

GRAND VIEW GOOD NEWS

A newsletter focusing on all the good things happening at Grand View!



Tractor Pull Grabs Attention, Brings Community

On Sunday, July 10, antique tractor enthusiasts pulled their way down the dirt track behind Grand View, trying to will their tractor to pull the weighted sled farther than their competition, even if only by a few inches, or less.

"A great tractor pull at Grand View!"
- **RON TURNER**

The *Hawkeye Vintage Farm Machinery Association* puts on a great show every

summer at Grand View, having their tractor club gather in the large area behind the church building and their members pull various sizes and types of tractors. Church attendees, families, friends, and the general community gather on the church hillside to enjoy the fun afternoon.

This event is always an easy-going afternoon that's fun for the whole family. Hy-Vee provided the food and the Dubuque Dairy Association provided the Ice Cream. It's a great time of community building around a neat farm tradition.

As an added component, the *Hawkeye Vintage Farm Machinery Association* allows Grand View members to pull in a "Church Class" and try their hand at pulling. 8 members participated. Church members each pay \$15 to participate, and the money is donated to Grand View's **Damka Matters** ministry, our partnership with Damka, Nigeria.

Congratulations to the winner of the Church Class,
Clark Johnson!



TRACTOR PULL- CONTINUED

Also, a fun tradition that continues is the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull. 25 kids ages 3-10 yrs. old used leg power to try to pedal farther than their counterparts down the sidewalk behind the Church building. Each kid puller also received a coupon for free ice cream. Congratulations to all who participated!

Winners were:

3-5 years old

1st-Sophie Breitbach
2nd-McKinley Hafner

6-7 years old

1st-Isabelle Breitbach
2nd-Benny Hafner

A special THANK YOU to the **Veach family** and **Ron Link** who helped organize and run the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull.



Summer Games University 2022

The mission of Summer Games is to engage students in their relationships with Jesus, other Christians, and local community to achieve full participation in the Church. This mission is accomplished through a one-week camp experience on campus at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Summer Games offers students the chance to connect with peers from across the state, receive mentorship and guidance from their huddle leaders, and have fun in worship and games.

"Before Leah and I went to camp, I was extremely nervous. But once we arrived and got situated, my nervousness faded. After we brought our stuff to our dorm room, we went to where everyone else was meeting and whatever number was on our "Id" would define what huddle we were in. I was in huddle 4, while Leah was in huddle 8. After I met my huddle, I was excited to spend the week and play games with them. Throughout the week, I grew closer to my huddle and I learned more about God & Jesus. On Wednesday during the sermon we got to see what Jesus and the other 2 men went through which grew me closer to God. Overall, I loved camp and my huddle and I would go next year." – **KYARA OHNESORGE**



"I really enjoyed going to Summer Games University with my friend, Kyara Ohnesorge. There was a lot of music, dancing, games, and other activities. I chose Art for my elective and worked on a self-portrait. I shared a dorm room with Kyara and she went to the water park for her elective. It was fun to be at a college and get to walk around campus and eat in the cafeteria. Some kids had ice cream for every meal.

I have moved to Cedar Falls and will miss the Grand View Youth Group. I hope to see more kids from Grand View Youth Group there next year. Please go!"

– **LEAH PHILLIPS**

MEMBER *spotlight*

How long have you been at Grand View UMC? 5 ½ years

What do you enjoy most about GVUMC? I enjoy the friendly community of people and all of the events we have. Pastor Tom always has an interesting, meaningful message. He delivers it in a serious, yet clever and witty manner. I always leave church with a good feeling.

What are you involved in at GVUMC? I like to help out in the nursery during the 9:30am Worship on Sundays, and then usher at the 10:45am Worship Celebration. I have done nursing home visits. I helped with the soup supper and helped the Society of United Methodist Women serve corned beef and cabbage lunch at the Mission downtown.

Share a little bit about yourself: I have lived most of my life in Elizabeth, Illinois. I am a retired Jr. High teacher. I moved to Dubuque six years ago when I retired. I do some volunteer work around town and I have learned to enjoy Euchre. I have two daughters; one who lives here in Dubuque and one who lives in Lena, Illinois. I also have one granddaughter and two little "greats".

MAUREEN TYNE



MEMBER *spotlight*

East Dubuque, Wesley

MARLENE HIGH

How long have you been at Wesley UMC?

