



October 2025



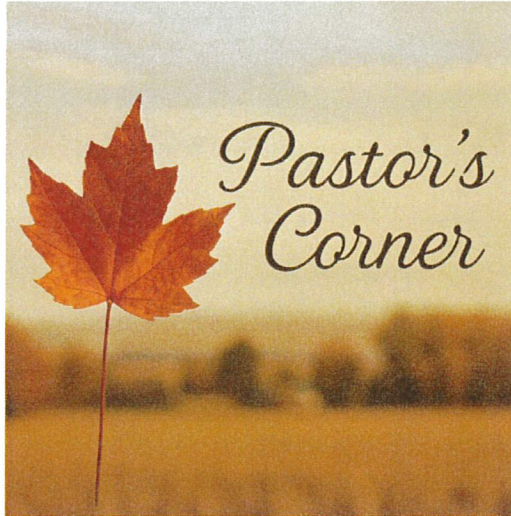
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth 7:30 Trustees	2	3	4 6:00 PM Worship 6:45 Potluck
5 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	6 9:00AM WIC	7	8 9:00 AM Sew 'N' Sews 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	9 7:00 PM Bible101	10	11 6:00 PM Worship
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19 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School-Laity Sunday 10:30AM Worship	20	21	22 9:00 AM Sew'N'Sews 7:30 PM Youth Group	23 7:00 PM Bible 101	24	25 6:00 PM Worship
26 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	27 7:00 PM UMM	28	29 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	30	31 Trunk or Treat Downtown 5pm	

DATE	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	AUDIO/ CAMERA
10-5	Jennifer Smith	Cindy Peabody	Carol McGregor	Amy
	Leon Smith			
10-12	Doug Rose	Charlotte Burr	Linda Keiper	Kollars
	Julie Rose			
10-19	Alan Van Cleave	Stephanie Leisinger	Janee Montgomery	Amy/Stacy
	Sandy Sell			
10-26	Christyne Eckloff	Christyne Eckloff	Pastor Doreen	Amy
	Ward Ekloff			

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



<i>10-2 Carla Smallcomb</i>	<i>10-8-Portia Kollars</i>	<i>10-24 Vernon Piehl</i>
<i>10-2 Denise Volquardsen</i>	<i>10-11 Titus Tracy</i>	<i>10-25 Taylor Gomez</i>
<i>10-2 Jason Tracy</i>	<i>10-12 Makenzie Kollars</i>	<i>10-25 Becky Mercer</i>
<i>10-6 Lee Power</i>	<i>10-13 Trey Davis</i>	<i>10-25 Deb VanMatre</i>
<i>10-6 Mitchell Sell</i>	<i>10-16 Karen Fox</i>	<i>10-25 Morgan Wilkins</i>
<i>10-6 Faith Kleeb</i>	<i>10-18 Clete Yockey</i>	<i>10-27 Richard Leisinger</i>
<i>10-7 Susan Winchester</i>	<i>10-19 Susan Bailey</i>	<i>10-28 Evelyn Winchester</i>
<i>10-7 Alan Van Cleave</i>	<i>10-21 Kinley Kern</i>	<i>10-29 Samantha Montgomery</i>
<i>10-8 Kim Hodge</i>	<i>10-23 Jim Myrick</i>	<i>10-30 Tristan Kollars</i>



Dear Friends,

There's something about October that catches our attention, the days continue to grow shorter, evenings come earlier, and the world takes on a different rhythm. The crisp air, the golden leaves, and the quiet of early twilight invite us to pause and notice God's presence in the world around us. It's a season that reminds us that even as the light changes, God's light never fades. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* No matter how early the darkness falls, God is guiding our steps, comforting our hearts, and sustaining our spirits.

Here at Faith United, we see God's light shining in so many ways. Our confirmation students and youth group are diving into faith, asking questions, and learning what it means to follow Christ in their daily lives. All the ministries that were on pause have resumed their faithful work, quietly serving, supporting, and uplifting our church and community. Every act of care, prayer, and encouragement reflects God's love and strengthens the bonds that make our church family so special.

