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 Friday

Sunday Worship
@ 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Sunday School (for all ages)
@ 9:15am

Live Stream Worship

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCFRRZnsQbvp3HK_HXnYkbCw

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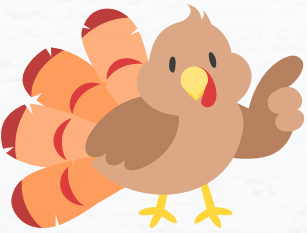
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Grinnell Community Meal Thursdays @ 5:30PM

The Community Meal is open to ALL and operates in partnership with organizations in the Grinnell. Volunteers can sign-up online at https://grinnellumc.org/community-meal.

November Meals:

Nov 5 - Beef Stew, Rice, Vegetables, & Apple Crisp
*Provided by Habesha
Nov 12 - Chicken Parmesan Casserole, French Bread, Salad & Dessert
*Provided by Ahrens Foundation
Nov 19 - Loose Meat Sandwiches, Salad, Corn, & Dessert
*Provided by St. Mary's Catholic Church
Nov 26- Thanksgiving (no meal)
*Thanksgiving Lunch Provided by
St. John's Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events!

All Saints Sunday

Nov. 1st

Poverty Workshop

Nov. 7th



Blood Drive

Nov. 11th



Thanksgiving Holiday
Office Closed
Nov. 27th-31st

All Saints Sunday



Grinnell UMC will be honoring the Saints amoung us on **Sunday, November 1st during the 10:30AM** worship service. The All Saints memorial wall will be on display Oct. 29th - Nov. 5th in the sanctuary during office hours.



Poverty Workshop

Saturday, November 7th 10am - 3pm
Grinnell UMC - 916 5th Ave
Lunch Provided.
Advanced registration is requested to help with planning for food and materials at: https://grinnellumc.org/signups/



Life Serve Blood Drive

LifeServe Blood Center is a provider of blood and blood products to more than 175 local hospitals in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Illinois. One unit of donated blood can help save the lives of up to three different hospital patients. Make your appointment today at https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/186990 for the **Nov. 11th** event.



Thanksgiving Holiday

Grinnell UMC office will be **CLOSED Nov. 27th - 31st** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

GUMC KIDS

November 2026 Newsletter







LOOKING BACK: OCTOBER FUN!

October was full of fun, laughter, and spooky surprises at GUMC Kids! We had a wonderful month celebrating our faith, sharing our gifts, and making memories together.

Our children had a blast singing about God, sharing their gifts through the Puppet Ministry, and showing off their dance moves at our all-church Dancetacular.

We loved seeing our kids worship, learn, laugh, and grow together! A big thank-you to our teachers, volunteers, and families who help make GUMC Kids such a special place.

GROWING IN FAITH: SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Sunday School is a place for children to discover God's love, explore Bible stories, ask questions, build friendships, and learn how to live out their faith in everyday lille.

Whether your family is new to GUMC or you've been coming for years, we'd love to have your children join us!

Each week brings opportunities to learn, create, play, and grow together.

New families, please register your children for Sunday School!

https://grinnellumc.org/sunday-school-registration/

FUN IN THE NURSERY

Our nursery friends have been having a wonderful time celebrating the season with festive crafts, fun lessons, and activities that help them explore God's wonderful world! We love watching our youngest GUMC Kids learn, play, and grow.

A friendly reminder: For everyone's safety, please make sure a designated adult signs your child in and out of the nursery every time they attend. Thank you for helping us keep our little ones safe and cared for!



GROWING IN FAITH ♥ GROWING TOGETHER ♥ SHARING GOD'S LOVE



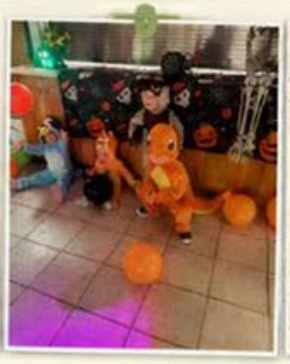
For more information
or to volunteer with youth activities please contact
Katie at discipleship1@grinnellumc.org.

