

# Grinnell United Methodist Church

## NEWSLETTER



916 5th Ave. Grinnell, IA 50112

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon - Thurs. 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Closed Friday

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### **Sunday Worship**

@ 8:00AM & 10:30AM

### **Live Stream Worship**

#### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/grinnellumc](https://www.facebook.com/grinnellumc)

#### **You Tube:**

[www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCFRRZnsQbvp3HKHXnYkbCw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFRRZnsQbvp3HKHXnYkbCw)

## **Grinnell Community Meal Thursdays @ 5:30PM**

The Community Meal is open to ALL and operates in partnership with organizations in the Grinnell. Reservations and volunteer sign-ups may be made at <https://grinnellumc.org/community-meal> or by calling the Grinnell UMC Office at 641-236-3757 by noon on Wednesdays.

### **October Meals:**

Oct. 3 - Homecoming Parade - NO Meal

Oct. 10 - Sloppy Joe's, Green Beans, Salad & Cookies/Bars

\*Provided by Prairie Lakes Church

Oct. 17 - Roasted Glazed Chicken, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Dessert

\*Provided by League of Women Voters

Oct 24 - Ham Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables & Dessert

\*Provided by Grinnell UMC

Oct. 31 - Goulash, Side & Dessert

\*Provided by Grinnell College



# Upcoming Events!



**World Communion Sunday**  
Sun. Oct. 6th



**Fall Fest**  
Sun.  
Oct. 13th



**Laity Sunday**  
Sun.  
Oct. 20th



**Dance-tacular**  
Wed.  
Oct. 30th

## World Communion Sunday

**Sunday, October 6th** will be **World Communion Sunday**.

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. Donate to World Communion Sunday visit <https://grinnellumc.org/online-giving/> or use the special offering envelope.

## Fall Fest @ GUMC

Our 2024 version of the GUMC Fall Fun Festival will be held on **October 13 from 4:00 PM to 6:00PM** at GUMC.

Activities include a Bounce House, carnival games, cornhole, pumpkin decorating, balloon animals or objects (for ages 3 & up) and a performance by the Puppets of Praise.

We will also have food available in the Friendship Center during the entire afternoon.

All are invited and we look forward to a time of fellowship and fun!

## Life Serve Blood Drive

Grinnell UMC is hosting the Life Serve Blood Drive on **Wednesday, October 16th beginning @ 9:30AM**.

If you would like to schedule your appointment with Life Serve you may do so online at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.com](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.com) or by calling 800-287-4903.

Thank you for being a part of this life saving mission!



## Laity Sunday

**Sunday, October 20th**

Grinnell UMC will celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world during worship on Laity Sunday, Oct. 20th.



# Youth News



**FAMILY DANCE NIGHT  
COSTUME CONTEST**



# **Halloween**

## **Dancetacular**



**WEDNESDAY  
30TH OCTOBER  
7PM-8:30PM**



**GRINNELL  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH  
916 5TH AVE**

**FOOD CANDY DANCING COSTUMES  
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES (ALL AGES!)  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!**





# United Women of Faith News

October 8th @1:30 p.m. - Trinity Circle  
October 14th @1:00 p.m. - Dorcas Circle  
October 28th @7:00 p.m. - Rachel Circle



## MICA Fall Fund Drive

For over 20 years GUMC has paid for milk for all MICA food box recipients.

About 10 years ago we also began providing toilet paper so that each food box can include at least a couple of rolls. As everyone knows, the cost for both of these items has gone up significantly over the last few years. At the same time, the demand has also increased. MICA is now providing around 500 food boxes every month. The increased demand and expenses is straining our MICA fund. The Service Committee has decided to focus their fall fundraising event on building up the MICA fund. This will be in place of the CROP walk but will go to serve a similar mission focus, with all funds remaining local.

You can support the MICA fund with a one time gift or by making a monthly pledge to support the fund. Could you donate enough to cover a gallon of milk and a package of TP? What about pledging that much each month? Please help if you are able.

Questions? Contact Monique Shore or Ginny Cameron.

## Grinnell UMC Charge Conference - Nov. 3rd

Mark your calendars for Grinnell UMC's Annual Charge Conference. The annual charge conference for Grinnell UMC has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3rd @ 4PM. Grinnell UMC will be hosting the charge conference so this is a great opportunity to join us.



