

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

April 2024

Gladbrook Methodist Women



April 17 will kick off the 2024 season. All women of our church are welcome to attend. We meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you aren't able to attend but still want to be involved with the Gladbrook Methodist Women's group, please contact Dana to be added to our contact list.

We will be discussing future mission projects, making nominations and setting our committees.

Please bring a clean quart sized jar with you. Plastic or glass would be fine. We will be making Joy Jars.

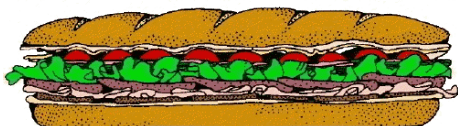
If you do not have a jar, contact Dana. She will be able to supply several jars.



April Senior Dinner

The Gladbrook Women's Club is hosting the Senior Citizens dinner on Friday, April 11th, 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



SPRING CLEAN

Church Yard Clean up Rain date:

April 8- @ 9-11am (This is the Rain date.)

Please bring your own rake, gloves, trimmers, etc.... Treats and coffee will be available. If it is raining on the 30th, we will send out an email and post a message on our Facebook page.



Carpet Cleaning in April

We will be having the carpet in the Fellowship Hall professionally cleaned **Monday, April 15th.**

We will need help **Sunday, April 14th** to move all of the tables and chairs before the carpet cleaners arrive.

On **Tuesday, April 16th** we plan to move tables and chairs back into the Fellowship Hall.





The Gladbrook Methodist Church Spring Shower is Here!!!



Our past spring church showers have been so successful that the Administrative Council has decided to have another. There will be a display in Fellowship Hall of lots of items that the church can use throughout the year in the office, the kitchen, custodial, and our Sunday School rooms. We are hoping that as congregation members are out shopping they will consider purchasing some extra supplies to donate to the church for its use. This is another small way that everyone can have some part in helping the church budget with items that are needed. Our Kick Off for this project will begin with a church potluck dinner on Sunday, April 28th!

Several items are brand and size specific as that is what has been found to work the best for people in our church. Please adhere to those wishes to minimize wasted purchases. As a continued added bonus this year and because several of you chose this option, the "Four Hands and a Shopping Cart" are willing to work for you. Contact the church office, Terri Luehring, or Cathy Gethmann to let us know an amount you wish to spend, items you are thinking about, and we will do your shopping for you. You can leave money and items you would like purchased in an envelope in the church office or simply place that envelope in the Sunday collection tray with a note on the outside For Church Shower.

Individual items will be listed on "umbrellas" tags in Fellowship Hall that you can take, purchase the item, and then return to the church sometime during late April and early May. We are including a sample summary wish list of items below in case this is more convenient for you. More items & quantities will be added to the wish tags in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support of our church project, "Spring Showers Bring Blessings".

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| Reams of white card stock (65#) | 9-volt, AA, & AAA batteries |
| Reams of 20# copy paper | Ziplock SNACK size baggies |
| Books of Forever stamps | Kleenex or Puffs with lotion |
| Toilet paper | Hand soap (Minimum 7.5oz) |
| Lysol toilet bowl cleaner | Paper towels |
| WalMart gift cards | Febreze Air freshner |
| Bottles of 409 cleaner | Other office supplies on umbrella tags |

and many other miscellaneous supplies & quantities on tags in Fellowship Hall



“The Power That Works Within Us”

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
-(Acts 1:8 NRSVUE)-

When a group of Bible students were reciting the words of a creed they had learned, one girl stood and said, “I believe in God the Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth.” Another followed, “I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Son who was crucified, buried and rose again the third day.” There was a pause, then a girl’s voice rang out, “I think the boy who believes in the Holy Spirit is absent today.”

God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—we believe in all three, or so we say. Jesus told the disciples that if He went to the Father, He would send the Spirit, who would indwell and empower them, who would make their bodies the temples of God, and who would be a force that gives them inner strength and guides them into His will.

Writing to the Ephesians, Paul closed one of his prayers, saying, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20). If the Holy Spirit is God—the power who works within in us, using Paul’s terminology—why are we so afraid of Him? The old King James term, “Holy Ghost” conjured up images of spooks and goblins—an unfortunate translation. But then, there is also fear—stemming from abuses that we have seen. The Holy Spirit is God—the Third Person of the Trinity, and remind yourself of a great truth the God never makes a fool of anyone. The Spirit of God glorifies the Son as He quietly dwells within His children, empowering, guiding and going beyond our human limitation is accomplishing His will.

As we continue our resurrection celebration, pray, “Come Holy Spirit fill me heart with your overflowing presence today.”

Pastor Gideon



Lilies 2024

Altar palms were given by Jeff & Cheryl Bruene

1 lily was given by Cornell & Cathy Gethmann

Lilies given in memory of.....

