

"Hearing God's Voice In This Challenging Times"

# THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook United Methodist Church

February



## Ash Wednesday Service

**Feb. 17th, 7:00 p.m.**

**In person worship,**

**Facebook Live @ Gladbrook United Methodist Church**

### Financial Health Report as of 1/23/2021

Total Estimated Expenses by month-end

\$ 4,948.61

Balance as of 1/23/2021 \$ 23,610.26

Balance Remaining \$ 18,661.65

We are truly grateful to those who have continued to offer their donations to our General fund. We would like to ask you to continue to support our church by mailing your contribution to GUMC, 715 Lincoln St., Gladbrook IA 50635, or contact Susan Beichley about joining our online Sharefaith Giving, or you can contact your bank about making an automatic payment to the church.

### Lenten Season Study Group

*The Season of Lent*



**Every Thursday at 7:00pm**  
**Join us for a study of the Feasts (or Seasons) leading us into Easter.**

## Chicken Pot Pie Fund Raiser

February 20, 2021

6 inch pies

\$6.00 each or \$15.00 for 3 pies

Freshly assembled and ready to bake or freeze.  
Available for pickup at the church  
from 9:00—11:00 am Saturday, February 20

Call 473-2025 or contact Susie Strohbahn or Marcia Koester to order

Deadline is noon, Feb. 14th.



## SAL FISH FRY

Friday, February 12

5—7p.m. or until out of fish

Memorial Building Drive By



## Legion Pork Loin Dinner

Sun., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30-1:00

Carry Outs Only

Deliveries call

641-751-2039

Memorial Building



*Current and Former Gladbrook area kitchen "chefs" --*

*We are really in need of many more recipes to help make the 100th Gladbrook Corn Carnival Cookbook a very special one that you will want to use and keep. Our goal is 400 recipes and we are not yet close. With that in mind, we are expanding our appeal for recipes to anyone receiving this message and those of you that have already submitted. Fill the form out and submit up to five recipes! Also, the deadline is now **February 15**, so we have more time to collect the number of recipes needed for a true keepsake. These may be dropped in the box at Hometown Family Foods, the Gladbrook Library, or mailed to Corn Carnival Corporation, Box 62, Gladbrook, IA 50635.*



***Please share this information with your family members, former classmates, and friends to help us out. Thank you!***

**There are extra recipe forms on the front table of the church lobby if you need several. Dana can also email you a form.**

During this time of sadness, the Schneider family would like to thank our church family for all the prayers and support during the loss of Bill. We are so blessed to have such a caring church and special thanks to Pastor Gideon for the wonderful memorial service. God Bless you all!



## **“Beginning Anew”**

*“...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

**-Philippians 3:13, 14-**

How do you turn over a new leaf in your life? Do you begin by breathing a prayer thanking God that before you, lies a future untainted by the failure and troubles of the past? Whether it is the first day of new year, or the emerging of a tender shoot through the barren grounds as Spring comes, that which is new gives hope that it can be better. Do you ever walk on the beach after a wave has swept away the footprints and imperfections of the sand? It is clean, fresh, and virgin...like the snow which covers a landscape masking every footprint and mark.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, one of the fundamental differences between human beings and nature is the matter of RENEWAL. (*You have been hearing this from my sermons for the past two Sundays of January. You will continue to hear it from me for the remaining Sundays of January. By the time you receive this Newsletter, you already heard and listened to the last two sermons on this theme “RENEWAL.”*). Wherever he or she goes, human being tends to pollute the environment and leave behind waste and destruction, but God’s touch brings gentle restoration in nature as well in our personal lives. In the beginning God instructed that REST and RECOVERY was essential. There was and is the Sabbath as a day of rest, and God even instructed that farm land be rested and crops rotated, something that took modern agriculture many centuries to learn.

