

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

September



Sunday School is Coming Soon...

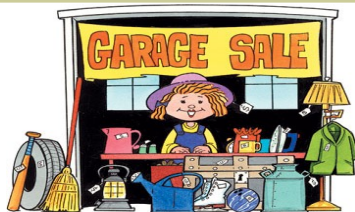
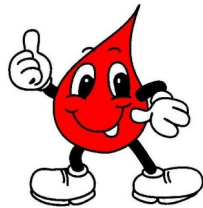
If you are interested in helping with Sunday school or have questions, please contact Nancy Keiser, Heidi Williams, Pastor Gideon, or the church office. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Next Blood Drive

November 4, 2020

2PM- 5PM

Dana is looking for a few volunteers to help make this event a success.



Gladbrook Annual Garage Sale day is September 19, 2020 8am- 2pm

Registration forms are available @ the Post office. Registration fee is \$10 per sale site.

Questions: Megan Gienger 319-461-6606

Food Pantry

Seeking donations of paper products, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, and other cleaning supplies. Canned Vegetables (Not green beans or corn) are also needed.



Gladbrook Community Women's Club is forming a plan to get new planters for the Gladbrook Main Street! The new planters will be made of 18" wood grain HDPE plastic with black trim. These planters have a 20 year guarantee. As of now, the Women's Club is asking members of the community to help by recycling their plastics. Grocery bags can be left at the Hometown Family Market and all other plastics can be left at the recycle bins near the Tama county maintenance shed.



...God Is the Ruler Yet

It stands to reason that if God is as great as we have claimed and believed, we cannot fully understand Him and all His ways. *“Human beings are only a part-a small part, in a vast universe!”* How can we know everything that our God knows? How can we see all that God sees? How can we experience that God has? How can we comprehend that vast plan God is working out?

Last August 10 at about 12:03 pm, Gladbrook Community and a big part of Iowa, was hit a big storm. Our faith was put to the edge, shaken to what we witnessed after this big, big storm. As of now, there are still communities that have not yet fully recovered from this big storm. It is difficult to comprehend how horrific events like this big storm, Derecho, in Iowa are.

I must admit I have difficulty comprehending especially when I came to know that many cornfields are affected and expected not to yield the desired harvest. Many of our farmers are hoping to have good harvest, to the extent of praying for it.

However, my faith and the Scripture urge me to leave a good deal to God and to stop worrying about what is too great for me. Psalm 31 says,

Song of Quiet Trust

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.^[a]

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Maxie D. Dunham in his book, *Irresistible Invitation*, succinctly put: *“What we need to know is that God owns the darkness as well as the light, and that God is present in the night as well as in the day....No aspect of human experience is without God’s presence....God brings deliverance from darkness; sometimes God reveals himself most vividly in the darkness. We may not understand it or be able to explain it, but we know full well that God is in the midst of everything.”*

When we believe that God is in the midst of everything, we are led away from that desire to know everything and we are challenged to open our eyes with compassion, to see the need and to respond with joy.

In this “INTERESTING TIMES,” the Christian Faith will remain to be constant and strong. We will continue to affirm and proclaim that the world is “OUR FATHER’S WORLD...” and we should not forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, “OUR GOD IS THE RULER YET.”

In His service,
Pastor Gideon



PRAYER CORNER:

Clark Gamble, Kim Pepe, Kay Lowry, Tawanna Vint, Dwight & Joan Surber, Diane Mussig, Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden, Carolyn & Don Anker, Pastor Gideon and the entire Gallo family, Paul Purvis, Lane Reinberg, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Al & Janell Gienger, Domingo Quilban (Pastor Gideon's uncle), Melva Vint, Quentin Mussig, Cindy (Mussig) Linder, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, Don Storjohann, Rylee Rhodes (MacKenzie Brown's student), Reed Gethmann, Rev. Roger White, the essential workers, anyone touched by the COVID-19 pandemic, our military families, everyone effected by the derecho and our many unspoken concerns.



THANK YOU

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

Ushers, Acolytes, Projectionists, Liturgists, Organists, Fellowship Servers, Communion Stewards and Committee Leaders & Members.

Pastor Gideon



A heartfelt **Thank you** to everyone who helped clean up all the storm damage at the church and at the Parsonage. It is a blessing to have friends and community members that came to lend a helping hand in a time when they had a need themselves.