Fred & Anna Koester, Fritz & Pearl Koester, and Martha & Mary Koester by the Allen Koester and Marla Jarr families

Bill Schneider by Linda

Our parents, Art & Rachel and Cliff & Janet by Dave & Lisa Koester

Grandpa & Grandma Koester by Kyle Koester

Grandpa and Grandma Lattin by Kyle Koester

Rachel & Art Koester and Norma & Evert Lattin by Deb & Phil Koester

Evelyn A Koester, Jim Koester, and Jan Koester by Deb & Phil Koester

Irene Edwards, Jeri Crowley, and Beverly Synder by Deb & Phil Koester

Warren & Irene Koster by Marilyn Brekke, Duane & Kari Groth family, and Mike & Polly Brekke

Orville Brekke by Marilyn Brekke, Duane & Kari Groth family, and Mike & Polly Brekke

Donald & Katherine Keiser by Nancy, Steven, and John Keiser

Fred & Caroline Keiser, Ted & Viola Sampson, Lucie Hahn, and Lydia Flamme by Nancy, Steven, and John Keiser

The Koester & Novak families by Paul & Avriel Koester

The Davis & Laughlin families by Paul & Avriel Koester

Glen & Abbie Sash and Carl & Leona Gienger by Keith & JoAnne Sash

Mary Lynne Bearden by Chuck & family

Barbara Strohbehn by Kenneth Strohbehn

Mary Appelgate by Bruce Appelgate

Walt Gethmann & Gerald Raum by Joan Appelgate

Herman & Anna, George & Doris Gethmann by Joan Appelgate

Helen & Otis McKinney by Joan Appelgate

Lilies given in honor of.....

My great grandsons Stetson & Kayden by Kay Lowry

Our grandchildren & parents by Scott & Kathy Vavroch

Our grandkids Raegan, Lauren, Otto, Jackson, and Madison by Dave & Lisa Koester

My 10 grandchildren by Linda Schneider





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, those experiencing mental health concerns.

Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its

need: Diane Mussig, Betty Kvidera, Steve Keiser, Rob Herink, Kari Groth, Carolyn & Don Anker, Pauline Flamme, Lucy DeWitt, Paul Purvis, Marilyn Brekke, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Dave Eggers, Marivel Manzano.

T H A N K Y O U

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

Lectionary for the Month of April

April 7

Psalm 133

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

April 14

Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21

Psalm 23

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 28

Psalm 22:25-31

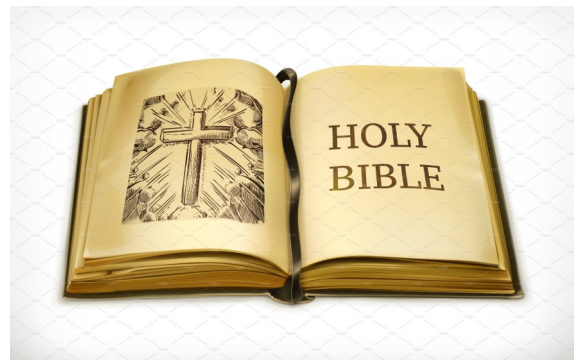
Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Psalm 119:105

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



Administrative Council Minutes

February 26, 2024

Ten members of the Ad Council met at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the GMC. Members in attendance were Dana Brown, Cheryl Bruene, Gideon Gallo, Dave Koester, Lisa Koester, Paul Koester, Roger Luehring, Carolyn Moe, Grant Strohbehn, and Susie Strohbehn.

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

Roger presented the **treasurer's report**. Our bank balances are strong. Roger would like us to consider opening a certificate of deposit (CD) with some of our money. This was discussed and tabled until after tax season to get a more accurate view of our holdings.

SPPRC, Dave reported the committee met February 5th. They updated the custodian job description and checklist. The next meeting will be held April 1st. The committee will be holding an interview with Pastor Gallo to discuss goals and priorities. This will resemble the Another Set of Eyes form that was filled out yearly for the United Methodist Church. The committee will be setting up a meeting with Dana to discuss her goals and priorities as the secretary for 2024 -25.

GMW, Dana reported the GMW will be serving the Community Senior Dinner on March 15th at 11:30. All community members over the age of 55 are invited to attend. The GMW will be volunteering monthly at the Gladbrook Theatre to work the concession stand. We will be volunteering on the fourth Saturday evening show of every month. We will be able to post a sign inviting everyone to our various weekly bible studies and services. Our next regular meeting will be held April 17th at 9:30am.

Mission Outreach, Gideon reported the group is envisioning new ideas to serve the local community. Some ideas include free movie shows, community meals where a church member invites a non-church to a free meal, collecting new or gently used winter coats and providing school supplies for area member for elementary aged children.

Trustees, Paul reported the leaking roof issues have been corrected. Dirt has been added to the bell tower. More dirt will be added as the bell tower gets planted later in the spring. An outdoor cleanup will be scheduled in April. Micheal has mentioned there are some staining showing up on the fellowship carpet. Carpet cleaning will be scheduled as soon as possible. There was some discussion about having an indoor church wide cleaning. Several tripping hazards around the church sidewalks have been identified. They will be painted to increase their visibility.