## GUMC Dinner Theater

Dec. 5th - 7th @ Grinnell UMC (916 5th Ave.)  
Tickets are \$30.00/person or \$224.00/table of 8.

\*Play only tickets are \$15.00 (All Tickets Are Nonrefundable)

Tickets can be purchased at the Grinnell UMC office or Grinnell State Bank.

Dinner Menu: Lightly breaded chicken cutlet served over roasted vegetables & linguine topped with a light herbed butter sauce, Salad & Cheesecake Dessert.

Proceeds donated to Grinnell Tiger Packs & GUMC.

Doors Open @ 5:30PM; Dinner @ 6:00PM; Play @ 7:15PM

Questions? Contact Julie Kingery @ 641-990-0754

Many volunteers will be needed for this event,  
watch for more announcements to come.



# Grinnell United Methodist Church

## Church Council Meeting - Sept. 17, 2024

Attendees: Ginny Cameron, Andy Hamilton, Ramona Mitchell, Russ Motta, Tim Niswander, Lyle Roudabush, Pastor Eric Schubert, Connie Scurr, Monique Shore, Mindy Togle, and Carolyn Grosenbach

Devotions and opening prayer - Russ Motta - The Lord is My Rock - He was talking about this with rock climbing buddies and then plane that broke the sound barrier went by when sitting there on rocks.

Getting to Know each other - Favorite thing about Fall

Minutes -There were no corrections so approved as submitted.

**Pastor's Report/Comments:** Pastor Eric is now working on figuring out how to add 9:15 service. Two bishops, one of them our Bishop Kennetha, are working out way of sharing Illinois Conference; this change is necessary as need to eliminate another bishop for monetary reasons. The first week of Sunday School had 80 youth and adults attending classes.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance:** Report submitted by Jerry Lane. Budget: Actual Budget % of Total Revenue \$378,343.35 \$502,316.00 75.32%; Total Expenditures \$364,108.90 \$502,766.00 72.42%; Net Revenue \$ 14,234.45. Beginning budget planning for the 2025 calendar year. Church committee chairs will need to get their committee budget submitted to finance for consideration. Church attendance is increasing and will require some increased expenses. Apportionments will also be increasing for 2025.

**Memorial Committee:** Report submitted by Don Burkhead. The Memorial Committee met Monday 9/16/2024 and discussed new memorials totaling \$380 and reviewed other memorial funds and status of projects in progress funded by available memorial funds. Memorials received in honor of Raymond Lott are being forwarded to the St. Joseph's Indian School, one of the recipients designated in Raymond's obituary. The Memorial Committee also reviewed the previously established 2024 goals and made no changes: maintain and grow the list of potential memorials; communicate with families: thank you notes and follow-up; continued communication with Trustees, staff, families and other responsible individuals/groups to keep process on track; consider appeals to congregation for additional memorial contributions designated for a specific purpose; develop and maintain list of acquisitions from Memorial Funds for pastor to reference keep memorial fund documentation up to date

**Foundation:** Ramona reported did not meet this month. Lyle gave financial recap; Foundation Account 2024 figures; most of the investment income is coming from dividend producing stocks; there is no money invested in CD's as can't sustain growth in CD investment. Housing - some money invested in one stock that has now increased 400% this year; went down a lot earlier. We are still waiting for monies to clear estate. Funds are available when need to do something like ovens; probably need dishwasher soon. Last year our churches normal budget covered housing allowance; hopefully can do that again this year - there is fund if needed. Foundation is there to help committees with "new projects" Ramona & Lyle both spoke about this. Investments are held at Edward Jones, Paul & Mark Kolpin, in Grinnell. Three members from Foundation committee meet with them during year; they have suggestions and then committee members make final decision. Have invested in some new stocks suggested by Home Office .

**SPRC:** Report submitted by Dar Copeman. The SPRC approved the staff compensation increase and shared that info with Finance Committee. The SPRC budget with increase approximately \$20,000 over 2024 which is driven by overall salary raises of 4.5%.

**Treasurer:** Lyle Roudabush

**Trustees:** Report submitted. Merle Fiser has refinished the main NE exterior door and will do the East doors next. We are working on updating lighting fixtures in the Nursery, Wesley Room and hallways. Bulbs in the street light on Park Street have been updated. Replacement convection ovens in the kitchen will be delivered September 16th. We plan to ask the 100+ People Who Care for financial help. Alliant Energy has a rebate that may apply to our solar installation. We replaced the water furnace in the Nursery, others are in line to be replaced.