Financial Health Report as of 8/23/20

Balance as of 8/23/20	\$30,940.20
Total Est. Expenses by month-end	(\$22,224.74)
Balance Remaining	\$8,715.46

Lectionary Reading For September 2020



September 6

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Exodus 14:19-31
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135)
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (UMH 799)
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Psalm 119:105

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





September

- 1 Ryan Luehring
- 1 Susan Strohbehn
- 2 Ken Strohbehn
- 2 Audra Moore
- 2 Joshua Gallo
- 3 Lucy DeWitt
- 3 Don Anker
- 4 Sara Wentzien
- 5 Scott Wiese
- 6 Bonnie Raum-Murty
- 9 Brent Beichley
- 12 Larry Pieper
- 12 Dave Ruopp
- 13 Connor Murty
- 13 Layne Murty
- 13 Tawanna Vint
- 14 Sydney Vavroch
- 15 Tate Williams
- 16 Clark Gamble
- 18 Kelli (Case) Smith
- 20 Nancy Keiser
- 21 Luba Lyon
- 21 Cheryl Bruene
- 22 Denise Smoldt
- 22 Carol Kress
- 23 Avriel Koester
- 24 David Bruene
- 24 Sara Lenz
- 24 Kaelyn Moore
- 26 Susan Thompson
- 30 Jerri Baumeier



Happy Anniversary September

- 3 Brent & Susan Beichley
- 4 Steve & Erin Murty
- 14 Duane & Kari Groth
- 16 Terry & Vicki Purvis
- 18 Mark & Linda Lowry
- 20 Ken & Barb Strohbehn
- 23 Brian & Susan Thompson
- 25 Kenny & Angie Wiebensohn

Book Club!

The Community Book Club will meet on Mon, Sept. 7th, 7 p.m. at Peace Church. The books "Summer of 69", "Pain Truth", and "The Radium Girls" will be discussed.

On Mon, Oct. 5th, the books "The Great Alone" and "Go Set A Watchman" will be discussed.

The discussion on Nov. 2nd will be on "The Happy Hour Choir" and Dec. 7th, "The Oysterville Sewing Club".



Liturgists 2020

Sept. 6 Paul Koester
Sept. 13 Kevin Williams
Sept. 20 Lisa Koester
Sept. 27 Dave Koester
Oct. 4 Carolyn Moe
Oct. 11 Roger Luehring
Oct. 18 Richard Klinefelter
Oct. 25 Sean Williams
Nov. 1 Paul Koester
Nov. 8 Kevin Williams
Nov. 15 Lisa Koester
Nov. 22 Dave Koester
Nov. 29 **Left intentionally blank**
Dec. 6 Carolyn Moe
Dec. 13 Roger Luehring
Dec. 20 Richard Klinefelter
Dec. 24 **(evening service)**
Sean Williams
Dec. 27 Paul Koester

Acolytes—2020

Sept. 6 Elle Carlson
Sept. 13 Tate Williams
Sept. 20 Joss Warnell
Sept. 27 Josh Gallo
Oct. 4 Cael Carlson
Oct. 11 Tate Williams
Oct. 18 Liam Stephenson
Oct. 25 Daemion Caron & Braxton Caron
Nov. 1 Drayson Stephenson
Nov. 8 Sydney Vavroch
Nov. 15 Tate Williams
Nov. 22 Josh Gallo
Nov. 29 Ari Pierce
Dec. 6 Jayden Beichley
Dec. 13 Owen Koester
Dec. 20 Cael Carlson

Projectionists 2020

Sept. 6 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Sept. 13 Dave Koester
Sept. 20 Roger Luehring
Sept. 27 Roger Luehring
Oct. 4 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Oct. 11 Kyle Koester
Oct. 18 Steve Moe
Oct. 25 Kyle Koester
Nov. 1 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Nov. 8 Steve Moe
Nov. 15 Joan Appelgate
Nov. 22 Joan Appelgate
Nov. 29 Dave Koester
Dec. 6 Jhona Lyn Gallo
Dec. 13 Dave Koester
Dec. 20 Roger Luehring
Dec. 24 Steve Moe
Dec. 27 Kyle Koester

Ushers 2019

September: Scott & Kathy Vavroch family
October: Kyle Koester, Steve Moe, Mark Lowry
November: Dwight Surber, Mo Brown
December: Ken Strohbehn, Keith Sash

If you aren't able to participate on your assigned date, please find a replacement or ask Dana to help find a replacement.



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LABOR DAY



Monday, September 7

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS

Scott & Kathy Vavroch family

ACOLYTES

Sept. 6 Elle Carlson
Sept. 13 Tate Williams
Sept. 20 Joss Warnell
Sept. 27 Josh Gallo

LITURGISTS

Sept. 6 Paul Koester
Sept. 13 Kevin Williams
Sept. 20 Lisa Koester
Sept. 27 Dave Koester

PROJECTION

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

ORGANIST

Sept. 6 Sam DeWitt
Sept. 13 Sam DeWitt
Sept. 20 Sam DeWitt
Sept. 27 Deb Wentzien

We are needing another organist. If you know anyone interested, please contact the office.

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