I have been at Wesley UMC in East Dubuque since 1979.

What do you enjoy most about Wesley UMC?

I enjoy the fellowship with the congregation! I have been at Wesley for forty-three years; they are my family! My husband and I raised our children in this church and after he died, I just kept coming. I love the **community**, the **people**, and the **friendships**. We have all been through so much in the time I've been here, such as personal and community hardships, ministers who come and go, and loss of members. We have always tried to go with the flow and stick together as a church body. I am so thankful for the way everybody hangs together to keep the church moving forward. I appreciate the love and respect everyone has for everyone else, and no power struggles. Thanks to Pastor Tom and Pastor Crystal, it feels like our church is getting stronger and we see people coming back! I am excited about the possibilities for our little church as we continue working together for God's kingdom! I also love the soup, sauerkraut, and spaghetti suppers, and the church services. The church always smells so beautiful the day after the suppers!



What are you involved in at Wesley/Grand View?

I am on the Wesley administrative board, which we have combined with Grand View, and I serve as financial secretary for Wesley. I am also involved in a cell group, quilting ministry, and Prayer Shepherds at Grand View. I attended the Lenten study, helped make noodles for the Holiday Fair, and recently served the meal at the Mission with the Society of United Methodist Women.

A little about yourself:

I am a widow as of July, 1991. I have three children, Steve, Stanley, and Stephanie, two of which live in East Dubuque, and one who lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I started working for Interstate Power in 1993. I worked as a secretary for Service Bidding and then was an assistant to the engineers in our department. Interstate Power was later



bought by Alliant Energy. I retired from Alliant Energy in December, 2005. My hobbies are quilting, golfing, bowling, and going to great grandchildren's games and family reunions.

The beginning of August reminds us that another school year is about to begin. This reminder causes a variety of emotions for many people.

Students are excited to see their friends again, or perhaps they feel disgust because school is where they are bullied. Maybe they struggle in school and find it stressful. Some students are joyous because they love learning. High school seniors may feel pressure to make decisions about their future.

Parents feel relief because their child will have a routine and will eat meals at school instead of at home. In many cases, they are thankful to get their kids "out of their hair". Many parents are nervous as they send their children off to begin the next transition after high school.

Teachers are excited to have a fresh start with new faces or are feeling anxious with brand new curriculum. They also have a feeling of reprieve, knowing many students who are abused or neglected during the summer will have a safe place once again. Grandparents who watch their grandchildren during the day will have a mix of emotions, from happiness to loneliness.

The reality of the situation is relatable to all people.

Everyone goes through **transitions** and situations in their lives that cause extreme variations of emotions. Whether sending a child to college for the first time, losing a loved one to sickness, or in times of great happiness, emotions are present and relevant to every individual.

We as Christians, need to be supportive and empathetic with each other, as well as ourselves. While we may be struggling with our own emotions or trying to support someone else in their situation, the **Good News** is that no matter what is going on inside our hearts or mind, God is present with us.

We have been discussing "What should Christians care about?" in our latest sermon series. I firmly believe that Christians should care about mental health or brain health. It affects us all; it's not the stigma of only people who are depressed.

Mental health affects how we think, feel, and act. These emotions range from happiness to sadness, calmness to anxiousness, the variation of all emotions. Christians should care about their emotions and know that it's ok to feel how they do. It's ok to feel happiness while others are feeling sadness and vice versa. I sometimes find myself feeling guilty of having joyous emotions about something in my life, while a friend is suffering in their current

situation. The reality is that our emotions are relevant to our own personal situations while others' emotions are relevant to their personal situation at the same given time.

The beauty of knowing God is with us in all our trials and tribulations, is that **He rides the emotional roller coaster of life with us.** God gives us opportunities to be happy or joyous, even sad, or anxious. We must remember that He is with us up high in the mountains, and with us low in the valleys. He is with us no matter what our life situation may be. He is there to protect us through the highs and lows.

In order to know that God is with us, we must be aware of His presence by praying through all victories and strifes. We can't only pray in the valleys; we must also pray a prayer of praise in the mountains.

A hymn that plays in my heart when I am extremely happy, and especially when I am feeling down is "**Because He Lives.**" The refrain:

*Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
All fear is gone
Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

The hymn speaks to the truth that **God holds our future in His hands.** Not matter what our emotions may be, if we are at a high or low point in our lives, we can be assured that we are protected by a loving God.