DISCOVER OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY!

Have you visited our newer children's library yet? You'll find it downstairs in the Sunday School hallway, across from the bathrooms. It's a wonderful place to discover stories, find new favorites, and bring a little faith-filled reading home!

Checking out a book is easy: Simply write your information on the clipboard when you borrow a book.

We encourage every family to take advantage of this resource. Reading together is a beautiful way to help children discover God's love, explore Bible stories, and ask meaningful questions about faith.


CLUB 916

Wednesday, 3:15–5:00 PM
For 4th & 5th Graders

Club 916 is our after-school program where 4th and 5th graders gather for snacks, games, Bible lessons, crafts, discussion, and prayer. Students ride Bus 3 to church and spend the afternoon building friendships, discovering what faith looks like in everyday life, and having fun in a welcoming environment.

New to Club 916? We'd love to welcome your family! Please reach out for information about registration and getting started.

OUR MISSION: SHARING GOD'S LOVE

At GUMC Kids, our mission is about more than learning Bible stories. We want children to discover that they are deeply loved by God and that they can make a difference in the world around them. Every act of kindness, every helping hand, and every effort to include someone reminds us that we can share God's love wherever we go.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let's remember the words of 1 John 3:18: "Let us not love with words, but with actions and in truth." May we continue encouraging our children to put their faith into action by showing kindness, serving others, and looking for ways to make our community a little brighter.

FAITH GROWS AT HOME, TOO!

Some of the most meaningful faith moments happen outside the church walls. This month, we encourage you to make a little space for faith at home. Read a Bible story together, read a prayer before bed, talk about what you're thankful for, or ask your child how they saw God's love in action that day. Even small moments can plant seeds of faith that grow for a lifetime.

You don't have to have all the answers. Simply making time to grow, learn, pray, and get together can make a lasting difference!

NOVEMBER AT GUMC KIDS

November is full of opportunities to keep learning, growing, and sharing God's love!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES

Sundays at 9:15 AM

Join us each Sunday as we explore our faith, learn about God's love, and discover ways to share kindness and care with others.

Holiday Reminder
No Sunday School
November 29th

We will take a break from Sunday School on Sunday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.
We hope your family enjoys a wonderful time of rest, gratitude, and togetherness!

Club 916 Continues

Wednesdays 3:15 - 5

Club 916 will continue meeting on Wednesdays throughout November. We look forward to another month of games, lessons, creativity, and growing in faith together!

Please make sure your children are registered for Sunday School, and reach out if you need help with registration or getting connected to our programs.

QUESTIONS?

Katie Beall
Discipleship Director
discipleship@gumc.org

I'm always happy to help your family get connected!

Thank you for being part of GUMC Kids! We are grateful for our children, families, teachers, and volunteers. Your presence and participation help our ministry grow and make a difference.

Wishing your family a wonderful November filled with gratitude, kindness, and God's love!

GROWING IN FAITH • GROWING TOGETHER • SHARING GOD'S LOVE

COMMITTEE NEWS

United Women of Faith

All Church Circles will be meeting this month:
November 9th @1PM - Dorcas Circle at 907 Orchard Dr, 2nd Floor Lounge
November 10th @ 2PM - Trinity Circle at GUMC
November 23rd -@7PM - Rachel Circle at GUMC



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT:

Women in Faith Open House - Sunday Nov 8th 2-4 pm - GUMC Friendship Center
Program @ 2:30 pm: Special Mission Recognition for Judy Cook
Refreshments will be served! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

MAAN That's Good

(Mission All Are Nourished)

Since the MAAN program started serving breakfast they have served 682 meals that were picked up at GUMC, taken 212 meals to the Community Fridge at Drake Library., and started having a kids option when the breakfast is not as "kid friendly." They are very happy for the success of their mission and the lives it impacts.



