



*God's Love is Unstoppable!*

As I write this, we are wrapping up our G Force Bible School. I have to say that we are having a great time and I am so thankful for all the people who were willing to help. A huge shout of thanks to Bonnie Davis and Cherie

Miner, who were the ones who brought the curriculum to us through M.U.M.M. They helped us out a lot and saved some of the planning.

I have listed all the volunteers below, but I am so grateful to everyone who helped by not only volunteering but by donating items or money. Larry and Betty Gregerson were willing to open their home to Bonnie and Cherie, so they didn't have to drive back and forth. Freda Perdue coordinated all the meals on four of the days for 50 kids and nearly 30 helpers. We couldn't have done it without all of you. ~ Blessings, Kelli

Volunteers: Vera Lyons, Pat Elsberry, John Bolton, Linda Plueger, Jodie Sward, Rosie Wurpts, Ardy Proehl, Brenda Fisher, Tina Clark, Maggie Fuller, Evelyn Lewiston, Sandy Friesen, Jen Liebsch, Sylvia Dunkelberger and the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies.

High School: Lilly Wittersheim, Lily Joseph, Carson Crane, Owen Bergstrom, Lydia Longhorn, Lane Longhorn, Sydney King, & Jacelyn Sprecher.



# Impact

“...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*Matthew 28:20*

**July 2022**

**Community United Methodist Church ~ Ogden, Iowa**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of CUMC,

I thought I might share my position on disaffiliation. Even though I have no real part in this decision you are making, the outcome will affect me. Let me begin by saying, Why I do what I do is centered around salvation, my salvation and yours. I believe to the very depth of my being that my Triune God has been working on rescuing me and you from our sinful state from the dawn of time and through the blood of Jesus that ultimate pathway has been opened. I have through the many portals of God's grace and mercy received and accepted that promise of eternal life. But, and this is a very big but... I can lose it. Not by God's actions, but by my own. The Bible makes it clear, not all will be saved, and once saved does not mean always saved.

Let me explain. As a child, or even now as an adult, I cannot count the number of times I have been told in one way or another, “You should have known better!” In life, mistakes and errors occur. The first time it happens, it is because you did not know. The child doesn't know the stove top gets hot or even what can happen from touching something hot. After the first experience we are to “Know Better”. Sometimes we learn and avoid, but other times we just push the limits. Like my favorite example, driving the speed limit. How fast can I really go? Then we have those experiences that happen, out of the blue, or happen over time slowly. Ever watch the TV show Hoarders? There are a multitude of factors that play into this condition. But nobody ever said they wanted to or it was their choice to live this kind of life and that goes along with any addiction. Sin is an addiction, and we all have it. I would love to be able to say, “some have it worse than others”. But, in the eyes of God sin is sin and sin cannot be justified unto itself and God does not compromise on sin. Early on in our denomination's turmoil, the big debate was over the statement in our Book of Discipline that says, “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.” (BOD ¶1304.3) May I suggest this statement be rewritten to say, “The practice of **sin** is incompatible with Christian teaching.” So, every day is a working day in my faith against the power of sin using the tools and powers God has given me including the blood of forgiveness, which leads to repentance.

In addition to growing my faith, God also has commanded me to do things in His name. Go and make disciples and teach (The Great Commission – Matt. 28:19-20) under the greatest of commandments of first loving God then loving neighbor (Matt. 24:33-40). A well respected peer of mine said the measure of one's Faith is the number of disciples they have cultivated for the Body of Christ, the church. The church should be measured similarly by the number of disciples it produces and sends, and the number of new churches it starts, all of which may be a foreign concept for many. It is all about growing the kingdom and this work, I believe, is tied into the salvation process. Please do not misunderstand, we are only tools used by God, but we have a choice to allow Him to use us and there is a consequence in not choosing God.

## **Sunday Morning**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

## **Staff and Contact Information**

Pastor—Rev. James “Buck” Buckhahn  
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## **Church Address—Website**

Community United Methodist Church  
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CUMC website: [www.cumcogden.org](http://www.cumcogden.org)

[www.facebook.com/cumcogdeniowa](https://www.facebook.com/cumcogdeniowa)

## **Sermons Online**

View sermons under “Sunday Services”  
tab online at the church’s homepage.

## **Church Calendar**

The church calendar is located on the  
website under the “Calendar” menu.

## **Office Hours**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

## **CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Here is our latest Financial Report as of 5/31/2022:

General Fund Balance = \$1,137.22

Apportionments due for 2022 = \$17,507

Apportionments Remitted YTD = \$1,052.00

Av. Weekly Giving of \$3073.37 is up \$200.93/week

From average weekly giving prior year.

