

Thanksgiving Ingathering 2026

Once again, we are making plans to participate in the Thanksgiving Ingathering, and we hope you will join us. There are a couple of ways you can do that.

First, if you are willing and able to shop, the lists for the 2 kits can be found at the bottom of this message. Second, if you would rather not shop, you may make a monetary donation in the same way that you make your weekly offering. Just be sure to mark it as Ingathering donation. These donations are very welcome!

All items must be new, and the kits should contain ONLY the requested items. We will have the gallon zip-lock bags and the cloth bags for the school kits available on the coat rack outside the entrance to the overflow room for you to pick up or you may bring your items in a grocery bag and we will assemble them for you.

We are hopefully starting this early enough that you can get in on some sales of some of the school items. We will need to have everything back to the church by Oct. 22nd to allow time to go through them and pack them to be delivered on Nov. 7th.

2026 PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush – no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag. Include \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag.

2026 STUDENT KIT

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair student scissors

Place all items in the cloth bag. Include \$2 donation for shipping, if possible.

Joys/Concerns

Thank you, Lord, for joys:

Lord, please heal: Shea (Cindy Brunholtz's daughter), SolPaul Brim, Susan Latcham; Jon Risting, Steffi Davis & Family

Long Term Needs:

Lord, take our concerns of:

Lord, give peace to: Refugees & immigrants; all those whose lives have been effected by the violence

Guide our ministry partners: Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, Pastor Lilian Seagren-Gallo, Africa University, Stephen Ministry, Trinity Las Americas, Women At The Well, Project Jubilee, Old Mutare Hospital in Zimbabwe, Africa.

Lord, bring comfort to those who grieve:

If you or your loved one needs to be added or removed from the cares & concerns list, or if there is a change to an email/mailling address for someone on the list please contact the GUMC office.

Birthdays This Week: Oct 4 - Katie Beall; 5 - Cathy Sonnichsen; 7 - Phil Arnold; 10 - Carolyn Roudabush

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Oct. 4th – 10th, 2026

Today	8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Praise Team Practice 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Confirmation Class 10:30AM Worship Service 1:30PM Windsor Manor Worship 2:30PM St Francis Worship 6:30PM Boy Scouts Crew Meeting
Monday	12:00PM SPRC Meeting 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM PFLAG Meeting
Tuesday	10:00AM Three Simple Rules Small Group 2:30PM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	3:30PM Club 916 5:15PM RR Practice 6:00PM Park St High 6:15PM CC Practice
Thursday	5:30PM Community Meal 6:30PM Praise Band Practice
Friday	
Saturday	9:00AM MAAN Breakfast

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Sunday, Oct 4, 2026



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Order of Worship

Oct 4, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost
*Please stand if able

PRELUDE
WELCOME / GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32:1-7 (CEB)
L: The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy!

P: The one the LORD doesn't consider guilty—in whose spirit there is no dishonesty—that one is truly happy!

L: When I kept quiet, my bones wore out;

P: I was groaning all day long—every day, every night!—

L: because your hand was heavy upon me. My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.

P: So I admitted my sin to you; I didn't conceal my guilt. "I'll confess my sins to the LORD," is what I said. Then you removed the guilt of my sin.

L: That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times, so that a great flood of water won't reach them.

P: You are my secret hideout! You protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of rescue!

CENTERING MOMENT Dave Van Arkel

*OPENING HYMN "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" UMH #340

OPENING PRAYER

P: God of forgiveness, protection, and grace, bless us as we gather together as your children to worship this day. Fill us with your grace and help us to stay focused on your goodness and love at all times. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 (CEB)

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

*SERMON SONG "Living Hope" (see song sheet)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH 8:00 Rachel Arsenault
10:30 Darcy Dawson

SERMON Pastor Eric Schubert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Christ our Lord ... God and one another.

P: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news:... you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING UMH #94
GIFT OF MUSIC "It Really Is Amazing Grace" Praise Team
DOXOLOGY UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

P: God who forgives, God who loves, bless our gifts and we who give. Give us the strength to admit our errors, to come home to you, and to show your love to others. Bless our gifts that all people may come home to you. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION p.9 UMH

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son ... proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit ... almighty God, now and for ever.

P: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS FOR RECEIVING "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH#616
If needed: "Eat This Bread" (repeated)UMH#628

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling " UMH #348

DISMISSAL with BLESSING

AV Technician :Jared Breeden
Nursery Attendants: Tracy Reitz, Kara Koester & Ava Seney
Liturgists: 8:00 Mindy Togle 10:30 Jeanette Copeman
Greeters: 8:00 Brian & Ramona Mitchell
10:30 Nancie Coomes; Adam & Nikki Laug
Ushers: 8:00 10:30 Eric Bailey

Oct. 8th Grinnell Community Meal

Taco Soup, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert

*Provided by Grinnell UMC

If you would like to volunteer for the meal, please sign up at <https://calendly.com/grincomeal/30min?month=2025-10>. For more information contact Ryan @ solomonr@grinnell.edu, or Delphina @ delbaumann@gmail.com.

MAAN Community Breakfast

Saturday mornings from **9am to 9:30am**. Free will donation breakfast served for **pick up only**, please make your reservations by calling **515-318-7664**.