PFLAG Potluck

All are invited to join PFLAG Grinnell/Poweshiek for Potluck Karaoke after church on November 15th @ 12PM in the Friendship Center. GUMC hosts the regular PFLAG meetings, generally held on the first Monday at 7pm. This potluck is an opportunity for casual social interaction for all who support LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. And they'll be a karaoke machine to add some musical fun! We'd love to have you join us. Monique Shore, PFLAG Grinnell/ Poweshiek President"



Advent Study

God's Surprises for the Christmas Season: Blessings and Broken Plans

This four-week Advent study, led by Diane Wasson Eberhart, will take place in the Chapel from 10-11am on Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Author Susan Robb explores how our own broken plans may open the way for God's presence and how every holy surprise carries a blessing. This practical and comforting Bible study helps participants to see their own changed plans in light of God's surprising presence, offering encouragement for real-life challenges during the Christmas season. All are invited to attend. Please register online at:
https://grinnellumc.org/signups/

Grinnell United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting - Oct. 20, 2026

Present: Mindy Tokle, Darwin Copeman, Jeanette Copeman, Scott Sharp, Tim Niswander, Al Knaack, Jerry Lane, Ginny Cameron, Andy Hamilton, Alex Shults, Monique Shore, Pastor Eric Schubert

Everyone shared God sightings and prayers were lifted for Carolyn Grosenbach, Julie Kingery, Jeff Breeden, Karen Packard, Madolyn Braley, Louise Crews.

September minutes were approved as submitted.

Pastor Eric led a discussion on healthy leadership, part of the work of creating stronger leadership for GUMC. This conversations built on those about trust, having good conflict. Tonight's topic was the importance of accountability and how it helps to stop issues before they become major problems, generally empowering leaders to make better decisions and take bold steps for growth. Eric has been talking to various people about some marketing options. He's asking Foundation for $3000 to run advertisements at GHS sports events (on the video scoreboard) and livestreams of games for the school year. Isaiah (our paid social media content creator) is doing great work and Maddie Marsho is offering her services for free to help with content creation. There's another possible option for streaming the worship service on The Grinnell Homepage, a new project from the people who do the GHS sports livestream. These discussions tie into our goals of reaching out to those beyond our walls. The church directory will hopefully (really) be delivered in the next few weeks.

Mindy led the discussion of our church goals for 2027 to be reported in the Mission & Ministry Plan and approved at the Charge Conference on December 6th. Ideas discussed include adding an additional worship service at 9:15am (already being planned for February), community outreach via marketing, finding ways to reach new people with "outside the walls of the church" programs, building on the poverty workshop planned for November, possibly using it as a model for similar events in the future. Mindy and Eric will continue to work on refining these to bring to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance: Continues to work on finalizing the 2027 budget to present for approval in November.

Memorial: Will use some funds to support the Poverty Workshop in November

Trustees: Finalized the 2027 Budget

Connections: Will represent the church at Trunk or Treat on Oct. 24th. Look for information soon about Faith & Fellowship groups for 2027.

Discipleship: The Discipleship Committee is supporting Katie Beall in her Christian Education work. A successful launch of Sunday School and Wednesday youth programming highlights the early fall. There is still need for teacher help with the after school elementary group on Wednesdays and the 4th & 5th grade class for Sunday School.

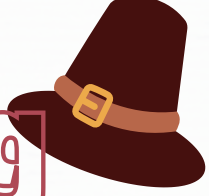
Worship: Continue to work with Pastor Eric on plans to launch a third service early in 2027.

UW Faith: All Church Circles will be meeting this month: 11/9 Dorcas Circle @1pm at Hammond Center; 11/10 Trinity Circle @2pm; 11/23 Rachel Circle @7pm. All women are invited to attend any of the meetings. Women in Faith Open House on Sunday, Nov 8th, 2-4 pm - Friendship Center ALL (men & women) ARE INVITED. There'll be a program @ 2:30 pm: Special Mission Recognition for Judy Cook. Refreshments will be served

Nominations-Leadership: Finalizing recruitment of 2027 committee members. Outreach will be made to all committee chairs and new and outgoing committee members with details.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Scott Sharp. Next meeting: November 17th

Schub's Sharing



Live in peace with each other. Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly. Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else. Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Don't suppress the Spirit. Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, but
examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. Avoid every kind of evil. Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

"Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Is this really possible? Is there anyone who is paying attention to the world around them right now that is able to do this?

