

Grinnell United Methodist Church



NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1:30PM

Closed Fridays

Sunday Worship

@ 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Live Stream Worship

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/grinnellumc

You Tube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCFRRZnsQbvp3HK_HXnYkbCw

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Grinnell Community Meal Thursdays @ 5:30PM

The Community Meal is open to ALL and operates in partnership with organizations in the Grinnell. Volunteer sign-ups may be made at

<https://grinnellumc.org/community-meal>.

July Meals:

July 2 – Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, & Cookies

* Provided by Prairie Lakes Church

July 9 - NO MEAL - Grinnell UMC VBS

July 16 - Loose Meat Sandwiches, Salad, Corn & Dessert

*Provided by St Mary's Catholic Church

July 23 - Tater Tot Casserole, Rolls, Green Jello w/Pears & Pie

*Provided by Windsor Manor

July 30 - Ham & Cheese Sliders, Pasta Salad, Fruit & Dessert

*Provided by Grinnell UM Church

Upcoming Events!



**Independence
Holiday**
July 6th



Blood Drive
Wednesday,
July 8th



**Super
Church**
Sundays



**Grinnell UMC
VBS**
July 7th - 9th

Independence Day

Grinnell UMC Office will be **CLOSED Monday, July 6th**
in observance of the Independence Holiday.

Life Serve Blood Drive

Grinnell UMC will be hosting the Life Serve Blood Drive
Wednesday, July 8th

Appointments are encouraged. To make an appointment
call 800-287-4903 or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org.



Super Church

Super Church has started at GUMC after the children's message during the 10:30am worship until 11:30am. This is for children Preschool through 5th grade. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Leadership Team please sign up at <https://grinnellumc.org/signups/>.

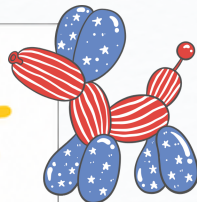
Grinnell UMC - VBS

July 7th - 9th, 2026

Grinnell UMC will be having Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 7 - Thursday, July 9th from 5 - 8PM.
This year's theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge.
Contact Katie at discipleship1@grinnellumc.org
for more information.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



SUPER CHURCH IS *Off to a Great Start!*

Super Church has been back for three weeks, and we have been having so much fun!

Each week, our children enjoy Bible stories, games, activities, worship, and meaningful conversations as they learn more about God's love and grow in their faith. ♥

We are so thankful for everyone who has helped make Super Church a success. As our program continues to grow, we are still looking for additional volunteers to join our team.

The curriculum is easy to follow, and support is always available. Whether you can serve occasionally or on a regular basis, your help would make a difference in the lives of our children. ♥



If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Katie.



Thank you to all our amazing leaders and volunteers!

We couldn't do it without you!



DINNER IS PROVIDED!

Each evening begins with dinner from 5:00–5:30 PM, followed by VBS fun from 6:00–8:00 PM.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VBS takes many helping hands, and we still have opportunities available! We'd love to have you on the team.

Contact Katie to help!

REGISTER TODAY!



Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to join us for three unforgettable evenings of faith and fun! ♥

Join us for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JULY 7–9 | 5:00–8:00 PM

..... PRESCHOOL–5TH GRADE

Children will embark on the Snowball Mountain Challenge, a fun-filled adventure with music, games, crafts, Bible lessons, and more as we learn how to **Find Our Strength in God!**

★ QUESTIONS, TO VOLUNTEER, OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT KATIE. ★

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Committee News

United Women of Faith



United
Women
in Faith

Open to all women. You do not need to be a member of Grinnell UMC to join a circle.

July 13th @ 1:00 p.m. - Dorcas Circle

NO Trinity or Rachel Circle meetings in July.



Boomers

The Grinnell UMC Boomers group will **Not** be meeting in **July**. Enjoy your summer and we will see you all again in August!

Cribbage Small Group



July 25th @ 5PM

Join us for a family friendly cribbage game night!

Hand Bell Choir



We're looking for new musicians to join the Radiant Ringer Bell Choir! This is the choir that plays music that is a little easier and is perfect for new ringers. You do need to be able to read music and must be available to practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6pm from Labor Day through May (we make arrangements for occasional absences). If you're interested please get in touch with Monique Shore or tell someone in the church office so Monique can reach out to you.

Grinnell UMC Men's Group

A coffee group for the men of GUMC to socialize and enjoying a morning devotion on the first Thursday of the Month @ 7:00AM.

Meetings are held at McNallys, and lead by Russ Motta.

Please contact Russ for more information.

Thank You!

Connections Committee would like to thank everyone who braved the heat, humidity and wind on Sunday, June 28th for Family Fun Night. We had a great turn out and enjoyed lots of great food, fun and games!



Schub's

SHARING

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun. The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course. It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other.

Nothing escapes its heat.

Psalm 19:4c-6

Summer has been hot and busy! I always look forward to riding my bike, but I haven't been much due to the hot weather. Annual Conference was 4 full days of worship and meetings, but it went well and was a blessing. Our family vacation to Colorado was hot and busy, but it was wonderful to be in the mountains. And now Athen is taking driver's education. Please keep that in your prayers!

Acts has been hot all the way through what we have read so far, and it will continue to stay that way. Jesus ascends to heaven. The Holy Spirit fills the disciples. The church grows. The church has to deal with growing pains (which can cause a lot of heat among the faithful!). The Powers that Be come after the new Christians, murdering one of them. And then the church grows even more! Saul, the person who hates Christians, is converted! And more and more things keep happening! Join us as we continue to read Acts and hear about God working through the Church to change the world.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is July 7-9 from 5-8pm. Invite everyone you can think of. It will be hot, even though our theme this year is Snowball Mountain Challenge! Katie Beall is doing a wonderful job getting everything ready, and we have amazing volunteers ready to serve. We appreciate your prayers for fun and safety for all the kids and adults involved.

