




November 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 7:30 Trustees 7:30 Youth Group | 2 | 3 | 4 9:00 AM UMM-Rise and Grind 6:00 PM Worship |
| 5 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship All Saints Day Worship | 6 9:00 AM WIC | 7 | 8 9:00 AM Sew 'N' Sews 7:30 PM Youth Group | 9 7:00 PM Bible101 | 10 | 11 6:00 PM Worship |
| 12 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship | 13 | 14 | 15 9:30 AM UMW 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:30 PM Youth Group | 16 | 17 | 18 6:00 PM Worship 6:30 Potluck |
| 19 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving-Baptist Church | 20 | 21 | 22 9:00 AM Sew'N'Sews | 23 Happy Thanksgiving!  | 24 | 25 6:00 PM Worship |
| 26 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30AM Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 7:30 Youth | 30 | | |

| DATE | USHERS | SCRIPTURE READER | CHILDREN'S TIME | AUDIO/CAMERA | SUNDAY SCHOOL |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 11-5 | Klesha Miller | Kathy Pierce | Carol McGregor | Holcombs | Falonne |
| | Josh Miller | | | | |
| | Charlotte Burr | | | | |
| | Kathy Pierce | | | | |
| 11-12 | Don Keiper | Linda Keiper | Kathy Pierce | Kollars | Vickie Power |
| | Linda Keiper | | | | |
| | Darryl Volquardsen | | | | |
| | Denise Volquardsen | | | | |
| 11-19 | Christyne Eckloff | Christyne Eckloff | Brandon Jacques | Rockefeller/Miller | Jacques |
| | Sandy Sell | | | | |
| | Jodi Sell | | | | |
| | Dan Sell | | | | |
| 10-26 | Jessica Kier | Steph Leisinger | Jessica Kier | Bergstrom/Kollars | Kathy Pierce |
| | Tyson Kier | | | | |
| | Leon Smith | | | | |
| | Jennifer Smith | | | | |

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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| <i>11-2-Kathy Leisinger</i> | <i>11-10 Caly Kenkel</i> | <i>11-21 Bob Owen</i> |
| <i>11-3 Pam Godbersen</i> | <i>11-13 Samuel Kucera</i> | <i>11-22 Debra Fox</i> |
| <i>11-3 Brandon Jacques</i> | <i>11-16 Carol McGregor</i> | <i>11-24 Heather Smallcomb</i> |
| <i>11-3 Eddie Winchester</i> | <i>11-16 Gabe Evans</i> | <i>11-24 Chelsie Bergstrom</i> |
| <i>11-4 Jacob Kucera</i> | <i>11-17 Delphina Kollars</i> | <i>11-30 Lance Bailey</i> |
| <i>11-5 Daniel Leisinger</i> | <i>11-19 Baylee McAtee-Kern</i> | <i>11-30 Aiden McCormick</i> |
| <i>11-7 Ray Winchester</i> | <i>11-19 Emma Christensen</i> | <i>11-30 Carolyn Swanson</i> |
| <i>11-9 Nancy Jader</i> | <i>11-20 Josh Miller</i> | |

PASTORAL CORNER

The passages from Joshua 1:9 and Deuteronomy 31:6 that I shared with you on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2023 still resonate with me, and I want to share them with you again as we enter November month. As I've written in previous newsletters, the end of the year is always accompanied by many challenges and problems most of the time. That's why I'd like to remind you that, whatever happens, "don't worry, for the Lord your God is with you. Be strong and courageous." The Lord who created you will take good care of you, even in the midst of challenges or difficulties that may occur, which is not my intention for you to experience challenges. When you encounter problems or challenges, don't hesitate to share them with us so that we can pray for you and your family. We serve a living, all-powerful God who can do anything and change your story.

I'd also like to remind you all that November 1, 2023 is "All Saints' Day" and that November 5, 2023 will be "All Saints' Sunday". We remember and honor all the saints who have left us, and all the loved ones who have gone to join our Father God in Heaven. "All Saints' Sunday is also a time to remember all those who may or may not have been members of our Church, but who have served it and made it what it is today. So, to honor and remember these people as well as our deceased loved ones, we ask that you bring flowers on that day, which we will place on the altar and pray over during our service that day.

Finally, I can't end the pastoral corner without thanking you all for making it possible for the church to have its new directories. These new directories would not have been possible without your efforts. Thanks also to Mel Murr, Denise, Klesha, and all those who helped us organize it. The time and energy you devoted to this project is truly appreciated. Thanks also Dan Rockefeller and all the people who helped us concrete the entrance to the pantry so we could easily unload and put food in the pantry. Thank you also for concreting the back of the church sign to prepare the ground for the new sign that will be installed in the future. Our thanks and appreciation also go to the Trustees Team and all the men in our congregation who stepped up to help remove the old carpet, take out and reinstall the pews, and facilitate the installation of the new carpet and altar. A huge thanks to all the ladies who helped feed us during this time! Finally, we sincerely thank Linda Kieper and Kim Wadkins for helping us paint our sanctuary. We thank you all for all you have done for our church. Our sanctuary looks more beautiful and like new. Blessings to all.