I believe there are some. There are others who are close. There are also many who are anxious, worried, mad, sad, joyful, gracefilled, funny, and helpful. Sometimes all in one day!

The elections are very soon, and many on all the sides have been doing all they can to get you to believe that the other candidate and their supporters are terrible people. Are we all sinners who fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)? Absolutely. Are some more like Christ? Yes. Does Jesus love them all? Also yes (John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, and more)! That reality can put us in a bind. "Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure no one repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone else." I admit, there are times when this seems like, or even is, an impossible standard. What do we do?

First and foremost, remember you are God's, and be thankful. All the people you love are God's creation, and loved by God. And anyone you consider your enemy is also God's creation and loved by God. We are called to treat our enemies with love and respect (Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-38), and when you can't do that, be thankful that God is a forgiving God (Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah, Ephesians, etc.).

There are a lot of people working very hard to divide people, retain or gain power, and seemingly at all costs. But we are fighting a different fight, with different tools. We get to live into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. We get to comfort the discouraged, help the weak, show people God's patience, pursue the good for all people, and avoid every kind of evil. Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation. Because the love of God is already
victorious. Jesus is with us through all things. The Holy Spirit guides us and gives us the strength we need (including the strength to ask for help) to be thankful and live a Christlike life.

Go vote. The United States started large scale elections – go be a part of it.

Jesus loves you. Go live in peace with each other, rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in every situation. Be thankful! And let's go do God's work!
Grace and peace, Pastor Eric

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 & 10:30am Worship 9am PT Practice 9:15am CC & SS 1:30pm Windsor Manor Worship 2:30pm St. Frances Worship 6:30pm Boy Scouts Mtg	2 5pm SPRC Meeting 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3 2:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Board of Trustees Meeting	4 11:45am Church Office Managers Meeting 3:30pm Club 916 5:15pm RR Practice 6pm Park St High 6:15pm CC Practice	5 7am Men's Small Group 5:30pm Grinnell Community Meal 6:30pm Praise Band	6	7 8am Basement Use - Boy Scouts 9:30am MAAN Breakfast 10am Poverty Workshop
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 - Judy Cook
2 -Harper Kinnick
4 -Alyssa Hulsing, Sheila Latcham
5 - Jack Mutti
6 - Del Dawes
7 - Joey Breeden
8 - Jenna Murphy
14 - Carol Ahrens
15 -Jens Henningsen
16 - Bev Postels
17 - Deb Larson
18 - Merna Nelson
19 - Lynn Moorman
20 - Kurt Brennecke
21 - Kari Gosselink, Russ Motta
22 - Carol Osborn, Jack Arseneault, Tim Niswander
24 - Cathy Hillman-Halley, Larry Buter
25 - Jo Wiley, Trude Smouse
26 - Kurt Brennan, Brandy Coomes
27 - Alan Cline, Carolyn Meredith, Revae Shults
29 - Delilah Marsho

3 - Bruce and Mindy Tokle
13 - Kory and Rachael Kinnick
24 - Brent and Teresa Wells
25 - Alex and Revae Shults
Larry and Diana Buter
27 - Chris Bair and Meg Jones Bair
Roger and Debbie Iverson

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who kept me in their prayers this October during my knee surgery. I felt them! I'm doing well and hope to see you all real soon.
Julie Kingery

Thank You to our friends at GUMC. Your continued support helps us to be here as a welcoming neighborhood.
Trinity Las Americas

Grinnell UMC
Thank You! Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for all people.
In Mission Together
UMCOR

To The Grinnell UMC,
Sending a heartfelt thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping to pay my utilities.
God Bless You! Pamela

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