

GRAND VIEW

GOOD NEWS

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



Easter Fills God's House with Joyous Praise

It's difficult to express in words what we feel during an Easter Worship Celebration—so much love, joy, and community coming together outdoors in the cool crisp air and indoors under one roof. All who celebrated the risen Christ felt God's light shining down in us, on us, and through us as we sang the Easter song "Shine" so wonderfully crafted by our amazing musicians. Thank you to Creative Director Alec Amosson and his Worship team for all the hours of preparation they did, and especially to Pastor Tom who provided an inspiring message to over 700 people on Easter Sunday through four different Worship celebrations including 2 campus celebrations. **He LIVES!**



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1—COMMUNION 8am Classic Worship 9:30am Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, PreK-Adult Sunday School 10:45am Contemp. Worship 3-5pm FPU SW rm. 7-8pm AA, GV rm 7-8pm Al-Anon, SW/JW	2 9am Al Anon SW rm. 10:30am Staff Mtg., Noon Quilters 6pm Men's Cell Group, Cell Gr. rm. 6pm Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm.	3 10:30am Cell Group SW rm. Noon Men's Cell, SW rm. 4:30pm Cell Group JW 6:30pm YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	4 11am Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. 3pm Cell Gr., SW rm. 5:30pm Hand Bells, SW rm. 6pm Cell Group @ Wesley JW rm. 8pm Keyway Lodge	5 9am Yarn Ministry Noon Cell Group SW rm. 6pm DBQ Chorale, Grand View room 7pm Cell Group The Village	6 9:15am Cell Group @ Jessica's House	7 9am Al Anon, SW rm.
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22—Last SS Baptism Sun. 8am Classic Worship 9:30am Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, Last PreK-Adult Sunday School 10:45am Contemp. Worship / Outdoor Baptism 3pm Hispanic Mtg. 7-8pm AA, GV rm 7-8pm Al-Anon, SW/JW	23 9am Al Anon SW rm. 10:30am Staff Mtg. Noon Quilters 6pm Men's Cell Group, GV rm. 6pm Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm. <i>*Newsletter Info Due</i>	24 10:30am Cell Group SW rm. Noon Men's Cell, SW rm. 4:30pm Cell Group JW 6:30pm YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	25 11am Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. 3pm Cell Gr., SW rm. 5:30-6:30pm Mem.Day Dropoff 6pm Cell Group @ Wesley 6:30pm Cell Group, JW rm. 8pm Keyway Lodge	26 Noon Cell Group SW rm. 5:30-6:30pm Mem.Day Dropoff 5:30-7:30 CDM End of Year Party 7pm Cell Group The Village	27 9:15am Cell Group @ Jessica's House 5:30-6:30pm Mem.Day Dropoff	28 9am Al Anon, SW rm. 1-4pm Memorial Day Honor Tables Setup
29—Honor Tables 8am Classic Worship 9:30am Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream 10:45am Contemp. Worship 7-8pm AA, GV rm 7-8pm Al-Anon, SW/JW	30 Memorial Day Church Office & CDM Closed 9am Al Anon SW rm.	31 10:30am Cell Group SW rm. Noon Men's Cell, SW rm. 4:30pm Cell Group JW 6:30pm YA Cell, Office Conf. rm. JUNE <i>Newsletter Prints</i>				

Thank You

"Thank you for all the calls, cards and thoughtful prayers I received while recovering from back surgery. I truly feel they helped me heal faster." —ANNA MONAHAN

New Baby

Congratulations to Emily Dunn & Gordon Bradley Jr. on the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Mae Bradley, on April 15, 2022. Kennedy weighed 7lb 13oz, 20" long, and is doing well!



Property Line Clean Up

Recently a team of outdoors men & women helped clean up Grand View's property line. Servers included: Arvid Saele, Colby Bowers, Jack Borchers, Jim Heim, Clark Johnson, Ken Kizer, Will Babler, Kelly Williams, Ron Turner, JC Conley, and Joan & Brian McCleary. This God-loving group spent Saturday morning, April 9, clearing trees and shrubs along a portion of the property line that abuts the wooded area owned by the school district. Lunch was provided by Ken Kizer. The burning and cleanup will be scheduled in the near future. Thanks to all who helped that morning!



On April 20th Mark Heiderscheit and his crew chipped the trees that had previously been cleared along the property line. Helping with the project were Colby Bowers, Clark Johnson, Paul Shenberger and Ron Turner. Behind the

scenes coordinators were Arvid Saele and Drew Cook. Thanks for all the help. Now the tillable area is ready for Farmer Ken Kizer to grow some food for the world.



Baptism: Water and the Father, Son & Holy Spirit

By Rev. Tom Shinkle

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

—Ephesians 4:4

Baptism in our Church remains one of the important foundations of Christian identity and lifestyle. Like the **Lord's Supper**/Eucharist/Communion, it is a sacred thing, or sacrament, because both are things Jesus participated in and more deeply instituted as part of this new thing God was doing that we call Christianity.