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



Sew 'N' Sew's Annual Fall Bazaar November 4th

The Fall Bazaar is almost here. The ladies are finishing up making pies and you will be able to place your orders ahead of time. You might be thinking what could I do for the Bazaar? We sell almost anything...any kind of homemade crafts for ladies, men, or kids (mittens, blankets, hats, dishcloths, etc.) and homemade can goods of all sorts such as vegetables, salsa, jellies, and jams. Of course, we always need fresh baked items such as cakes, cookies, muffins, bread, cinnamon rolls, etc. We will also need Gift baskets that we sell such as themed baskets like beauty, food, games to play, snacks to eat, books, movies, etc.. They have some baskets in Fellowship Hall if you are in need of a basket. So, start thinking about what you can do to support the bazaar this year. All the monies made from the sales goes to our church, community, and mission projects outside our state. It's a lot of hard work but it 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 5th

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.



HOLIDAY PIES READY FOR SALE

Sew 'N' Sews have been busily working on creating their famous Pie selections for the fall sale. They have the following flavors available this year: Peach, Strawberry Rhubarb, Cherry, Apple, Blueberry, Pumpkin, and Pecan. All pies are \$10 except for Pecan, and they are \$12.00. Contact Nancy Kollars (468-5961) or Kathy Pierce(308-216-0072). Each pie is made with lots of Love!

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Ham/Turkey for Nov. Saturday Potluck

The Saturday night crew will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, and ham on Saturday November 11th at 6:45pm for anyone who wants to join after service. You're encouraged to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share as well. Tableware will be provided.

Anyone is welcome to attend. You can join us for worship at 6pm, or just come for the meal afterward at approximately 6:40.



Baptist Hosting Community Thanksgiving

Join us for this year's community Thanksgiving meal and show your thanks with your friends and neighbors.

This year's meal will be on Sunday, November 19th at 6pm. The event is organized by the Gibbon Ministerial Association and will be hosted by Gibbon Baptist this year and food supplemented by our church. The meal is free and open to everyone in the community. We encourage you to invite people to attend as we celebrate the gift of community.

Like any good Thanksgiving meal, there are a few staples that are a must. If you would be willing to help provide some of the food for the meal, please get with Mel Murr (308-380-4174) or contact the church office at 468-5521. We are looking for someone to make turkeys and hams, and several people to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

There will be a donation basket that night for the GMA fund. This fund is used to help with such needs as gas vouchers, grocery assistance, rental assistance, and hotel rooms for stranded travelers. Every request is approved by 2 GMA Churches before funds are given out, and our combined efforts help our assistance go farther. Come support our community working together for Christ.

Gideon's visit November 11/12

From hotel rooms to college campuses, the Word of God has made it into the hands of countless people because of Gideon's International. Join us for worship Nov. 11th and 12th to hear how Gideon's is at work and how we can partner with them! Donations are welcome!

“Basket Challenge”

To all ladies of the church. We have lots of very nice “empty” baskets that would love to be filled with fun stuff. 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 \$20. Some suggestions are: baby products, snack items (either homemade or bought), Nebraska products, Husker items, ladies bath & body products, 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. The Dollar Tree in Grand Island is a good place to find fun stuff. You can pick up your basket in the fellowship hall.

Thanks Ladies, I 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!!!

FALL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, November 4th

9:00AM

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, canned goods, and incredible homemade pies. We also are offering soups to go, cabbage sandwiches to go, and sloppy joe mix to go. We will have a variety of gift baskets for sale to help your Christmas shopping needs.



DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



2nd Annual Christmas in the Park

Dec 2nd -5pm-8pm-Downtown Gibbon-Pioneer Park

Our church will be a part of this again. We will have a tree up downtown depicting members of our church. We will use last years pictures we took plus add some additional ones for this year. Our youth group will be serving food at the fire hall again also. There will be other activities downtown and we encourage everyone to participate if they can. Santa will be there also! More information to follow.

Free Pantry signed up for GWYL again

The Gibbon Free Pantry will be part of the Give Where You Live campaign for 2023 on Thursday December 7th. This one-day community-wide fundraiser offers a chance for different organizations and non-profits to showcase their programs and secure online donations.

In addition to the gifts from individuals, every online gift qualifies our organization for a variety of additional gifts such as matching donations, random "golden ticket" winners, and special "power hour" winners every hour of the day. So, every gift also gives the Gibbon Free Pantry a shot at additional funding too! You can find out more details about these additional ways to win from the Give Where You Live website.

In the first part of 2023, we have served over 3000 individuals and 902 families. The Gibbon Free Pantry helps to feed an average of 90 families per month. To meet this need, we purchase food in addition to the donations and items that we receive from the Food Bank of the Heartland.

Each year, we receive over 20,000 lbs. of food from Heartland, nearly 10,000 lbs. of produce through Farmers to Families and purchased an estimated 11,000 lbs. locally to keep up with demand. Unfortunately, Farmers to Families will end this year.

This will be our 6th year participating in Give Where You Live. Our goal for 2023 is \$4000. It's a big number, but there is also a big need. We are blessed that we have no rent cost and no staff cost but starting this next year we will have utilities to pay due to Head Start leaving our facility. This is a huge ministry, but it is only possible through the generosity of others. Mark your calendars now and consider giving a gift as part of this incredible mission!

Christmas Program to be Dec 17th

It seems early to be talking about Christmas, but we just wanted you to put on your calendars for your kiddos for the annual church Christmas program. More details next newsletter.