So, as we move through this season, I invite you to look for ways to bring God's light into the early evenings and into the lives of those around you. A kind word, a phone call to a neighbor, a moment of prayer for someone who needs encouragement; these are the ways God's presence shines most brightly. We never walk alone; God walks with us, and together we share His light with one another.

May this October be a month where we notice God's light even as the sun sets sooner, embrace the opportunities to share that light, and grow in faith, love, and community. Let us step forward with hearts open, hands ready to serve, and eyes attuned to the ways God is moving among us.

With love, prayers, and blessings,
Pastor Doreen

Pray for Our Confirmation Students

Our Confirmation class is underway! These young people are exploring their faith, asking questions, and growing in their relationship with God. We invite you to lift them up in prayer; for curiosity, courage, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Pray also for their mentors, and teachers that they may teach with patience, wisdom, and love. Let's surround our Confirmation students with God's light and encouragement as they take this important step in their faith journey.

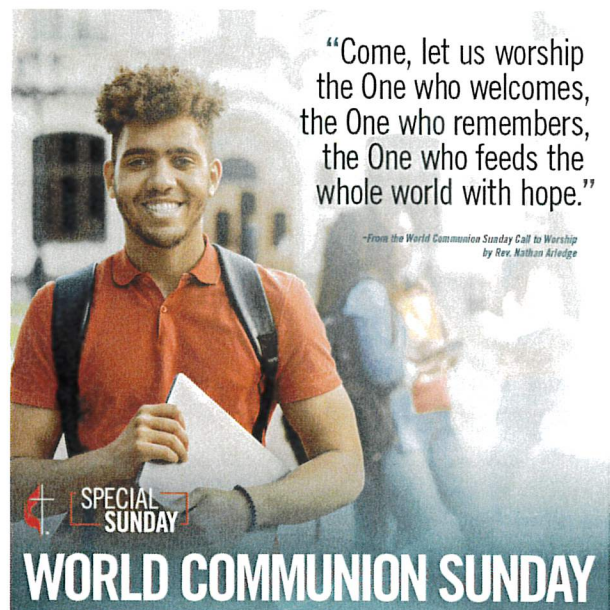




Our Free Pantry continues to open every Tuesday and Thursday, providing food and essentials to neighbors in need. We welcome volunteers to help stock shelves, assist visitors, or lend a friendly smile to those we serve. Every act of service, big or small, reflects God's love in our community. Come be a part of this ministry of care and hope!

World Communion Sunday is Coming Up

As October begins, we look forward to World Communion Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. This is a meaningful time to pause and reflect on the unity of the global body of Christ, believers from every nation, culture, and walk of life, gathered together in faith. Through the Lord's Supper, we are reminded that we are connected across time and space, bound by God's love and grace. May this day inspire us to celebrate our shared faith and the ways God is at work around the world.



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Visit with the Pastor

Pastor Doreen would love to continually connect with you! If you'd like to set up a time to meet, please reach out so an appointment can be arranged. So, call or text her on **908 244 0362** or email dtoe@greatplainsumc.org

Discover More at Rowe Sanctuary

The September Chamber meeting was held at Rowe Sanctuary, highlighting the incredible local resources we have right here in our area. While many of us know about this beautiful spot, the meeting reminded us that we aren't taking full advantage of all it offers. From breathtaking views to events and a Community Space with a full kitchen, Rowe Sanctuary is a wonderful place to explore. Check out their [calendar of events](#) to see what's coming up!



Offering Reminder

As many of you know, in September we transitioned away from passing the offering plates during worship. Instead, plates are available at the back of the sanctuary for you to leave your gifts before or after the service. We are deeply grateful for the smooth transition and for your continued faithfulness in giving. Your generosity, whether through the plate, by mail, or online supports the ministries of Faith United here in Gibbon and beyond.

Thank you for making a difference through your prayers, presence, and gifts.