Because our nurturing God lives, especially when we allow Him to live within us, we have nothing to fear or worry about. He is with us through all transitions in our lives.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 NKJV



Administrative Board July Update

Finance Report

Giving is slightly down for June but up January–June. Dupaco quoted Melissa .25% for 6 month and .35% for 12 month CDs. She will call around to area banks/ Credit Unions to see if we can get a better rate. Larry Bergquist suggested we Dollar cost average \$7K/mo. up to \$80K.

We had a major gift of \$75K worth of Heartland Financial Stock. Melissa is going to talk to the Donor about ideas for the money. Shed, Steeple, Concrete slab for basketball/pickle ball, etc.

We will be paying Pastor Diego out of the Dream Fund until they are self-functioning.

CDM

Melissa has taken over for the CDM financials. Brandi found that Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only insurance company that doesn't require GV to pay a portion.

Brandi currently is putting an employee on an attendance plan. The waiting list has gone from 66 to 22 families which will be much more doable in light of the new capacity law.

Brandi applied for a stabilization grant of \$104K.

Trustee Report

There was a lengthy discussion about the possible selling of the land to the DSA (Dubuque Soccer Assoc.). The board unanimously said no to selling.

Other ideas for the land that were discussed:

- Butterfly habitat: Gina is looking into. GV will be paid to do this.
- Continue to lease to Farmer. (Will need to let him know by September if we are

not renewing his lease.) These proceeds go to Mission Outreach.

- Let it return to a natural Prairie. Christian retreat/campground.

Discussed building a larger shed (38'x40') to be used for storage of all equipment in one place. It would cost around \$78K. It could also house extra storage in an attic and possibly be used for a car ministry.

Chad made a motion to approve the major site plan for \$320.00 with \$150 to include the necessary set back requirement. Randy 2nd and all were in favor.

The parsonage upgrades are complete.

The sidewalks need to be fixed.

Midwest Basement quoted \$1800 and we are waiting to hear back from Drew Cook to see if he would assist using trustees as labor.

Pastor Tom's Updates

Asked the question in the tear-off tab if there is any interest in a traditional worship space to be built on the North side of the building.

We voted over email to approve hiring Julia Lieb as the new Faith Formation Coordinator.

Pastor Tom put together a campus team to see what is next for Wesley and Center Grove as they are not growing.

Pastor Tom will be gone August 1–22 for vacation.

Upcoming Events

Indoor worship, music, and ice cream at Wesley on Wednesday, August 3, 6pm.

All Churches Picnic and Sunday School Kickoff, Sunday, August 28.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Curt Schultz	1
Randy Lund.....	2
Malorie Merfeld.....	3
Arvid Saele	3
Jessica Soppe	3
Madeline Wright	4
Jason Laufenberg	5
Doug Brotherton.....	6
Clayton Watters.....	6
Hope Haylock.....	6
Greg Stephenson	12
John Evarts	12
Terry Brown.....	13
Mason Babler	14
Greyson Vander Ploeg....	16
Maxwell Vander Ploeg....	16
Jack Thomas	16
Andy Haahr.....	18
Jennifer Murphy	18
Mel Leick	18
Verlyn Haahr.....	19
Donald Kieffer	20
Gordon Bradley	21
Josh Josvanger	22
Lisa Stevenson.....	22
Lane Graber	27
Trace McDermott	30
Adam McWethy.....	30
Allison Bormann	30
Alex Schumacher	31
Tricia Loso	31

Office Availability

Janell Cannavo: Monday–Thursday 9am–3pm.

Pastor Tom: Monday 1–5pm, Tuesday 1–4pm, Wednesday 3–5pm, Thursday 9–5pm.

Melissa Oftedahl: Monday 8am–5pm, Tuesday 8am–Noon, Wednesday 8am–5pm.

Alec Amosson: Monday 12–4pm, Tuesday 9am–12pm, 2–4pm, Thursday 9am–4pm.

Terri Nichols: Monday Noon–2:30pm, Tues. 10am–3pm, Wed. Noon–4pm.

