




DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Sunday School-1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9AM-WIC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 PM Trustees</p> <p>7:30 Youth</p> <p>5-7pm-Open House at Pantry</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Give Where You Live All Day</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00AM UMM-Fellowship Hall</p> <p>No Sat night worship service due to Christmas in Park.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:15AM-10:15 AM-Youth Christmas Program Practice</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Community Concert with Chengs</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:15-Chamber</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00AM Sew'N' Sews</p> <p>7:30 Youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible 101</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 PM Worship</p> <p>6:45 Potluck</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9:15-10:15-Youth Christmas Program Practice</p> <p>10:30AM Worship/Youth Christmas Program</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>UMW Lunch</p> <p>7:30 Youth</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00PM Worship</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00PM Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible 101</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00PM Worship</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

DATE	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	AUDIO/ CAMERA
12-1	Kim Wadkins	Alan Van Cleave	Kathy Pierce	Nancy and Glenn
	Todd Meyer			
	Kevin McGregor			
	Carol McGregor			
12-8	Alan Van Cleave	Cindy Peabody	Linda Keiper	Alan Van Cleave and Amy Holcomb
	Lowell Jaeger			
	Linda Keiper			
	Don Keiper			
12-15	Jessica Kier	Janee Montgomery	Christmas Program	Chelsie Bergstrom
	Tyson Kier			Glenn Kollars
	Jennifer Smith			
	Leon Smith			
12-22	John Kucera	Sandy Sell	Pastor Jean-Marc	Stacy Rockefeller Amy Holcomb
	Michele Kucera			
	Christyne Eckloff			
	Sandy Sell			
12-29	Doug Rose	Steph Leisinger	Janee Montgomery	Nancy and Glenn
	Julie Rose			
	Denise Volquardsen			
	Darryl Volquardsen			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



<i>12-2 Dan Rockefeller</i>	<i>12-8 Kathy Pierce</i>	<i>12-18 Susan Winchester</i>
<i>12-3 Bryce Hemmerling</i>	<i>12-8 Dominick Rhone</i>	<i>12-23 Nick VanMatre</i>
<i>12-3 Dianna Morgan</i>	<i>12-12 Doug Rose</i>	<i>12-27 Denise Catlin</i>
<i>12-5 Nathan Holcomb</i>	<i>12-12 Charlie Oliver</i>	<i>12-28 Wesley Hodge</i>
<i>12-6 Todd Meyer</i>	<i>12-13 Joan Hemmerling</i>	<i>12-29 Paityn Leonard</i>
<i>12-6 Emma Larsen</i>	<i>12-15 Madelyn Holcomb</i>	<i>12-31 CL Sell</i>
<i>12-7 Judy Karmazin</i>	<i>12-17 Kristin Holcomb</i>	<i>12-31 Addyson Swanson</i>



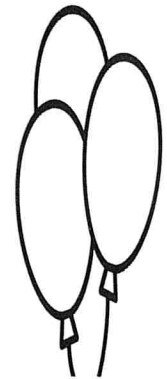
JANUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!!!!	2	3	4 9:00 AM UMM- Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Worship
5 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	6 9:00AM WIC	7	8 9:00 AM Sew 'N' Sews 7:30 Trustees 7:30 PM Youth Group	9 7:00 PM Bible101	10	11 6:00 PM Worship
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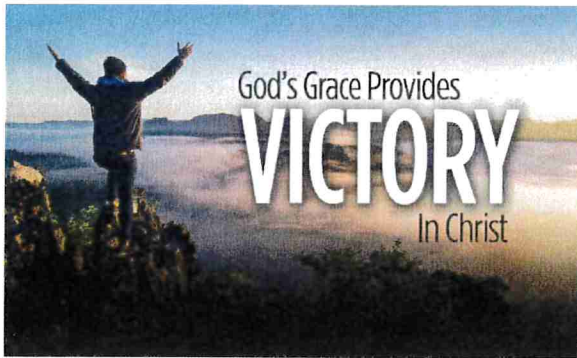
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1-5	Kevin McGregor Carol McGregor	Christyne Eckloff	Janee Montgomery	Kollars
1-12	Jessica Kier Tyson Kier	Sandy Sell	Carol McGregor	Amy Holcomb Alan Van Cleave
1-19	Darryl Volquardsen Denise Volquardsen	Stephanie Leisinger	Kathy Pierce	Glenn Kollars Alan Van Cleave
1-26	Doug Rose Julie Rose	Charolotte Burr	Pastor Jean Marc	Amy Holcomb Stacy Rockefeller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