(You can scan the QR code to your right to give online.)



Interested in Baptism or Membership?

At Faith United Methodist Church, we believe baptism and church membership are powerful ways to say yes to God's grace and to this community of faith. If you or a family member are interested in being baptized, or if you'd like to explore becoming a member of the church, we would love to walk with you on that journey.

Please contact the church office for more information or to set up a conversation with Pastor Doreen.

United Women in Faith – September Gathering

In September, our United Women in Faith came together for a time of fellowship, prayer, and planning for the months ahead. The group continues to be a vital part of our church



family, serving with joy and encouraging one another in faith. We are grateful for their witness and the many ways they bless our congregation and community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER SATURDAY NIGHT POTLUCK

October Potluck will be Saturday Oct 4th following evening services with Meatballs, chicken strips, and cheesy potatoes. We ask you bring a side dish or dessert. We invite all of you to bring your families, friends, and neighbors, to attend this event so that we can share the meal together. If you can come to Services at 6pm that is super but if you can only come for the meal that is perfectly fine. We eat around 6:45 pm.

FALL BAZAAR-SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1st



It's time to start thinking about the fall Bazaar. The ladies are starting to make pies and you are able to place your order ahead of time. You might be thinking what could I do for the bazaar? We sell almost everything. Any kind of home crafts for ladies, men or kids(mittens, hats, blankets, dishcloths, etc) and homemade canned goods such as salsas, vegetables, jellies, and jams. Don't forget the baked goods! Cookies, cakes, muffins, bread, cinnamon rolls are always big hits as well as soups and cabbage burgers. We will also need themed gift baskets that we sell such as beauty, kids, food, movies, etc. So, start thinking about what you can do to support the bazaar this year. All the monies made from the sales go to our church, community, and mission projects. It is a lot of hard work but is well worth it, and we are so blessed to be able to do it.

In his love and service, Sew 'N' Sews



All Saints Day Sunday November 2nd

We would like to invite you and your family to join us in celebrating All Saints Day as we honor and recognize loved ones that have passed this last year.

“Basket Challenge”

To all ladies of the church. We have a few of very nice “empty” baskets that would love to be filled with fun stuff. If you have extra baskets at home we would appreciate them. You may take a basket and fill it with whatever strikes your fancy. Bring it back to the church and the Sew ‘N Sew ladies will wrap it or put a bow on it. We will put it out for sale at the Holiday Bake Sale. Price range \$10 to \$40 Some suggestions are: baby products, snack items (either homemade or bought), Nebraska products, Husker items, ladies bath & bodyproducts, candles, baking items, selection of cake mixes, muffin mixes, and/or pizza mixes, maybe a quick dinner meal, or a small paperback book with cocoa mix or hot tea bags. Gift cards are also popular. The Dollar Tree is a good place to find fun stuff.

Thanks Ladies, we appreciate your help.



Also, any baked items or craft items suitable for gifts are needed for the Holiday Bake Sale. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank You!!!



Order your Holiday Pies!!

Fresh and Homemade!

**Cherry, Peach, Blueberry,
Strawberry Rhubarb, and Apple
\$10.00 each**

**Pumpkin and Pecan-\$12.00 each
Also some sugar free pies available.**

Call now to order:

Kathy Pierce 216-0072

Nancy Kollars 468-5961

**Sponsored by
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Sew 'N Sews**

**Pies also available on November 1st during the annual Bake Sale &
Fall Bazaar. Come early for rolls and coffee at 9:00am!**

Faith United Church 203 Garfield Street Gibbon

FALL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, November 1st

9:00AM-1:00 PM

FAITH UNITED CHURCH IN GIBBON

203 GARFIELD STREET



The Sew 'N Sews will still have their yummy cinnamon rolls.

There will be plenty of baked goods, home canned goods, and incredible homemade pies. We are also offering soups and cabbage burgers to go. We will have a variety of gifts baskets for sale to help your Christmas Shopping needs.