Finance Committee, There was some discussion about creating a graph or chart that would show how much money is donated to the general fund and possibly other accounts. These graphs would **not** include any names of members or specific amounts an individual has given. Dana will create a chart to be approved before distribution.

Memorial, Cheryl reported that a CD has been opened. The memorial balances are strong.

Good Samaritan, Dana reported we helped one family with gas money to travel to a family funeral.

Food Pantry- Dana reported we continue to serve 12 -15 people every month. The Food Pantry will resume its Saturday morning hours in April. There are now 2 Little Food Libraries in Gladbrook. One is at the Lutheran Church and a new one is behind the Methodist Church. Both are being utilized.

Pastoral Report, Gideon reported he attended several area meetings and home visits. He continues to hold regular services at Westbrook Acres. He conducted one funeral. He has been holding prayer meetings with Iowa legislators in Des Moines the past several months. Pastor Gallo will lead the memorial service being held at the Westbrook Nursing Home March 12th at 2pm. The Good Friday Service held at Westbrook will be led by Salem Church on March 29th at 2pm. There will be a community Good Friday Service that will be led by Chapel Church at 7pm. The location for this service is yet to be determined.

Administrative Council Minutes continued

February 26, 2024

Other Items:

1. Lisa brought up our need to establish our own Bylaws. The Bylaws committee set a date of March 6th at 5:30 to meet.
2. A membership letter was presented for discussion. Some of the wording will be changed and resubmitted before sending it out to all congregation members and potential members. This letter will update our membership information and renew our members' commitments to our new church.
3. There was some discussion about the sign in front of the church, near the highway. Lisa will investigate some pricing and options.

Joy: 1. GR boys basketball team is doing amazing. They are headed to the State Championship game.
2. Lewis Vulk, Dwight and Joan Surber's grandson, was recognized by the Iowa High School Hockey Association as an outstanding player. His team won the state championship this past weekend.
3. This is both a Joy and a Concern: Roger Luehring will be having knee replacement surgery in May.
Concerns: 1 Carolyn has a friend whose family is suffering with multiple health concerns.
2. Lisa knows of a family in dire financial need that need to be lifted up in our prayers. Carolyn closed with a prayer. Meeting Adjourned.
Next Meeting scheduled for March 25 , at 7:00pm. **Gideon** will supply the devotional.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Brown



Food pantry items needed

Dried herbs	Popcorn	Powdered Milk	
Dried fruits	granola bars	Honey	
Jelly any flavor	Salsa	Oil shortening	
Biscuit mix	Cornbread mix	Dry soup mixes	
Muffin mixes	Canned Soup	SpaghettiOs	Pancake mix
Syrup	Sugar	Canned meats	Pickles
Flour	Yeast	Baking powder	Baking soda
Salt/ pepper	Crackers	Ketchup	Mustard
Mayonnaise	Soy sauce	Worcestershire sauce	Pizza sauce
Spaghetti sauce			
Body soap	Shampoo	Conditioner	Tissues Toilet paper
Dish soap	Paper towels	Trash bags	Plastic wrap
Aluminum foil	Laundry soap		



April

- 5 Carolyn Moe
- 6 Phil Koester
- 7 Joan Surber
- 7 Heidi Williams
- 13 Lauren Koester
- 19 Rob Herink
- 23 Mike DeWitt

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

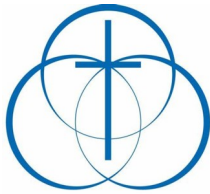
The H.A.N.D.S. Gladbrook Area Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Independent Living. **April 3** is their next meeting. Come join us to knit, crochet, and short devotional. Visitors/new members are always welcome, even if you don't knit or crochet. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Moe or Rose Russell or Dana Brown.

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. These displays do not have to be floral arrangements. We are thinking more of conversation starters to be shared with your church family for a month.

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





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715 Lincoln Street
Gladbrook, Iowa 50635



ACOLYTES

Apr. 7 Charlette Bruene
Apr. 14 Beau DeWitt
April 21 Clay & Tate Koester
April 28 Tate Williams

LITURGISTS

Apr. 7 Sean Williams
Apr. 14- Lisa Koester
Apr. 21 Kevin Williams
April 28 Carolyn Moe

GREETERS

Apr. 7 Steve & Carolyn Moe
Apr. 14 Bob & Bonnie Murty
Apr. 21 Steve & Erin Murty
April 28 Larry Pieper & Kristi Carlson family

ORGANIST

Apr. 7 Ann Vibbard
Apr. 14 Sam DeWitt
Apr. 21 Ann Vibbard
April 28 Sam DeWitt

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

April 7 Cheryl & Kay

USHERS

Mike DeWitt, Dan DeWitt, Beau DeWitt, Steve Keiser

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