<i>1-1 Lacey Leonard</i>	<i>1-12 Flossie Lienemann</i>	<i>1-22 Blake Kern</i>
<i>1-2 Harry Husman</i>	<i>1-12 Kara Leisinger</i>	<i>1-26 Kory Kern</i>
<i>1-2 Andy Jader</i>	<i>1-13 Sherry Zwick</i>	<i>1-28 Lindsay Gillming</i>
<i>1-2 Keira McCormick</i>	<i>1-15 Breanna Gillming</i>	<i>1-29 Scott Mercer</i>
<i>1-3 Rick Brown</i>	<i>1-16 Scott Danielson</i>	<i>1-29 Jeff Montgomery</i>
<i>1-7 Shawn Mitchell</i>	<i>1-20 MaKenna Smallcomb</i>	<i>1-31 Beverly Weston</i>
<i>1-9 Olivia Peterson</i>	<i>1-21 Braden Miller</i>	<i>1-31 Bobbi Cline</i>
<i>1-9 Keren Mutwale</i>	<i>1-21 Kristofer Krupp</i>	

Pastoral Corner



We've made it to December! Praise and honor be to God for keeping us safe throughout 2024. It has been a year filled with both challenges and blessings, yet God has been with us through it all—wiping our tears and helping us overcome each trial. In times of joy, He has ensured that our happiness was complete. God is truly wonderful; all praise and honor to Him!

As we enter December, let's prepare our hearts for Christmas Eve. This Advent season, starting on December 1, we'll explore

"The Main Characters in the Birth of Jesus Christ", a series focused on those who played key roles in His arrival.

Here's our Advent schedule:

December 1 – Theme 1: "Elizabeth and Zechariah". We'll reflect on the role these two played in preparing the way for Jesus.

December 8 – Theme 2: "Mary and Joseph". We'll dive into the story of Jesus' earthly parents and their faithful role in His birth.

December 15 – Christmas Celebration with Our Children. One of my favorite events! This celebration will bring us together to experience the joy of Christmas through the eyes of our children.

December 22 – "Theme 3: The Shepherds and the Magi". We'll look at how these visitors encountered the newborn King and shared the good news.

Christmas Eve – "Final Theme: "Jesus Christ". We'll conclude our series with Jesus, the true heart of Christmas.

I hope you'll join us throughout Advent as we journey through these stories together. May God keep us safe this December and prepare us for a new and blessed year in 2025.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for all you do for our church. Your involvement in small groups and various ministries helps our church thrive and fulfill its mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. May God bless you as you continue to serve and work for His Kingdom.



Merry and blessed Christmas to each of you, and Happy New Year to you and your families. May the blessings of Christmas be with you as we celebrate Christ's birth, and may the New Year, 2025, be filled with the fulfillment of our dreams. Let us seek Christ more deeply in 2025 and live lives of sanctification for His glory.

God bless you!

Pastor Jean-Marc

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



PANTRY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY DEC 4TH

We will be hosting an Open House to the community for the New Pantry on Dec 4th from 5-7PM to show the community what we have to offer. Please come and bring your friends and family to see our new building. refreshments will be served.



FREE PANTRY SIGNED UP FOR GWYL AGAIN

The Gibbon Free Pantry will be part of the Give Where You Live campaign for 2024 on Thursday December 5th. This one-day community-wide fundraiser offers a chance for different organizations and non-profits to showcase their programs and secure online donations. This year, we will also be at the Pantry at 715 Front St on Thursday December 5th from 11am-4pm to take cash or check donations for those that would like to give in person. All checks need to be made to KACF-Kearney Area Community Fund.

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 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. We were blessed to already receive a \$500 prize for our Facebook posts.

