon G.** –He led worship service at Westbrook Acres and has made several home visits. He has enjoyed an Asian Caucus Retreat where he has been the president this year. He has been attending several meetings focusing on the disaffiliation process. He met with someone interested in joining our church. He performed one baptism for Allen Vibbard.

**New Business: 1.** Lisa explained the Charge Conference and encouraged all Ad Council members to attend.

**2.** Sound system update- Cheryl reported someone will be here the week of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to install the new system.

**3.** Festival of Trees theme is Santa's Workshop. We would be happy to hear any ideas anyone may have to decorate this year.

**Joys 1.** The student Gideon spoke about, who was missing during Oktoberfest in Marshalltown, has returned home.

**Concerns 1.** Pray for Don Anker and his extended family. A niece passed away suddenly.

Lisa closed with a prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2022, at 7:00pm. June K. will supply the Devotional.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Brown



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

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), Aspen Rodgers (close friend of Daemion and Braxton Caron)

**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.

**THANK YOU**

***For your participation in our church activities during the month of September; Thank you.***

Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Projectionists, Liturgists, Organists, Fellowship Servers, Sunday School Teachers, Kids Club Leaders, Communion Stewards, Floral designers, Committee Leaders & Members, and lawn care providers.

Pastor Gideon

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**CELEBRATING 43 YEARS OF GIVING**

**Annual Mission Ingathering  
Saturday, November 5, 2022**

The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs.

Kits will be packaged and delivered to Cedar Falls between 8 and 10am. At this time, there will not be any in person activities.

**Lectionary Readings for the  
Month of October**

**October 2, 2022**

Lamentations 1:1-16      Psalm 137 (UMH 852)  
2 Timothy 1:1-14      Luke 17:5-10

**October 9, 2022**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7      2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)      Luke 17:11-19

**October 16, 2022**

Jeremiah 31:27-34      2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Psalm 119:97-104, or Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
Luke 18:1-8

**October 23, 2022**

Joel 2:23-32      Psalm 65 (UMH 789)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18      Luke 18:9-14

**October 30, 2022**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4      Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12      Luke 19:1-10



**Psalm 119:105**

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

2022 Charge Conference has been scheduled for Sunday, October 23. It will begin at 2:00pm. There will be light refreshments and coffee provided.





## INGATHERING NEWS

*The purpose on Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs.*

The 43rd Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on **Saturday, November 5, 2022.**

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As of this printing, we have collected and assembled just over 30 school kits. If you still have items for the school kits, please bring them to the church as soon as possible so we can finish more kits.

We are setting a goal of 10 layette kits and 10 personal dignity kits.

There is a sign up list with all of the items needed to complete the kits we have partially completed. Please have the items you will be donating to the church by Oct. 16th. This will give us time to assemble the kits and collect items needed to complete partial kits.

If you would like, we will do the shopping for you. We are accepting monetary donations that we will use to complete as many kits as we can. Leave checks or money with Carolyn or Dana.

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Deb Koester
- 2 Dana Brown
- 2 Amy Hegvik
- 6 Elle Carlson
- 8 Mark Knaack
- 9 Dona Flamme-McDonald
- 9 Charlie Mattson
- 9 Codi DeWitt
- 10 Duane Groth
- 12 Cathy Gethmann
- 15 RoseMary McKinney
- 16 Logan Koester
- 17 Matt Koester
- 17 Rose Chamra
- 18 Kortney Herink Moore
- 18 Gideon Gallo
- 19 Brooks Reinberg
- 22 Rachel Bearden
- 23 Dwight Surber
- 24 Emily Pepe
- 25 Kristy Garber
- 26 Angie Knaack
- 26 Thomas Reese
- 28 Taylor Gienger
- 29 Grant Herink
- 30 Blake Moore

- 9 Peter & Kortney Moore
- 13 James Caron & MacKenzie Brown
- 22 David and Dana Brown



### **Financial Health Report as of 9/26/22**

<b>Balance as of</b>	<b>\$19,997.19</b>
<b>Total Est. Expenses</b>	<b>(\$ 4,449.17)</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$15,548.80</b>



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**October**



## OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### **USHERS**

Mark Knaack, Sean Williams,  
Tim Pierce

### **GREETERS**

Oct. 2  
Oct. 9 Kay Lowry & Mark Lowry  
Oct. 16 Harold & Rose Mary  
McKinney  
Oct. 23 Roger & Terri Luehring  
Oct. 30

### **ACOYTES**

Oct. 2 Cael Carlson  
Oct. 9 Clay Koester  
Oct. 16 Jenna Beichley  
Oct. 23 Tate Williams  
Oct.30 Beau DeWitt

**Communion Stewards: Oct. 2**  
Scott and Kathy Vavroch

### **LITURGISTS**

Oct. 2 Richard Klinefelter  
Oct. 9 Paul Koester  
Oct. 16 Kevin Williams  
Oct. 23 Lisa Koester  
Oct. 30

### **PROJECTION**

Oct. 2 Jhona Lyn Gallo  
Oct.9 Steve Moe  
Oct. 16 Joan Appelgate  
Oct. 23 Joan Appelgate  
Oct. 30 Kyle Koester

### **ORGANIST**

Oct. 2 Ann Vibbard  
Oct.9 Sam DeWitt  
Oct. 18 Ann Vibbard  
Oct. 23 Sam DeWitt  
Oct. 30 Sam DeWitt

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