Russ Motta mentioned with monitoring of smoke detectors we need to get someone else involved; right now if issue only Pastor Eric would get contact. New commercial oven is here; cost of \$30,000, waiting to be installed. There are funds in Trustees budget for this. Connie Scurr discussed dishwasher which was probably new back 25 years ago as we got this in "good deal" and suggested maybe wait to get new one until Grinnell water system shows improvement. Mindy has sent email to Sally as Julie has been talking about tables planning ahead for Christmas Dinner Theater. The custodians have said there are only 13 usable tables - hoping to need 15 tables with amount of tickets sold at Christmas Dinner Theater in previous years.



# Church Council Meeting - Cont.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Connections:** Report submitted by Scott Sharp: Continue to staff the Welcome Center table after both services, The September potluck was attended by approximately 75 persons. The Fall Fun Festival is being organized by members of Worship, Service, Discipleship and Connections Committees. It will be held on Sunday October 13th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at GUMC. Activities include pumpkin decorating, carnival games, a bounce house, a Puppets of Praise performance, and food in the Friendship Center.

**Discipleship:** Andy Hamilton talked; said had funky summer; all are experiencing great energy through Cindy's work. We need to start making notes about where successes are: if changes can perpetuate what to do going forward. There was lots of small group formation; how can we have communication with each other? Pastor Eric commented is a need for more long term faith structure. Andy brought to our group a request from someone in committee that wants to get t-shirts printed; he feels this should be explored and not just order some without further discussion and he told committee would bring this idea to Church Council. There was discussion on how to order if/when we get to that point. Mindy asked Andy to discuss again with his committee and back to us. Members of Discipleship Committee will be involved with Fall Festival.

**Service:** Ginny Cameron ended up getting sick and wanted to express her thanks for assistance from others in church when missionaries visited our church August 28th. Big THANKS to Lyle who picked them up and to others that helped make the evening flow smoothly. Emmanuel & Florence Mefor, are missionaries from Zimbabwe having been there since 2006. They presented a program on the years they served at Mutambara Hospital and also shared where they are now serving at Old Mutare Hospital located near Africa University. There were about 42 in attendance; dessert was served prior to their informative program.

**Worship:** Tim Niswander reported from meeting tonight that they are reaching out to coordinators asking if they want to continue another year.

**UWIF:** All Church Circles will be meeting this month.

**Lay Leader:** Monique Shore reported that the Nominations Committee is talking to someone that might be a Youth representative.

## NEW BUSINESS

Church Council Budget for 2025 was reviewed. Pastor Eric said have lost about 150 churches in our Conference They did cut Apportionment monies needed last year to \$57,646; will be \$70,988 for next year. Total Apportionment Budget for church for 2025 will be \$71,148. Motion to approve Church Council 2025 Budget of \$ was made by Russ, seconded by Ramona. Motion carried. Our budget includes Chamber Membership expense of \$150, which is the same as was last year. Mission and Ministry Plan for 2025 discussion. Various comments were shared and Mindy will use information to update and bring back to committee next month. Community Meal program is now going well with collaboration with other groups in community. Pastor Eric expressed concerned with school system and how we can help support local teachers. Many churches statewide including our schools and neighboring schools are finding it hard to get and keep teachers and as well are dealing with declining state funding. One of concerns as church is to support educators in community.

Priority #1 - change completion date to 2025

Priority #2 - same

Priority #3 - add 3rd service since our church is growing- hopefully implement by 12-31-25

Priority #5 - add Increase connection & help increase personal growth among the participating on line

Also - Pastor Eric plans to do service "Is Racism still with us?"

Andy closed meeting in prayer.

Devotions for October - Connie Scurr

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next meeting - October 15th @ 7 pm





# Schub's Sharing

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." When he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert with me." Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak." A second time he went away and prayed, "My Father, if it's not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want."

Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. Then he came to his disciples and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let's go. Look, here comes my betrayer."

Matthew 26:36-46

We have been talking about having emotions because we are made in the image of God, and we are starting to talk about how we can use our God given emotions for God and God's kingdom. In October we will be talking about worry and anxiety in general, and in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ in what is probably the most contested and divisive election in any of our lives. How do we trust Jesus and love our neighbor when crazy things keep happening and our neighbor believes what we believe to be terrible lies? Jesus had at least a time of anxiety where he felt so bad he felt like he was dying. Some of us know what that feels like – and not just about elections. Join us as we continue to talk about being disciples of Jesus in and through all things and all times in our lives.