This will be our 7th year participating. We raised over 3200 last year. Our goal for 2024 is \$5000. It's a big number, but there is also a big need. Our client numbers continue to grow especially with the move this year to a ground floor location this year.

We are blessed that we have no rent or staff cost but we unfortunately lost our Headstart rent from the old pantry which helped with utilities and such. It 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 fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK DECEMBER 7TH

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. FBLA will be serving Chili(that we are making) at the fire hall again also. Santa will arrive in a special transport as well as the Lighting of the trees at 6pm. There will be other activities downtown and we encourage everyone to participate if they can. This is a fun family night for all!!!

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT DEC 9TH

Kevin and Heidi Cheng will be performing a Christmas Concert at Faith United Church in Gibbon on Monday December 9th at 7:00 PM. We encourage all members of the community to come and listen to the beautiful music these two will offer that evening. Donations are encouraged. Refreshments will be served following.

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC 15TH

The annual children's Christmas program will be Sunday December 15th at 10:30am during worship service. Practices will be held Sunday December 8th and Sunday December 15th from 9:15-10:15am. Preschool through High School are invited to participate. Amy Holcomb will be reaching out to see if you are interested or contact her at 308-216-0

CHRISTMAS OFFERING THIS YEAR GOES TO VETS HOME!

We will be collecting monies in December to give vouchers to each Resident of the Vets Home for Christmas. Last year they were beyond thrilled to get to spend this extra money on things at either the store they have on grounds or retail stores they preferred. Our goal is \$1500 so please give to those that gave so much to us by serving in the Armed Forces. Checks can be made to the church (please put Vets Home in memo) and we hope to attain our goal by December 20th so we can deliver the money to the Veterans Home in Kearney prior to Christmas.

DECEMBER 14TH SAT NIGHT SOUP SUPPER

We will be hosting a soup supper after service on Sat Dec 14th at approximately 6:45 pm. Soup will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert if you are able. Drink and table service will be provided. Feel free to bring friends and family. You can come to service, or just come to eat or both!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DECEMBER 24TH

This Year Christmas Eve Service at Faith United will be at 6pm. Please bring your families and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the fellowship between us all!

REMINDER OF YEAR-END GIFT TIMEFRAME

Like most churches, our year-end giving is a critical part of funding the amazing ministries we have. The generosity of Faith United has been incredible again this year! We just want to make sure everyone remembers that all donations must be received in the office or postmarked by Dec 31st in order to be credited 2024 giving. Don't forget you can also give securely through our website. Make a gift from your checking account, debit card, or credit card. The same deadlines apply. Thanks for helping us through another year of ministry. God Bless You All!!!

CARD SHOWER FOR HARRY HUSMAN

Please help celebrate Harry Husman's 90th Birthday on January 2nd. His address is Cambridge Court; Room 111-4107 Central Avenue; Kearney, NE 68847



Dear Quilters and Faith United Church of Gibbon

Can't tell you how much I appreciate the beautiful quilt. You certainly made my day and I will cherish the blanket.

Deb Bonham-Special thanks to Judy Karmazin(classmate) for her thoughtfulness.

Ladies,

Thank you so much for all the help with Alan Mayfield's Celebration of Life lunch. It was so appreciated.

Vicki Farrell Post #310 Gibbon American Legion Riders

UMW

I'd like to thank you all for the nice service and honor and remembering the All Saints in your gift to the UMW World groups. Your support is greatly appreciated. God Bless You All!

Melody and Family

Faith United

Thank you all that donated for the clothing for students in need at the school. It is very much appreciated!

Staff at Gibbon Elementary

Sew 'N' Sews,

Thank you for thinking of and praying for m family after the sudden loss of my ex-husband, Joe Zezulak. Our son Mathew commented how "nice" it was to receive such a special blanket.

Melanie Wiseman and Matthew Zezulak

Sew 'N' Sews,

Oh how you have blessed my heart!! am filled to the measure with gratitude for the wonderful prayer quilt I was gifted. What a precious thing you all do and I'm honored to be a recipient. With many thanks,

Kimberly Rahe