

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

Float Help Needed

We are searching for help for the Corn Carnival Float. If you would be willing to help, please contact Dana @641-750-2219 or 473-2025.



June 2023

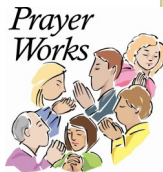


Gladbrook City Wide Garage Sales!!!

Saturday, June 3rd, 8am-2pm
If you have any questions, please contact
Alannah McHenry t (515) 681-2544

Corn Carnival Worship Service

The Corn Carnival worship service will be held on Sun., June 18th at 10:30am, at the Gladbrook Theatre.



Senior Citizens Dinner

The Senior Citizens dinner will be Fri., June 9th, 11:30, hosted by the Salem Church of Lincoln.

Call Jeanne for reservations [641-751-2039](tel:641-751-2039) or 473-2802 or 2843.



Community Choir Practice



Corn Carnival Choir practice will be held June 7th and 14th.

Both starting at 7pm. Both being

held at the Methodist Church. If you are interested in participating in the choir during the Corn Carnival Community Service contact Gideon Gallo or the Gladbrook Methodist Church at 473-2025.



We would like to congratulate Ryan Koester on his high school graduation.

Corn Carnival Omelet Breakfast

The Corn Carnival Omelet Breakfast is Sunday, June 18, 8-12:30 at the Peace Church. Omelets with hash browns, toast and drink. Carry outs and deliveries available. Call Jeanne at [641-751-2039](tel:641-751-2039).

Hosted by Peace Church and Gladbrook Legion & Auxiliary.



Gladbrook Methodist Women



We will have a table at the Collector's Fair on Thursday, June 15th. Please have your religious item for the display to the church by **noon** on Wednesday the 14th so Dana can build the display Wednesday evening.

“COME HOLY SPIRIT”

Among the qualities we must admire in others (and hopefully to be admired and found in ourselves) is FIDELITY. Perhaps fidelity is so admired because we experience it rarely. I firmly believe that the issues and problems besetting the church in our time is connected with FIDELITY.

Today, our lives can be filled with superficial encounters of the briefest kind. People stay together as long as it suits their interests or desires. We keep vows, promises and pledges as long as we find it convenient. The fabric of commitment has been greatly weakened in society as a whole. The very marrow of our relationships is as strong as the staying power of those who give their word. We have become a society which flees to courts and lawyers in order to write and enforce contracts. We need it in writing. Words are easily forgotten or ignored. Even our written promises must be decided in the adversarial setting of the modern courtroom. We go so far as to seek pre-nuptial agreements knowing the marital promises made in June have a way of becoming divorce accusations in December. **FIDELITY is admired because it is so rare.**

WHAT IS FIDELITY? FIDELITY is a virtue (excellence or strength) of character by which we keep our word in the face of danger and personal loss. It is often said that times changes and with it our commitments. When we make a commitment, the circumstances are known. However, tomorrow or next week things may be different. This is certainly true. Yet what must endure is fidelity to our word regardless of the change of circumstances and the inconvenience that we may face. Our word cannot be binding only when things suit us or work to our advantage. Our various pledges and vows (husband, wife, pastor/minister, teacher, doctor, lawyer, accountant, farmer, student, and even our membership vows, etc.) can weigh heavy on our hearts. New obligations and even misfortunes can arise. **What to do?** The faithful person “KEEPS ON KEEPING ON.” The faithful person continues to keep watch and refuses to just walk away.

The Pentecost Season is a powerful example of Jesus’ fidelity. In chapter 14 of the Gospel of John we read:

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” (John 14:18-20).

Pentecost is the day Jesus promised. Jesus did not leave the disciples desolate. He does not abandon us either. Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the public witnessing of the faith-community. Through His passion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus remained faithful. He told His followers of His constant love and guidance. Pentecost-THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT-is one of the great joys, for the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts. We can BELIEVE and TRUST the words of Jesus. They are forever.

In Acts chapter 2, recounting the Pentecost story, says

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

They were prompted by the Holy Spirit. The fear that once gripped their hearts is now replaced by God’s liberating. Love. They must go public and witness that “JESUS IS LORD.” They must go forth and share the peace they have received from Jesus. As their sin have been forgiven, so they must now set about the ministry of reconciliation:

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld” (John 20:23).

On this Season of Pentecost, we must ask some very profound questions of ourselves and our church:

How do we witness that Jesus is Lord?

Are we chariots of fire alive and burning with the flame of Pentecost?

Are we bold in our proclamation and even bolder in doing what God has commanded us to do?

Pentecost is the season that we are sent forth to proclaim peace and forgiveness from the only ONE who is lasting peace and total forgiveness. We cannot afford to be “laid-back” and just “feel-cool.” The “BIG EASY” cannot be for the Christian whose heart is aflame with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes as aflame to burn away our illusions and liberate us to see the world on fire for Christ and His peace. In a world so desperately needs the Holy Spirit, let us be about the work of the Holy Spirit.