One thing we can do, both for ourselves and for our community, is be with each other in joy and grace. We get to do this at our Fall Festival from 4-6pm on Sunday, October 13th ! We have some wonderful people organizing a great time together. I invite you to be a part of this fun and fulfilling time, and pray about inviting others! Our congregation is a wonderful place of love and caring, and others can witness this first hand when they attend the Festival. It will be a blessing for us and our community, as are many of the things we do at Grinnell United Methodist Church. Join us!

We also have to opportunity to gather together for GUMC's first Halloween Danctacular! All are welcome on Wednesday, October 30th , from 7-8:30pm, and those who wish are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costume. There will be music, prizes, and snacks.

Come hang out with the Youth Groups and have a ball! (you see what I did there) Know that Jesus' love is more powerful than anything else, and that love is with you and us as a congregation through all things!! Let's follow Jesus and shine God's light in this time when other people are trying to bring in darkness. Christ is with us! Praise God!

Grace and peace, Pastor Eric


**TRICK  
OR  
TREAT**





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 11am Nominations Meeting 2:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Trustee Meeting	<b>2</b> 8:30am Foster Care Review Board 5:15pm Radiant Ringers Practice 6:15pm Carillon Choir Practice 7pm Youth Group	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8am Worship - World Communion Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship - World Communion Sunday 1:30pm Nursing Home Worship service: Windsor Manor 5pm All Church Cookout	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 1pm Trinity Circle 2:30pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm Finance Committee Mtg	<b>9</b> 4pm Discipleship Committee Mtg 5:15pm Radiant Ringers Practice 5:15pm Service Committee Mtg 6:15pm Carillon Choir Practice 7pm Youth Group	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>27</b> 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Rachel Circle	<b>29</b> 2:30pm Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> 7pm Dancetacular	<b>31</b> 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band		





# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Eric Bailey, Tracee Van Arkel
- 2 -Jacob Chamberland
- 3 -Bill Smith, Julie Kingery,  
Lawrence McNaul, Sol Paul Brim
- 5 - Cathy Sonnichsen
- 7 - Heather Watson, Phil Arnold
- 10 - Carolyn Roudabush, Gary Maring
- 11 - Norma Gosselink, Richard Bachman
- 12 - Jim Ludden
- 13 - Morgan Brennecke
- 14 - Merrra Gosselink, Ryan Latcham
- 15 - Sylvie Lair
- 17 - Ashtyn Cameron
- 18 - Della Petersen
- 19 - Ginny Cameron
- 20 -Dave Nevins
- 21 - Becka Harris
- 22 - Peggy Parker
- 24 -Dave Harris, Diana Buter
- 25 - Gregg Hawkins
- 28 - Rachel Arseneault
- 30 - Lisa Sharp, Nancy Hendrickson



- 3 - Bob and Linda Stewart
- 6 - Gene and Jill Nicklas
- 10 - Eric and Julie Kingery  
Len and Diane Eberhart
- 11 - Jerry and Carolyn Grosenbach  
Joel and Carla Kelling
- 12 - Matt and Ashley Kriegel
- 13 - Alan and Ann Knaack
- 22 - Kurt and Rhonda Brennecke
- 27 - Sharp and Linda Lannom

*THANK YOU!*

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Dear Grinnell UMC Members & Friends,  
Thank you for the support you have shown for our bi-lingual congregation over the years. Your support makes our ministry possible. The People of Trinity Las Americas UMC

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Thank you for hosting the blood drive! Here are the official results from the blood drive: 36 people on the schedule going into the drive, 33 registered to donate, 2 first time donors, 25 were able to donate, 28 units of blood collected, and Up to 84 lives saved or sustained!! Thank you again for helping us save lives!  
LifeServe Blood Center



# Grinnell United Methodist Church

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Kelly's Kleaners, Custodians

## Sunday Worship

@ 8:00AM & 10:30AM

## Sunday School (for all ages)

@9:15AM

## Youth Group (MS & HS aged)

Wednesday @ 7:00PM

## Live Stream Worship

### Facebook:

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### You Tube:

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## Grinnell Community Meal

Thursdays @ 5:30PM

Return Service Requested

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and serving all.