

Pastor's Corner

July marks a special milestone for me, it has now been one year since I began serving as pastor of Faith United Methodist Church. As I reflect on this past year, my heart is filled with gratitude. One of the things that reminds me just how quickly this year has gone is watching little Beckett Wilkins grow. Beckett was born around the time I arrived, and now he is getting ready to celebrate his first birthday. Seeing him grow from a newborn into a curious and active one-year-old reminds me just how much life can happen in a single year. In many ways, his growth has become a marker of my own journey here at Faith United.

What began as a new appointment in an unfamiliar place quickly became a journey of faith, friendship, and shared ministry. Together we have worshiped, prayed, celebrated joys, walked through challenges, welcomed new faces, served our community, and sought to follow Christ faithfully. Through it all, I have seen God's presence at work.

When I arrived in Nebraska, I did not know exactly what the year ahead would hold. What I discovered was a congregation that welcomed me warmly and allowed me to become part of the Faith United family. Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, patience, and partnership in ministry. I can honestly say that this year has been one of the greatest blessings of my life, and I have experienced God's goodness through this church in countless ways.

As we begin July, we are also turning the page to a new sermon series. After spending the past several weeks exploring *Beloved Community*; God's vision for a people united in love, grace, and mutual care, we now enter a new summer series called *Season of Play*.

At first glance, play may seem like an unusual topic for church. Yet Scripture reminds us that God created us not only for work and responsibility, but also for joy, delight, creativity, wonder, and rest. In a world that often feels rushed and burdened, we will explore how God invites us to rediscover the gift of joy and the freedom to trust, laugh, connect, and delight in God's presence. My hope is that this series will refresh our spirits and remind us that faith is not only about endurance, it is also about abundant life.

As we move through the summer months, I want to leave you with this encouragement: God is not finished with us yet. The same God who has guided us through the past year will continue to lead us into the future. There will be new opportunities to serve, new relationships to build, and new ways to experience God's grace. Whatever challenges or uncertainties we may face, we do so with confidence that God goes before us. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your pastor. I look forward to all that God has in store for Faith United in the days ahead.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Doreen



JULY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 No Sat Night Service due to Holiday
5 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	6 9:00AM WIC	7	8 9:00 AM Sew 'N' Sews 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 PM Bible101	10	11 6:00 PM Worship 6:45 PM potluck Sloppy Joes Bikers for A Cause
12 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	13 6:30 -8PM Community Bible School	14 6:30 -8PM Community Bible School	15 7:00 PM Ad Council	16	17	18 6:00 PM Worship
19 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	20	21	22 9:00 AM Sew'N'Sews	23 7:00 PM Bible 101	24	25 6:00 PM Worship
26 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

DATE	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	AUDIO/ CAMERA
7-5	Todd Meyer	Denise Catlin	Janee Montgomery	Denise
	Kim Wadkins			
7-12	Todd Meyer	Kim Wadkins	Linda Keiper	Amy
	Kim Wadkins			
7-19	Ward Eckloff	Cindy Peabody	Pastor Doreen	Jodi Sell
	Christyne Eckloff			
7-26	Alan VanCleave	Steph Leisinger	Carol McGregor	Jennifer Bauer
	Lowell Jaeger			

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



<i>7-2 Ryder Fries</i>	<i>7-13 Courtney Zwink</i>	<i>7-23 Jennifer Smith</i>
<i>7-3 Don Keiper</i>	<i>7-15 Fred Reed</i>	<i>7-24 Brayden Montgomery</i>
<i>7-3 Justin Meyer</i>	<i>7-15 Milan Schneider</i>	<i>7-25 Sandy Schneider</i>
<i>7-4 Lanny Murr</i>	<i>7-19 Baren Yockey</i>	<i>7-26 Kathy Middleswart</i>
<i>7-5 Linda Mercer</i>	<i>7-22 McKenzie Libra</i>	<i>7-28 Tyson Kier</i>
<i>7-5 Colby Leonard</i>	<i>7-22 Courtney Larsen</i>	
<i>7-11 Steve Rasmussen</i>	<i>7-23 Pat Rayburn</i>	

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

UMM SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

UMM will not be meeting in June, July, or August. They will resume in September and hope that many of you will choose to join them this coming year!!!