The mission trip to Colorado is the last week of July. This is a great opportunity for our youth and adults to really put their faith into action, just like the early church in Acts. Please keep the mission trip in your prayers as we finish up our fundraisers and get ready to go. We will have 2 full days of travel (there and back), 4 days of service, and a fun day for the team to relax and bond.

I pray you have/had a blessed Fourth of July weekend. The 250 th anniversary of our nation is no small celebration! May the United States be a place of love and grace, and a leader in transforming our world more and more into the vision of Micah 4:3-4: "God will judge between the nations and settle disputes of mighty nations, which are far away. They will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war. All will sit underneath their own grapevines, under their own fig trees. There will be no one to terrify them; for the mouth of the Lord of heavenly forces has spoken."

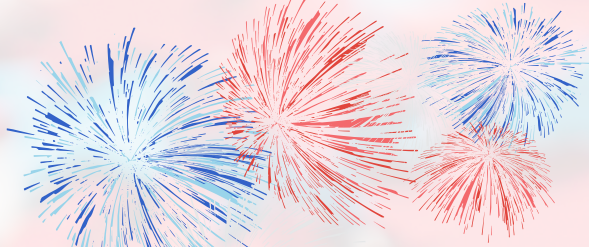
In the midst of the heat and the busyness, I encourage you to take some time. Take a breath. Take a family bike ride, or hang out under a tree, or at a beach, or at the pool. Relax. Find reasons to be thankful to God. Throughout the book of Acts Paul took time to pray, to listen, to heal, to discern, and we get to do so as well. Let us learn from the people in Acts and strive to serve God and our neighbor however God asks.

Have a blessed and happy summer!

Grace and peace,

Eric





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7am Men's Small Group 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band		9am MAAN Community Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8 & 10:30am Worship 10:45am Super Church 1:30pm Windsor Manor Worship 2:30pm St. Frances Worship	OFFICE CLOSED - <i>Independence Holiday</i> 5pm SPRC Meeting 6pm PFLAG Meeting 6:30pm Boy Scouts	2:30pm Staff Meeting 5pm VBS 6pm Board of Trustees Meeting	9am Blood Drive 4pm Discipleship Committee Mtg 5pm VBS 5:15pm Service Committee Mtg	5pm VBS 6:30pm Praise Band		9am MAAN Community Breakfast
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8 & 10:30am Worship 10:45am Super Church	1pm Dorcas Circle 6:30pm Boy Scouts	2:30pm Staff Meeting		5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band		9am MAAN Community Breakfast
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 & 10:30am Worship 10:45am Super Church 12pm Church Use	6:30pm Boy Scouts	2:30pm Staff Meeting 5:15pm Finance Committee Mtg 6pm Worship Committee Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	8:30am Foster Care Rvw Brd	5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band		9am MAAN Community Breakfast Mission Trip 5pm Cribbage Small Group
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Mission Trip 8 & 10:30am Worship 10:45am Super Church 12pm Social Justice Small Group	Mission Trip 6:30pm Boy Scouts	Mission Trip 2:30pm Staff Meeting	Mission Trip	Mission Trip 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band	Mission Trip	





July Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 -Hunter Kinnick, Kim Cameron,
Sheri Spencer
3 - Macy Laug
7 -Daria Kline
9 - Danae Breeden
10 - Deb Henderson, Josiah Bailey
11 - Andrew Knaack, James Schubert
12 - Alyssa Rubendall, Linda Routier,
Suzanne Bunger
13 - Jill Harris, Teresa Wells
14 - Will Hamilton
16 - Carolyn Dawes, Earl Kinnaird,
Jill Allen
17 - Adam Laug, Marsha Bachman
18 - David Arseneault, Ella Seney,
Gretta Dodd, Mike Allen, Shamus Wells
19 - Betty Ellis, Carolyn Grosenbach
20 - Cynthia Love Osborn, Darcy Noel
21 - Brian Mitchell, LeeAnn Lane,
Lilah Beall
22 - Pam Blagden
25 - Aeryn Risting, Ian Baumann,
Rick Kelling
27 - Jerry Lane, Nancy Clifton
29 - Steve Wiley
31 - Rachel Kinnick

2 - Alan and Donna Muntz
6 -Ryan and Kim Dodd
8 - Kyle and Regan Gritsch
9 - Leo and Barb Lease
17 - Mark and Patty Lloyd
Scott and Delphina Baumann
25 - Mark Burkhead and Peggy
Parker
27 - Jed and Kara Petersen
28 - Chris and Ashley Risting

Thank You

Dear Grinnell UMC,
Thank you for hosting the blood drive!
28 people on the schedule going into
the drive, 26 registered to donate, 23
were able to donate, 26 units of blood
collected, Up to 78 lives saved or
sustained!! Thank you again for
helping us save lives!
LifeServe Blood Center

Dear Friends In Mission,
Thank you for your gifts to Africa
University & the Jubilee Project.
Together may we continue to reveal
the love of God for all people who
suffer.
Global Ministries

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Kelly's Kleaners, Custodians

OUR SOCIALS EXPLAINED

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK
GROUP TO KEEP IN
TOUCH WITH THE
GUMC COMMUNITY**



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**AND FOLLOW OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES TO
STAY UP TO DATE ON THE
LIFE OF OUR CHURCH**



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