

THE MESSENGER

Gladbrook Methodist Church

October 2025



Gladbrook Methodist Women

GMW will be meeting October 16th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Every woman who belongs to or attends church is joyously invited to join us for this informative fellowship.

Dana will be serving breakfast Joan S. will provide the devotional, and Jhona Lyn will provide a program or lesson. We begin at 9:30am, usually concluding our meeting at 10:30am.

Senior Dinner

The Gladbrook Auxiliary will be hosting a **Senior dinner** on Fri., Oct. 10th. The dinner will be served at 11:30am.



Anyone 55 and older is invited to make a reservation. Call Jeanne to make reservations: 641-473-2802 or 2843 or cell number 641-751-2039.



Oct. 5 @ Peace Church 1:00pm

Crop Walk raises funds and awareness in prayerful hope to one day end hunger worldwide.

There are several ways that we can all get involved. The first is the Crop Walk. It will start from the Peace Church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. on October 5th. We plan to walk the streets of Gladbrook.

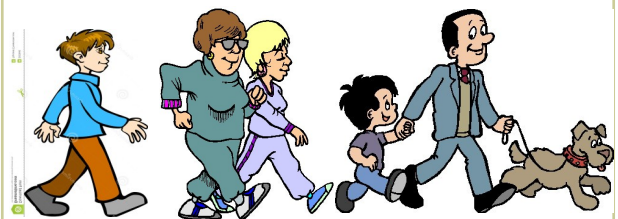
There will be refreshments available provided by Peace Church.

Secondly, you can make a donation through your local church.

Thirdly, you can turn your daily walks into dedicated Crop Walks by collecting donations for your time or mileage walked personally.

Let's put a dent in the local and world hunger problem together.

25% of all money donated goes directly into our local food pantry.





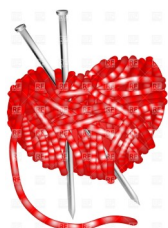
Trunk or Treat **October 30, 2025**

The GMW will be hosting its annual Halloween Feast at the church.

We will have lunch bags for visitors available from **4:45pm** until **5:45pm** in the church parking lot.

To help with a safe flow of traffic, we are asking visitors to arrive by the **EAST** driveway and leave by the **WEST** driveway.

Old Christmas cards are needed. They will be repurposed into gift tags for the Kids" Shopping Day. If you have any cards to be repurposed, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall in the marked basket.



H.A.N.D.S. Prayer Shawl Ministry

The H.A.N.D.S. (Hope and Needles Doing Service) Gladbrook area prayer shawl ministry has been active for **13 years**. They began meeting weekly in November 2011 at Gifts of Grace, then Serendipity by Deb, then at Peace UCC and then at the Independent Living. Over 1300 shawls have been distributed to community people (and beyond) over the past years with the help of area churches and members. Shawls have also been made and given for blessing couples getting married, the baptism of babies and also given to fundraisers to help out worthwhile causes.

There are many people that make this ministry a success. Thank you to all that create the shawls, donate yarn, donate funds for yarn and help make comfort tags that are attached to each shawl. The completed shawls are kept at Peace UCC (2nd floor classroom/nursery) and at the Methodist church. The ministry works with area clergy to get shawls to those in immediate need, but **you** also can help spread this ministry. If you think of a friend or relative that would like a shawl, all you need to do is choose one, record your gift on the notebook by the shawls and give it away.

Call the Peace Church to see the beautiful shawls waiting to comfort someone in need. The group prays that the recipient is touched by God's love and amazing grace and feels the blessings that have been knitted/crocheted into each shawl. Hope, faith and love are in each stitch from beginning to end. New members are always welcome. We meet monthly but, you need not attend each month. Thank you for all the support of this ministry. For more information contact Rose Russell, Carolyn Moe or church offices.

We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month. October 1st will be our next meeting. We have patterns, yarn and needles or hooks if you would like to create but don't have supplies. Just call Dana @ 641-750-2219 to make arrangements.



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“Kids Shopping Day”

Kids Shopping Day” will be held on Sat., Dec. 6th, 9-12:00 p.m. at Peace Church. Once again at our Christmas Store kids will be able to choose just the right gifts for their family absolutely free.

Anyone from the age of 3 through seniors in high school may shop. No family member will be allowed to help their children. The 3 & 4 year olds and, if needed 5 years olds, will be aided by a volunteer.

While you are sorting or downsizing just remember that we need gently used or new items for Moms, Dads, Grandpas, Grandmas, brothers, sisters, etc. for our Christmas Store. Please no clothing except collegiate items. We also need lots of gift bags, wrapping & tissue paper and jewelry size boxes. If you can't store your donations you can take them to the Gladbrook MC or Peace Church. Starting the first of December all items can be left at Peace. If it is easier for you, your items will be picked up at your home on Dec. 5th. Just call Jeanne to arrange the pickup. So look through your closets, cupboards, and drawers to see if you can find some “treasures” that you don't use or need any more for men, women, and kids. We will stock our store, and as a community make our “Kids Shopping Day” a success. We are also in need of 80 volunteers (men or women or high school kids) to help wrap, escort the kids on their shopping spree, and there are a variety of other jobs as well.