UMW AND SEW 'N' SEWS SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

Methodist Women do not meet during the summer months. Will resume in September.

Sew 'N' Sews will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Reminder, we are always looking for fresh fruit and rhubarb for pies. We are thankful for all the support and donations that help us to support the missions we donate to each year. God Bless you all!



COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AND LUNCH JUNE 28TH

This will be held at Davis Park in Gibbon at 10:30 am. (weather permitting) Lunch will follow hosted by the Sell family at Faith United. Please come and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship!!



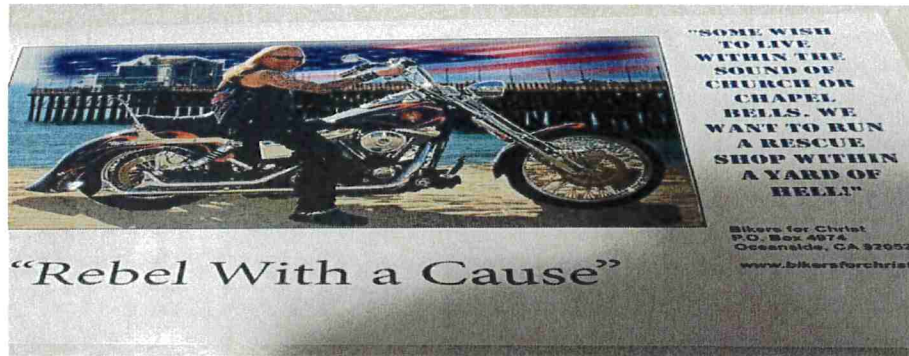
NO SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE JULY 4TH

We will not have Service on Sat night on July 4th due to Holiday! Have a safe holiday with family and friends!

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JULY SATURDAY NIGHT POTLUCK AND SERVICE

We are hosting the local chapter of the Bikers for Christ in July. We will have a potluck meal following service with sloppy joes provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will provide drinks and tableware. We have it set for July 11th. We hope many of you can join us that evening and bring your friends and family as we hear testimonies from a great group of Christians that give so much!!!



4TH OF JULY PARADE

We are planning on having an entry for the 4th of July Parade this year. Tentatively looking at a pickup with banners and Pastor Doreen and some kids will follow passing out postcards and bracelets as well as candy.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

I know it seems crazy to mention this, but school starts in Gibbon early August so we need to get prepared! We are asking for monetary donations again this year so that Carol can purchase while coordinating with Janee Montgomery at school. Any amount will be appreciated. We will have a donation jar set up at church or give to Carol or to the Church office. Thanks in advance for your support.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE



Faith United Methodist Church is excited to host a two-day Community Vacation Bible School on July 13 and 14 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. As we prepare, we are asking our church family and community to prayerfully consider helping with this special event. If you feel led to help, text or message Carol McGregor or Amy Holcomb, or contact the church office at 308-468-5521. We thank Carol and Amy so much for their continued dedication to the children's programs. We would like all Gibbon kids Preschool through 6th grade to join us!!!

BE PART OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Are you looking to get more involved? We would love to have more people serve if they are able.

Contact the church to be an usher, scripture reader and/or do children's sermon. Either get with Pastor Doreen or Mel in the office....



I would like to thank you all, Faith United Members and the Sew 'N' Sews for the prayer blanket that was given to me this past month. It is hard to go from walking 3 miles a day, 7 weeks ago, down to barely being able to walk without a walker. I do what I can and have to let go of what I can't control. It is comforting to know that to everything there is a season and time for every purpose under heaven. I just must figure out what that purpose is.

Sherry Zwink



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE



SUNDAY, JUNE 28

10:30AM

DAVIS PARK

weather permitting

BRING A LAWNCHAIR
FOR PARK SEATING

LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT
FAITH UNITED

LIVE IN CONCERT

ARBOUR SEASON



NO
TICKETS
NEEDED!
FREE WILL
OFFERING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00PM

GIBBON BAPTIST CHURCH

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