Julia Leib: Faith Formation Coordinator, Hours TBD

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am Al Anon SW rm. 10:30am Staff Mtg., Noon Quilters 6pm Men's Cell Group, SW rm. 6pm Women's Cell Group, JW rm.	2 10:30am Cell Group SW rm. Noon Men's Cell, SW rm. 4:30pm Cell Group JW 6:30pm YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	3-W3: Ice Cream & Music 11am Prayer Shepherds 3pm Cell Gr., Arboretum 6pm Backyard Bash 6:30pm Cell Group, JW rm. 8pm Keyway Lodge	4 Noon Cell Group SW rm. 6:30pm Yarn Ministry 7pm Cell Group The Village	5 9:15am Cell Group @ Jessica's House	6 9am Al Anon, SW rm.
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July Worship Numbers

July 3: In Person = 249, Online = 52, Total = **301**

July 10: In Person = 259, Online = 48, Total = **307**

July 17: In Person = 222, Online = 66, Total = **288**

July 24: In Person = 244, Online = 62, Total = **306**

Hispanic Worship: July 10 = **33**, July 17 = **39**, July 24 = **15**

Wesley July Average (not counting 7/31) = 25

Center Grove July Average (not counting 7/31) = 12



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**Want to write for the
Good News Letter?**

Let us know! Email
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org or call 563-582-8875. Share
your testimonials and God
sightings with others who
need to hear your story.

Cell Groups Create Community

"I started attending Cell Group in 2011. Our meeting place bounced around over the years meeting at the TV station, St. Luke's, St. Mark Youth Enrichment, Center Grove, & even the Court House! Several of the "founding members" are still active weekly. We currently meet at **Noon on Tuesdays** at Grand View. Even though I am one of the quieter ones in the group, I feel free to express myself on discussions we have, whether it's on the scripture text of the week or regarding events going on in my life. It is a safe place to express myself without fear of ridicule or rejection. We all trust each other, and our group conversations are held in confidence. I have grown in my understanding of scripture by listening to other men's thoughts and interpretations of the verses. I feel we encourage each other as we try to be disciples and live more Christ-like in our daily lives. It is also great to see more men joining this group. Please feel free to join us any Tuesday at noon at Grand View." – **RON TURNER**



Why I Sponsored an American Flag Through the Noon Optimist Club of Dubuque

"To me the flag represents pride in our country. It represents those who have given so much to defend that country on the battlefield (father and uncles). It represents the opportunity to make the very best of myself. It represents a collective will to overcome differences to move our country forward. Having been around the world, I would choose to live nowhere else but in my United States of America!" – **ART MILLER**



"We have sponsored two flags this year: The first is for my father, Bill Blum. He served in the Air Force 1950-1953. Most of that time was spent in England with the 5th Air Force. He passed away in October of 2020. The second is for our son Joshua, who joined the Marine Reserves right after graduation from Dubuque Senior High. He finished Boot Camp @ USMC Recruit Depot in December 2021. He completed School of Infantry May 24, 2022." – **GREG BLUM**



"I sponsored a flag because my kids enjoy looking at them and I thought they would enjoy knowing we added one to the lot. We have a history of American soldiers in our family that dates back to the Revolutionary War. The only one I personally knew was my dad's dad. He was drafted and served as a mechanic for the army during WWII. I tell my kids about him when we look at the flags. He was the type of guy who would rather give honor to the men and women who didn't make it home than receive the honor himself. I'm never quite sure if he'd like a flag in memory of him or not so I left that field blank this year." – **KATHY MCWETHY**



—FLAGS CONTINUED—



"We love the summer holidays and they all have to do with celebrating our veterans and our independence! We are so proud to be Americans!" – **JAN MITCHLEY & TRICIA LOSO**



"It was a privilege to honor my father and husband by participating in Grand View's Flag Sponsorship program through the Noon Optimist Club. Both my father and husband enlisted at a very young age to serve their country. My father, Roy Peck (WWI) died when I was 6. His war experiences were not often in our conversation. I assume he was employed to maintain and deploy weapons. My husband, Ron Terry (WWII) was sent directly into the Navy Flight Training. In 6 weeks, the war ended. He was assigned to play in a Navy Band for several months until he was later sent to Washington to work in the Naval offices as a typist. It is so great to have an opportunity to remind Americans that, despite our problems, we are a free country because we have individuals who serve." – **WAVA TERRY**

"John and I sponsored a flag for the many veterans we both have in our ancestry. We feel it is important to remember all who have served in our family, from the Revolutionary War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan. We are very proud to have them as part of our heritage."

– **JENNIFER SMITH**