Another way you can help with Kids Shopping Day is to give monetary donations. That way the committee can purchase items for the age brackets we are short of gifts for. You can drop off your donations at Peace Church and checks can be made out to Kids Shopping Day.

We'll remind the children that Christmas is the birthday of God's son, Jesus, and that God wants us to know that the best gifts we can give Jesus for His birthday are our prayers and our love. Happy children will head for home with a Christmas greeting from God, and gifts for people they love.

This project is being chaired by the Gladbrook American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth Committee Becky Fevold, Becky Fish, Pam Thomas, Candice Bartel, and Jeanne Paustian. Cathy Gethmann is the gift wrapping chairman. Please call Jeanne Paustian 641-751-2039, Becky Fish 641-485-1377, or Cathy Gethmann 641-751-9639 to sign up to help!



“The More Things Change, The More Nothing Change”

*⁹ For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth,
to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.
You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.”*

-2 Chronicles 16:9-

When God spoke through His prophets it was an event of tremendous significance. There was clear direction as to what was to be done. When God revealed His will through His spokespersons-prophets and priests-the message was not always joyfully and enthusiastically received. More often than not, the men and women who spoke for God ended up in prison, or they faced the sword because the kings almost always preferred their own way to God's way.

If there is one theme which runs throughout the historical books of the Bible, it is this: ***When people honor God, God honors them; and when people forget God and turn from Him, adversity eventually comes. The law of the harvest-that we reap what we sow-is as old as humanity.***

Second Chronicles chapters 20 and 32 tell of two men Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah-who both faced annihilation from their enemies. But when they turned to God and threw themselves at His mercy, He miraculously intervened and spared them.

Be reminded of two things:

Human nature never changes, and

God never changes either. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (**Hebrews 13:8**). **⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

If there is one thing which the New Testament does, it brings us closer to God's help and makes His deliverance more personal. As Nahum put it,

⁷ The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

Pastor Gideon



Administrative Council Minutes

August 25, 2025

Susie Strohbehn called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 10 members present. In attendance were Dana Brown, Gideon Gallo, Cornell Gethmann, Dave Koester, Kyle Koester, Paul Koester, Roger Luehring, Grant Strohbehn, Susie Strohbehn, and Kevin Williams.

Dave K. shared a devotion. Moments of Discipleship and Spiritual Accountability were shared. May/June minutes were read and corrections were discussed. They were approved with corrections made. (Paul / Grant) The finances were discussed. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. (Dave/ Cornell)

Finance Committee - Grant stated he would like to meet in September or October to set the 2026 budget. Grant motioned to open a \$15,000.00 CD Ten thousand dollars coming from savings and five thousand coming from checking. Dave gave the second. There was some discussion. It was decided Roger would be given the authority to make the decision on length of term for the CD. Vote was taken. Motion passed.

Gladbrook Methodist Women - Dana reported that the GMW will be changing their regular morning meetings to the third Thursday of every month. The time will remain the same- 9:30am. This will begin September 18th.

We discussed the common missions for the rest of this year. This includes movie theater concessions volunteering, Trunk or Treat in October, Blessing Bags in November and our December Christmas luncheon. We will be inviting the women of 4 community churches to join us for Christmas lunch. We divided the donated school supplies between 3 schools- G-R, GMG and Marshalltown.

Food Pantry - The food pantry continues to help a consistent 15 to 20 people in our community. A list will be in the next newsletter.

Good Samaritan Fund – We were able to help a community member by paying half of his monthly rent. We have been receiving monthly donations from the Wednesday Morning Coffee Ladies group.

Memorial - The only change is a bit of interest earned.

Mission Outreach – September 12 will be the next Mission Outreach community event. The community will be invited to hot dogs and a movie in the church Fellowship Hall. Sept. 25 is the next free movie admission night. Downton Abbey is the expected movie. There were 25 people at the last movie night on August 23rd.

Pastoral Report – Pastor reported that between June and August he had 7 hospital visits, he attended the Upper Midwest Conference June 14th. In July he took part as the music director for a confirmation camp in Griswold, Iowa. He has made several home visits to congregation members who live out of town. He is still leading the morning women's Bible study on Tuesdays, morning men's Bible study on Wednesdays, and an evening Bible study on Wednesdays. He is expecting to start a confirmation class in September.

SPPRC- Dave reported the committee met on July 12th. At that time, staff evaluations were reviewed. Goals for next year were reviewed with Pastor. The next meeting will be September 9th. Salary recommendations will be discussed then passed on to the financial committee.

Technology – Roger shared that the web hosting from United Methodist Church will not be available to us any longer. Terri has been investigating other web hosting services. Our new website will be coming soon.

Trustees – The yard sign has been repaired. A problem with the organ couldn't be found. The company that we got it from is no longer in business. We will continue to watch it closely for any further problems.

Other business -

- The safety policies were discussed. Roger made a motion to adopt the safety policies with the revisions and corrections that were discussed. This would include a revision to review the policies yearly. Grant gave the second. A vote was made. The motion passed.