RENEWAL-**beginning anew**-is a spiritual matter as well. It is the work of God’s Holy Spirit in our lives and can never be accomplished by us acting on our own. Spiritual Renewal is possible only as we allow God to work in our lives. “The inward man” wrote the Apostle Paul, “is renewed day by day.” Some people, and many of them are “Christians”, live in a world of broken pieces held together with the glue of bitterness. Renewal means change, and they don’t want change. They would rather live in a world of bitterness, excuses, failures, shattered dreams, broken relationships, and crushed heart than risk the adventure of renewal.

I am thinking of the cartoon by Charles Schultz showing Lucy talking to Charlie Brown. Charlie Brown says, “You’re going to be proud of me, Lucy. I’ve decided that this year is going to be my year of decisions!” He continues, “This is the list of the things in my life that I’m going to correct. I’m going to be a better person!”

Lucy responds, “Not me...I’m going to spend this whole year regretting the past. It’s the only way, Charlie Brown. I’m going to cry over spilt milk, and sigh over lost loves.... It’s a lot easier. It’s too hard to improve. I tried it once. It drove me crazy!”

Charles Schultz makes the issue so ludicrous that we smile, yet a lot of us are just like Lucy. Could you be holding on to your past instead of letting go so you can grasp the present?

Remember these guidelines from the pen of the Apostle Paul,

*“...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

**-Philippians 3:13, 14-**

Thank God, dear people of GUMC, for the renewal of God’s Spirit and manifest presence. We can begin anew, make a fresh start. Make the best of it with God’s help.

Pastor Gideon





- 1 Ashley Bruene
- 2 Hunter Smoldt
- 3 Andrew Scott
- 4 Taylor Flamme
- 4 Brad Smoldt
- 5 Linda Schneider
- 6 Katie Knaack
- 7 Bruce Appelgate
- 7 Kayla Reese
- 8 Shannon Williams
- 11 Ruby Reinberg
- 12 Kelly (Fish) Peterson
- 14 Pete Surber
- 15 B J Williams
- 18 Zachery Pierce
- 23 Kay Purvis
- 23 Carlee Smith
- 24 Rhett Williams
- 28 Jodi Kelli
- 28 Mandy Koester



- 11 Travis & Damaris  
Gethmann
- 19 Doug & Ashley Bruene



**We ask that you keep these people in our prayers...**

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

Morgan (Mo) Brown, Craig Sash, Dan Weber, Harold McKinney, Dave & Kim Pepe, Dwight Surber, Diane Mussig family, Chuck & Mary Lynne Bearden, Carolyn & Don Anker, Paul Purvis, Cornell Gethmann, Marilyn Brekke, Kari Groth, Bud Locke, Priscilla Crumley, Janell Gienger, Craig Mead, Melva Vint, George & Galene Groves, Emily Cormaney, the essential workers, anyone touched by the COVID-19 pandemic, our military families, and our many unspoken concerns

#### **Lectionary Readings for the Month of February**

##### **Feb. 7**

Isaiah 40:21-31,  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859),  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23,  
Mark 1:29-39

##### **Feb. 14**

#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

2 Kings 2:1-12,  
Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783),  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

##### **Feb. 17**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17,  
Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785),  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10,  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

##### **Feb. 21**

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17,  
Psalm 25: 1-10 (UMH 756),  
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

##### **Feb. 28**

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16,  
Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752),  
Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38



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Brent Beichley, Jayden Beichley,  
Duane Groth

### ACOLYTES

Feb. 7 Joss Warnell & Ari Pierce  
Feb. 14 Liam Stephenson  
Feb. 21 Cael Carlson  
Feb. 28 Drayson Stephenson

### LITURGISTS

Feb. 7 Carolyn Moe  
Feb. 14 Roger Luehring  
Feb. 21 Richard Klinefelter  
Feb. 28 Sean Williams

### PROJECTION

Feb. 7 Jhona Lyn Gallo  
Feb. 14 Dave Koester  
Feb. 21 Dave Koester  
Feb. 28 Roger Luehring

### ORGANIST

Feb. 7 Sam DeWitt  
Feb. 14 Sam DeWitt  
Feb. 21 Denise Landt  
Feb. 28 Sam DeWitt

### Communion Stewards:

2/7 Scott & Kathy Vavroch— Altar

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