### **On-Line Giving**

You can give using Credit/Debit cards or from your check-  
ing/savings accounts. Simply follow these easy steps to get  
started: Visit our website at <https://www.cumcogden.org/>  
Go to the [Stewardship Page](#) & follow the instructions.

### **On-line Giving using your Smart Phone**

With the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App you can use  
your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere! Download the  
FREE app on your Apple or Android phone. Make one-time  
or recurring donations. Log in or donate as a guest. Securely  
and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/  
Fingerprint, PIN, or password. To give, search your phone’s  
app store for Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement and install.  
Follow the instructions to select our church and start giving.

### **TEXT Giving**

Simply text a dollar amount (i.e. “10” for \$10.00) to **855-908-1102**. First time users will get a reply text with a link. Click on the link and complete the transaction form. The dollar amount you texted will be the amount processed. Future giving will automatically process using the information you entered initially. You will get a confirmation TEXT which will have other instructions for refunding or making your gift a recurring gift. Or you can Scan the URL code and it will take you to the CUMC giving page on our website

### **Electronic Giving Option**

To simplify your financial giving to CUMC,  
consider using electronic giving through your own bank’s  
website (online bill paying) or authorizing CUMC’s account  
at Vision Bank to draw funds from your account. You can set  
up an amount for as often as you like or make  
single donations. Information is available at  
church.



## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **INGATHERING**

FILL A KIT—MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Stop by the mission bulletin board and pick up a school bag and/or a zip lock bag (for personal dignity kits) and follow the directions enclosed and be a blessing to someone in need around the world. A tote will be available for finished kits to be dropped off. Start watching the back to school sales for school kit items. You may find such good sales you will want to fill TWO bags! Thank you for taking the time to make a difference in such a simple way! It takes us all to make a difference in Jesus’ name!

### **FOOD PANTRY**

The second Tuesday of each month is the day the food pantry is open. It starts at 5:00pm and ends at 6:30 pm. It is open to all residents of Ogden, Beaver, Boxholm, Pilot Mound, and Frasier who need more food security.

Food Pantry is held in the basement of the Community United Methodist Church. Enter the church through the door on the North side of the church. No appointments are needed to attend.

We are thankful how the people of Ogden have supported us by their donations and help.

We are in need of people to donate their time to help give out the food the day we are open. These people help the patrons with their food choices and then to help get the food out to their cars.

If you are willing to help in any way please call and let us know. Sandy’s phone number is 515-275-2385 and the church’s number is 515-275-4015. Thank you for your help.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity has begun work on a new home in Boone. It is being built for a young lady with a little girl. It will be wonderful for them to have safe, affordable housing. This year we have signed our church up to provide a meal during the time the Car-A-Van workers are here. This group has come for many of the builds in our area. We will be serving on Tuesday, August 2nd, at Noon. Trinity Lutheran Church in Boone has offered the use of their kitchen to serve the meals. It is air conditioned and will give the workers a chance to cool off and rest for a bit while having lunch. The church is just 2 blocks from the work site so will be convenient for those serving and those working as well. We are not signed up for a Saturday work day. This does not mean you can not go to the site and help. You will just need to reach out to the Habitat office in Boone and inquire about a time to join the work. You can reach Erich Kretzinger at 515-290-1494. If you would like to assist with serving the Car-A-Van workers by providing food and/or serving please let Alayna know in the church office.



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**Bernie Lewiston**

**SATURDAY, JULY 16th**  
**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**337 SW 2<sup>d</sup>, Ogden, IA**  
**2-4 PM**

*We would love to have you stop by, but if not,  
 a card would be appreciated...*  
**PO Box 712, Ogden, IA 50212**

# Confirmation



On June 5th CUMC confirmed five students of the 2022 Confirmation Class. Four of these students went on to become members of CUMC.

One became a member of Pilot Mound Methodist Church.

Photo back row

Anna Wilson, Pastor Buck, Colson Carson, & Lydia Longhorn.

Front row

Alena Wilson & Gabby Roush

Confirmation students attended weekly classes from January through May. Were they journeyed deeper into their faith.

## Family and Friends in Our Prayers

Please pray for our CUMC friends Lois Brix; John Hunter; Mary Janice Ott; Sharon Crouse and especially our friends and family that are shut-ins or in care centers.



