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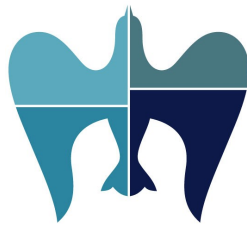
4 Prayers

Worship With Us

Saturdays @ 5:30pm

Sundays @ 8:45am

Attend in person, listen (WGCY 106.3FM), watch (on Facebook)



All Saints Remembrance

Whether by membership in the United Methodist Church of Gibson City or by family or community relationship, we honor these loved ones who left our plain of existence for the joys of eternity with our Lord. Through the public remembrance of them today, we express our gratitude for their years of life and influence.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

~Psalm 116:15

Delmar Bedel	Myra Czaja	Alfred Landau
Pauline Beesley	Bowen Michael Davis	Terri Peters
Carol Bielfeldt	Carolyn Dolby	Ima Jean Ping
Ron Bielfeldt	Christopher Gibbs	Howard Rutledge
Marilyn Burke	Carol Hari	Don Unzicker
Patsy King Cheatham	Mary Ann Hood	JoAnn Whitmore
Kenneth G Clark	Marinell Jones	
Sharan Kay Clark	Carol Lee Junker	

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Jan-Oct Budget Offering	\$190,361				
Jan-Oct Needs/Budget Goals	\$190,000/\$252,500				
October	1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29
Saturday Evening	15	12	15	16	14
Sunday Morning	77	69	91	74	77
Online Worshippers	23		15	25	20



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8:30a-3:00p M-Th
8:30-12:00p Friday

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2023 / 2024

Sunday, October 29th, we traveled over to Mahomet UMC to attend our annual Church Charge Conference. There were 12 other churches with 9 pastors in attendance. The meeting was held by District Superintendent Rev Angie Lee where a hymn was sung, and then she gave a devotion, followed by the business of the day. The meeting concluded with a prayer and we were dismissed. Thanks to those who attended. May God Bless us with a rich and meaningful 2024.

The next few pages highlight the reports that were approved by those in attendance.

2024 GCUMC Budget

Administration Expenses	\$190,112
Salaries, Pension, Health Insurance, Postage, Office Supplies, Continuing Education, Etc	
Education Expenses	\$8,525
Curriculum, Confirmation, Youth Groups, Special Events, etc	
Evangelism	\$1,750
Community Outreach, Advertising, Connection Team	
Worship	\$7,085
Radio, Music, Licenses, Communion, Altar Flowers, etc	
Apportionments	\$29,352
Clergy Support Administration, Benevolences and Connectional	
Missions	\$24,849
Mission Socks, Missionaries, Special Offerings	
Building Expenses	\$48,600
Maintenance, Utilities, Custodial Supplies, Phone, Internet, Insurance, Parsonage Expenses	
Total 2024 Budget	\$310,273

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2023 / 2024

2024 Committees

Staff Parish Relations Committee—The SPRC Chair for 2024 is Kathy Bennett. Committee members are Wayne Snyder, Matt Brown, Tracy Wagner, Mike Utterback, Twyla Schlickman, Paula Boundy, Brynn Boundy, Syda Schlickman, and Susan Schlickman.

Board of Trustees—The Trustee Charis for 2024 are Glenn Riddle and Jim Hood. Committee members include Jeff Eckhoff, Jenn Porter, Kenny Hawthorne, Dave Merritt, Sandy Fairchild, Jim Allen, and Donna Douglas.

Covenant Council—The 2024 Chair of Covenant Council is Elaine Taylor. Secretary is Linda Van Dyken. At large members are Corey Cope, Phil VanSwol, Lisa Farmer, Marsha Riddle, and Carla Allen. This committee also include Greg Poo,, our treasurer, and the chair persons of each committee.

Finance—Our treasurer is Greg Pool. Committee members include Ann Young, Karla Hunter, Leigh Ann Sharp, Evan Severson, April Rotramel. This committee also includes the SPRC chair or a representative, our lay leader, and a representative of trustees.

Worship Committee—The worship committee members are Jim Collison, Jean Bielfeldt, Jenny Arsenault, Becky Young, Amy Hood, Ann Young, Terri Benningfield, Tom Fairchild, Merle McCallister, Betty VanSwol, and Sue Shields.

Mission Committee—The chair of our mission committee is Karen Kummerow. Members of this committee are Rick & Jean Ertel, Jane Tankersley, Mick & Mary Jo Kingsley, Jim Hazen, Kay Bell, Doug Eckerty, Evelyn Patton, Kim Fisher, Todd Littell, Donna Douglas, and Karen Kummerow.

Connection Team—The chair of our connection team is Judy Eckhoff. Members are Melody Carlson, Linda Van Dyken, Gail Anliker, Danielle Brown, Kathy Eagleson, Jean Noellsch, and Kim Fisher.

Focus Group on Kids & Youth—The chair of our youth focus group is April Rotramel. Members are Ella Fairchild, and Tammey Gilbert.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development—This committee is chaired by our Pastor, Gary Fairchild. Members are April Rotramel, Jenn Porter, Wayne Snyder, and Marsha Riddle.

Our lay leader is Jenny Arsenault. She is also our lay member to annual conference.

GCUMC UPDATES



Giving Tree

It's time again for the Giving Tree! We have started to receive forms back from families. This

year in addition to the Christmas gifts, we are also going to be offering coats for those kids who need them. We will use an online sign-up format again this year. That link will be emailed in the next week or two.

Ways to help!

1. Shop! Using the online link you can sign up for coats and gifts. We ask that you keep the budget for the gifts to \$50.
2. Donate! \$50 will sponsor one tag/child for their Christmas wishes
3. Shopping Plus! We will have numerous tags that are sponsored and still need shopped for. This task involves shopping for multiple kids in one trip.
4. Wrapping! Our shopper plus volunteers sometimes like help wrapping all the gifts they got, so we need wrappers for multiple presents.
5. Distribution! We usually have 5-6 people here on distribution morning to help families carry the bags to their cars. (Donuts and coffee are served!)

If you would like to help with any of these things, please contact the office!!

STAFF

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Custodian: Dave Merritt

November

- 11 Rice Packet Filling—3:30-5:00pm
- 11/12 Guest Speaker—Chantel Corrie (Midwest Mission)
- 18/19 Harvest Weekend
- 18/19 Mission Socks—The Giving Tree
- 23/24 Office Closed—Thanksgiving
- 26 Hanging of the Greens (10am)

December

- 3 Men's Breakfast—7am
- 5 Hollybrook Bible Study—9:30am
- 9/10 Mission Socks—Telecare
- 12 Goldwater Bible Study—10:00am
- 16/17 March to the Manger Collection
- 19 Annex Bible Study—10:00am
- 19 Giving Tree Gift Distribution
- 22 Office Closed
- 24 Candlelight Worship Service—7pm
- 25-29 Limited Office Hours—TBA



Below is a list of members who could use your extra prayers and if you are able, a card or small care package.

Heritage Manor

Judith Peters

BridleBrook—Mahomet

Betty Pearson

Servicemen & Women

WO Colton & Emily Young
SSGT Austin Chase (& family)
Carter Wilson

GAH Annex

Doug Hager
Evelyn Wachstetter
Don Rhodes
Joann Longmire
Carolyn Williams
Don Jensen