-The committee working on the new bylaws are wanting to have the bylaws completed by the September or October board meetings. The safety policies took precedent.

Joys & Concerns – **Joys:** School has begun. We pray it is a safe and successful year for the staff and students.

Concerns: 1)There was a prank call about an active shooter at the Iowa State University campus.

2)The feeding tube for Deb Koester has been removed.

Gideon closed with prayer.

Next Meeting: September 22,2025

Devotions: Cornell G.



Respectfully submitted, Dana Brown

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PRAYER CORNER: Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war, people under persecution everywhere, and our many unspoken concerns, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals, those experiencing mental health concerns.

Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its need: Alannah McHenry, Dwight Surber, Jim Quisberg, Don & Carolyn Anker, Kari Groth, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Carolyn Groth, Dale Haack, Denise (Handorf) Kemp, Pat Clausen

THANK YOU

For your participation in our church activities during the month of September; Thank you.

Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Projectionists, Liturgists, Organists, Fellowship Servers, Sunday School Teachers, Kids Club Leaders, Communion Stewards, Floral designers, Committee Leaders & Members, and lawn care providers.

Pastor Gideon

Some dates to remember

- Oct. 5– CROP Walk
- Oct. 16– next Gladbrook Methodist Women (GMW) meeting
- Oct. 19– Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Oct. 25 GMW volunteer @ Theater Concessions
- Oct. 30– Trunk or Treat meal 4:45-5:45
- Nov. 20– GMW meeting 9:30am
- Nov. 23– Thanksgiving potluck
- Dec. 18– GMW lunch meeting 11:30

Lectionary Readings for the

Month of October

October 5

Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalms 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

October 12

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalms 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

October 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalms 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

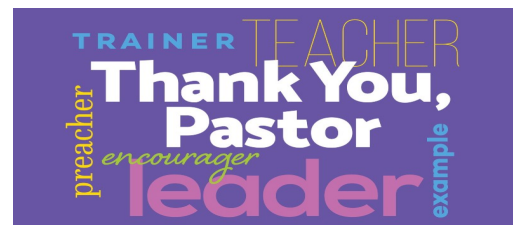
October 26

Joel 2:23-32 Psalms 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



Psalms 119:105

**¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**



Pastoral Appreciation Sunday

will be **October 19th** during the Worship Service. The SPPRC committee will provide the Fellowship that will follow. We will be celebrating Pastor Gideon Gallo for all the hard work of the people he performs every day.



- 2 Dana Brown
- 6 Elle Carlson
- 8 Mark Knaack
- 9 Codi DeWitt
- 10 Duane Groth
- 12 Cathy Gethmann
- 15 RoseMary McKinney
- 16 Logan Koester
- 17 Matt Koester
- 18 Gideon Gallo
- 23 Dwight Surber
- 25 Kristy Garber
- 26 Angie Knaack



Wedding Anniversaries

- 22 David and Dana Brown



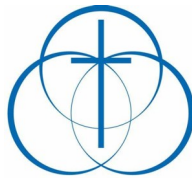
Dwight Surber will be celebrating his 81st birthday October 26th. His family would like to invite all of our church family and friends to help him celebrate. We will be celebrating during the Fellowship time after worship service. The estimated time will be 10:15ish until 11:30ish.



- Oct. 5 Crop Walk
Meeting @ Peace Church
- Oct. 9 Women's Club 1-3
- Oct. 9 Kid's Club afterschool
- Oct. 10 Sr. Citizen's Dinner
@ Memorial Building
- Oct. 13 Food Pantry open 4-6pm
- Oct. 16 GMW @ 9:30am
- Oct. 18 Pastor Gallo's Birthday
Send cards to PO Box 176
- Oct. 19 Pastor Appreciation
- Oct. 27 Food pantry open 4-6pm
- Oct.30 Trunk or Treat/Beggar's night
4:45-5:45 free meal @
Methodist church
- 4:30-5:30 visit Independent
Living and Nursing home.
- 6-8 Beggar's night around
town.



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USHERS

Mark Knaack, Tim Pierce, Ari
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GREETERS

Oct. 5 Paul & Avriel Koester
Oct. 12 Matt & Beth Koester family
Oct. 19 Dave & Lisa Koester
Oct. 26 Logan & Emma Koester

ACOYTES

Oct. 5 Charlette Bruene
Oct. 12 Beau DeWitt
Oct. 19 Clay Koester
Oct. 26 Codi DeWitt

Communion Stewards:

October 5- Terri Lamb & Kay
Lowry

WORSHIP LEADERS

Oct. 5 Dave Koester
Oct. 12 Dave Koester
Oct. 19 Carolyn Moe
Oct. 26 Kevin Williams

PROJECTION

Oct. 5 Jhona Lynn Gallo
Oct. 12 Joan Appelgate
Oct. 19 Dave Koester
Oct. 26 Dave Koester

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Oct. 12 Sam DeWitt
Oct. 19 Sam DeWitt
Oct. 26 Sam DeWitt

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