## Members and Friends in Care

**Ogden Manor:** Norma Jean Herridge; **Green Hills:** Dixie Jensen

**Westhaven:** Millie Henriksen; **Suites of Ankeny:** Vivian Christensen;

(G Force Crew)

## Condolences

Irene Delp

August 6, 1929—June 15, 2022

Craig Beer

February 26, 1927—June 20, 2022

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With all this said, my position on disaffiliation is this. The United Methodist denomination has, is, and will continued to compromise God’s truth as shown to us through Holy Scripture to appease the sinful world, in the misguided directive of loving thy neighbor with no way to be accountable to the teachings and commands of Christ as they relate to salvation. As the Body of Christ we are told we each can follow our “conscience”, as such there can be no accountability because everyone is “right”. And to reinforce this no accountability you are told, “Do No Harm”. Accountability is not the same as being judgmental. Within the great commission we are told to teach new disciples to observe all that Jesus has commanded. That is being accountable to one another. There are also biblical teachings about keeping negative forces out of the Body of Christ and how to do it.

As of today, I have lost, for the most part, one of the sources I have used to help in my faith journey and that is my denominational peers. Thankfully I have my CUMC family. But it is also hurting. I know one thing, change is coming. Change has already begun.

No matter how painful you think this process has been, is, and will be, it is necessary for the life of this church, and your faith journey going forward. This church knows where it wants and needs to go and grow. However, you have been using the denomination turmoil as an excuse not to go and grow for far too long. Your Leadership Board has said enough of this, the Lord is calling us into action. The United Methodist Denomination is killing this church not helping it. It is time to choose a new pathway which will put this church on the road to recovery, prosperity, and most importantly glorifying God’s Kingdom. This Pastor supports their efforts.

(G Force Crew)



## Disaffiliation Update

Thank You to those who participated in our first two informational meetings. The Leadership Board has schedule two more meetings – Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am after our worship service and Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. These meetings will be available via a Zoom meeting link which will be posted on our website within the church calendar for each date. The official vote will be taken in person at the Special Church Conference, August 1, 2022 at 7PM. There is a tab on our home page of our website that will take you directly to information about disaffiliation. This site will be updated on a regular basis.

## DON WILLIAMS WORSHIP & POTLUCK PICNIC

We will be holding our annual potluck picnic at the Ronald Good Shelter at Don Williams on Sunday, the 3rd of July at 10:00 am. Coffee, lemonade, water, two main dish options, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. You may want a chair or a blanket to sit on as we will try to hold this service outside, weather permitting. Make it a weekend, invite your friends and family. The more the merrier!!



Once again we will be running a Food Court at the Farm Progress Show near Boone. The dates are August 30, 31, & September 1st. This is a great fundraiser for the youth in our community. Proceeds will be shared with Water's Edge Church, CUMC and a group from Ogden Schools.

If you can help out for any period of time, we would greatly appreciate it! It takes lots of people to run the tent. There are jobs for everyone. You can make sandwiches, run a cash register, fill pop coolers, help at the grill, clean tables, and a multitude of other jobs. Kris Brend will once again be getting people signed up to help. If you are available, please contact Kris. We will also have sign-up sheets available at church once we get closer to the show dates.

Thank you so much for the support you give to the youth in this community, Tom and Judy



Meeting a turtle (Left) & G Force 4-6 grade (above)

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Crista Cooper	July 16	Rochelle Fisher	July 26	Jeremy Briton**
July 2	Jennifer Pock	July 16	Dawn Just		Carrie Wilson
July 3	Rachel Sheirbon		Tom Snow	July 27	Pat Doran
July 4	Frances Kauffman	July 18	Donna Cottingham	July 28	Lindsay Prouty
July 5	Linda Plueger	July 19	Harvey Rinker	July 30	Mike Erickson
July 6	Hazel Moe	July 20	Donna Ohlson		
July 7	Pat Carson		Camille Schroeder		
	Leslie Hayes	July 21	Jessi Lass		
July 9	John Fuller		Jason Plueger		
July 10	Sheridan Burrill	July 22	Scott Church**		
	Kristy Hall		John Ellis		
July 11	Bernie Lewiston**		Casey Harvey**		
	Tyler Tolan		Ryan Lowman**		
July 12	Gary Hoyt	July 23	Aspen Castell		
July 13	Dick Smith		Dave Ohlson		
July 14	Austin Patten	July 24	Jackson Merritt		
July 15	Roger Eshelman**		Scott Perdue		



\*\* denotes significant birthdays that end in "0".

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Donna & Rex Christensen	July 5th	Bryant & Ashley Hunter	July 5th
Deanna & Brandon Moe	July 6th	Robert & Crista Cooper	July 14th
Toni & Marcus Leigh	July 21st	Steve & Mona Satre	July 22nd
Scott & Gina Church	July 31st	Dan & Susan Kallem	July 31st

## SPECIAL MUSIC

We have a lot of talented people within our church family. Please share your musical talent with us during worship. There is a clip board in the Courtyard to sign up for a specific Sunday. We love to hear you.



## FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

For those that enjoy having fellowship, especially during the summer, please sign up on the sign up in the courtyard. Treats don't need to be extravagant. Just a little something to snack on while enjoying each other's company. Thank you.

# “Healing and Joy”

“On our Journey to God”  
United Women In Faith



United  
Women  
in Faith

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

*Galatians 5:1*

Dear Friends,

Summer has gotten off to a wonderful start. Everything is so green and growing well. The flowers add beautiful colors too. It has been interesting to see the birds. I've had several baby birds in my yard.

School is out and many children and teens are out on their bikes. Be sure to watch out for them as you drive around town.

As I write this our G Force Camp (Vacation Bible School) is in full swing. There are about 50 children attending. They are full of energy and are learning and having a wonderful time.

Thank you to all who helped out with G Force. Many gave their time to teach, help with meals, check the children in and out each day, and be there to encourage us with their prayers.

On July 6th at 1:30pm there will be a United Women in Faith Executive meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Thursday, July 28th, is the Ogden Manor Visit. Glory Circle will provide 3 dozen cookies. Please have them to the church the morning of the 28th. Pastor Buck will take them to the Manor.

Continue to have a good summer and enjoy all it has to offer.

Blessings to You, Sandy Friesen

## UWIF Schedule for June

July 6—1:30pm	UWIF Executive Meeting
July 15-17	Mission U
July 18—7:00 pm	Glory Circle
July 20—1:30 pm	Faith Circle
July 28—1:30 pm	Ogden Manor Worship (Glory Circle has cookies)

## COOKBOOKS ONLY \$5.00

### GET YOURS NOW

Heavenly Helpings, Second Servings cookbooks are available in the courtyard and in the office.

Paired with Norma Jean's hot pads (also in the courtyard) they make a great gift.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Gather with us in the Youth Room in the lower level for Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. This Bible Study is open to young and old alike. Come and learn something new, or contribute what you know. Discussion is likely, please join in.

## G.L.A.D.—Group for the Lucky And Dedicated

A social support group for caretakers and their loved ones meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Community United Methodist Church in Ogden. The G.L.A.D. meeting will be a time to share devotions, helpful ideas, and conversation (with juice, decaf and cookies).

This group is open to anyone in the community, and even if you're not a caregiver, your presence adds to our enjoyment of the evening. Please join us!



## WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

A group of local men are meeting on Wednesday mornings to examine the Bible, to pray, and to collectively grow their faith. You are welcome to rise up early and join them every Wednesday morning here at CUMC starting at 5:00am.

You are also welcome to attend via Zoom. The Zoom link is on the calendar on the website or you can contact the office and we can send you a link via email.



SEEKERS - Thursday at 10:00 am-11:30 in the Church Library.

A new study begins Thursday, July 7th.

Early Church, by Ray Vanderlaan, will be our guide for five weeks as we discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries.



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All services will be Livestreamed online at <a href="http://www.cumcogden.org">www.cumcogden.org</a> under the "Sunday Services/Live Stream" and can also be viewed anytime. Previous month services can be viewed under the Sunday Services tab.</p>					1)	2)
<p>3) 10:00 am Worship with Communion at Don Williams 11:00 am Potluck  bring a side/dessert</p>	<p>4) </p>	5)	<p>6) 5:00 am Men's Prayer &amp; Study 1:30 pm UWIF Unit Meeting</p>	<p>7) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	8)	<p>9) </p>
<p>10) 9:00 am Bible Study in Youth Room 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30 am Disaffiliation Meeting</p>	11)	<p>12) 5:00 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm G.L.A.D.</p>	<p>13) 5:00 am Men's Prayer &amp; Study</p>	<p>14) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	15)	<p>16) 2-4:00 pm Bernie Lewistons 80th Birthday Party In the Courtyard</p>
<p>17) 9:00 am Bible Study in Youth Room 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>18) 7:00 pm Glory Circle</p>	<p>19) </p>	<p>20) 5:00 am Men's Prayer &amp; Study 1:30 pm Faith Circle 6:30 pm Disaffiliation Meeting 7:30 pm Leadership Board</p>	<p>21) 10:00 am Seekers</p>	22)	23)
<p>24) 9:00 am Bible Study in Youth Room 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	25)	<p>26) 6:30 pm G.L.A.D.</p>	<p>27 5:00 am Men's Prayer &amp; Study</p>	<p>28) 10:00 am Seekers 1:30 pm Ogden Manor Worship</p>		
<p>31) 9:00 am Bible Study in Youth Room 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>AUGUST 1st 7:00 pm Disaffiliation Vote</p>					