There are so many false flames in the world seeking to “**light up our life.**” Yet in the end such flames only consume us and leave us dead and cold. The Holy Spirit is a flame of bold conviction and profound proclamations about Jesus and the truth of our lives. The flame of the Holy Spirit does not consume us but transform us into the likeness of the One who said:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.... You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you’....” (John 14:27-28)

During this Pentecost Season, in the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes into our hearts. Let us earnestly pray: **COME, LORD JESUS! COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!**

Pastor Gideon Gallo





- 1 Kristen Garber,
- 5 Henry Mussig
- 8 Mike Bearden
- 9 Logan Flamme
- 12 Bud Locke
- 15 Kyle Koester
- 17 Grace Garber
- 18 Kent Lynch
- 19 Rhianna Murty
- 20 Zach Knaack,
- 20 Mark Putney
- 23 Skyler Murty
- 24 Kyle Ruopp
- 25 Wes Strohbehn
- 26 Ross Murty
- 27 June Klinefelter
- 28 Ryan Koester
- 28 Dave Koester

- 3 Brandon & Sarah
Reinberg
- 5 Mike & Barb DeWitt
- 9 Dave & Lisa Koester
- 9 Kevin & Kelli Gardman
- 10 Steve & Carolyn Moe
- 10 Rob & Kathy Herink
- 11 Mark & Angie Knaack
- 13 Scott and Bonnie Murty
- 15 Sean & Heidi Williams
- 16 John & Emily Putney
- 17 Dan & Tawanna Vint
- 18 Chris & Carrie Mattson
- 18 David & Molly Bruene
- 22 Adam & Brianna Staker
- 24 Bob & Bonnie Murty
- 24 Scott & Kathy Vavroch
- 29 Dennis & Barb Modlin

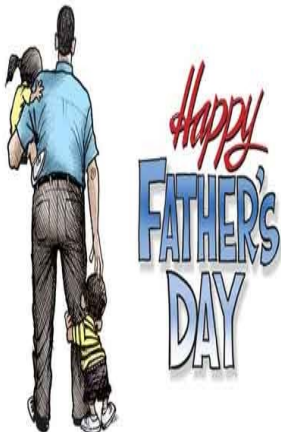
**Memorials received
May 2022 through
May 2023...**

In memory of...

- Mavis Nelson**
- Marshall Mussig**
- Mary Lynne Bearden**
- Dale Luehring**
- Kathy Keiser**
- Martin Kuidera**

**Memorial money has
been used for...**

- Sunday school materials**
- Bibles for Sunday School**
- Sound System**
- Disaffiliation Expenses**
- Food Pantry**



A few Father's Day quotes...

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."
Clarence Budington Kelland, U.S. Writer

"Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself." Charles Spurgeon, 19th Century British Preacher, and Theologian

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." Billy Graham



Christian Education Volunteers

Thank you to everyone for helping with our children's Sunday School . You shared your time, your talents and your faith. Our ministry to children would not be possible without each of you.

2022-2023 SS and Youth Group Volunteers

Sunday School Volunteers

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:

Betty Kvidera, James Caron, Steve Keiser, June Klinefelter, Rob Herink, Dwight and Joan Surber, Kari Groth, Carolyn & Don Anker, Pauline Flamme, Lucy DeWitt, Paul Purvis, Marilyn Brekke, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Tim and Barb Quam, Craig Russell, Ruth Lamca, Pat & John Clausen, Dana Dennison, Dave Eggers, Marivel Manzano



For your participation in our church activities during the month of May

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

Pastor Gideon

Lectionary Reading for the Month of June

June 4:

Genesis 1:1-2:4 Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

June 11:

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18:

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25:

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 10:24-39

Psalm 119:105

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

We need to hear from you.

This is the last edition of the Gladbrook United Methodist Newsletter.

Starting in July 2023, we will be become the Gladbrook Methodist Church. We would love to hear from those who receive this publication. Do you still want to receive the church newsletter or would you like to be dropped from our newsletter listing?

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JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS

Cornell and Cathy Gethmann
Dwight and Joan Surber

ACOLYTES

June 4 Clay & Tate Koester
June 11 Tate Williams
June 18 **Corn Carnival Sunday**
June 25 Cael Carlson

GREETERS

June 4 Steve & Carolyn Moe
June 11 Mike & Barb DeWitt
June 18 **Corn Carnival Sunday**
June 25 Becky Fish

Communion Stewards:

June 4- Steve & Erin Murty

LITURGISTS

June 4 Dave Koester
June 11 **To be arranged**
June 18 Paul Koester
June 25 Roger Luehring

PROJECTION

June 4 Jhona Lyn Gallo
June 13 Steve Moe
June 18 Kyle Koester
June 25 Steve Moe

ORGANIST

June 4 Ann Vibbard
June 11 Sam DeWitt
June 18 Ann Vibbard
June 25 Sam DeWitt

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