Both of these sacraments are outward and visible things, pointing to inward movements of God.

Neither of our sacraments are meant to be empty rituals or things to just go through the motions with, because both open wider the door of God's grace and connect people more deeply with God and the Christian Community. Neither guarantee salvation—that is a separate conversation and theology—but both are important in the life of individual Christians AND the Christian Community.

On **Sunday, May 22**, we will do a special celebration of Baptism for youth and adults, at the 10:45am worship celebration! This will be baptism with full immersion, unless someone is unable to get into the baptism tank. What we will be doing is a "believers Baptism." This is for all people who have not been baptized and want to take that next step in repenting of sin, asking for God's forgiveness, and then moving into a new and deeper relationship with God.

If you would like to take this exciting next step, please let the Church Office know so that I can have a conversation with you and answer any questions. Email: office@grandviewdubuque.org or call 563-582-8875.

What follows are a few good points to remember about our understanding and practice of Baptism:

Baptism opens the door for God's Holy Spirit to work. It is a matter of positioning! This is a summation of why we can in good faith Baptize infants and children: God's spirit acts within them and brings about a spiritual new birth. For babies and children, think of it as a deeper claim God has upon them and a new work of being connected to God happening. Thus, the promises the Church and the Parents make to raise the children in the ways and practices of a Christian are really important! Then, when that child is a teenager or after, they confirm that God's Spirit has been at work in them and that they want to continue on the path of Christian Discipleship.

For youth and adults, **Baptism is also the work of God's Holy Spirit and deepens and strengthens the spiritual connection** between the one Baptized and God. Consider Romans 8:16: *"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."* Another way to understand it is we are now claimed in new ways and everything about the Gospel is made more real for us and we see life and living differently.

Because of what God's Spirit does through the water and the invoking of the Trinity—being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—**we only do one Baptism**. We do not "re-baptize" or insist that someone who was Baptized in another Christian denomination must be rebaptized "the right way" when they join our Church. To do this is to negate the work of God and in effect say that the ways of people or their Baptism rituals are what count.

If you would like to take this next step in your journey of following Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to keep forming you into the image of Christ, you can be a part of this life-changing and meaningful event on **May 22!**



April Ad Board Update

1. The Finance team will clarify what exactly is the intended use of the Building Fund and Capital Savings Fund.
2. Each member of the Trustee committee will be bringing an apprentice to the next Trustee meeting.
3. Erin, Melissa and Brandi will get together to go over the possibilities of helping the CDM with staffing issues. They will research 403b, insurance, and other ways to make it more desirable to work for Grand View preschool and how to keep the current staff happy as well.
4. Ad Board will complete the "Another Set of Eyes" paperwork before the next meeting.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Today I'm praying that God brings the best your way. May you have a blessed birthday!

Kelli Breitbach	1	Jean Delaney	18
Mark Dill.....	1	Christine Schiesl	19
Joe Cannavo	2	Diane Bergquist.....	20
Terri Nichols	2	Thomas Kuehn.....	20
Joshua Nilmeier.....	2	Elena McCleary	20
Chris Aird.....	3	Blain Bormann	21
Melanie Dill.....	4	Chris Frayer.....	22
Elizabeth Sheets	4	Ellie Mach	22
Angie Hook.....	5	Ethan Marburger.....	23
Blake Schleiter.....	6	Margaret Schollmeyer....	24
Chris Rath	7	Emily Veach.....	25
Kathy Haylock	7	Becky Schemmel.....	25
Alec Amosson	9	Kylee Klepack.....	26
Katie Telford	10	Jake Stevenson	26
Brian Hodgson.....	11	Mary Kay Patters	29
Jeff Milson.....	12	Maureen Barry	29
Darcy Lansing.....	13	Dan Paar.....	30
Ian Murphy	15	Katie Soat.....	30
Linda Augustin	16	Nichole Simon	30
Randy Decker.....	17	Rachel Bormann	31
Blaine W Telford.....	17		

Office Availability

Janell Cannavo: Monday–Thursday 9am–3pm, Friday 9am–Noon.
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–2:30pm, Wed. 10am–2:30pm, Thurs. 12:30–2:30pm.

Grand View Room Lights Upgrade



Thank you to Alec Amosson, Pastor Tom, JC Conley, Melissa Oftedahl, and Janell Cannavo for helping to switch out old lights for new lights in the Grand View room. Thank you for giving to God through Grand View to help us continue to create an inviting, bright Worship space.

Six Week Lenten Study Served 32

"This year's Lenten Bible study was on the last 7 words of Christ on the cross. The author asked her congregation to begin each morning with the prayer that echoes Jesus' final words, "God, into your hands I commit my life." I wonder, if you took her challenge as your own personal goal, how much your life would be transformed? I believe the trust this prayer entails would reorient your perspective on life! Jesus' last words, "It is finished", is not a message of death but a message of victory! Jesus has done God's will. Jesus remained sinless. Jesus forgave our sins. Jesus gave us direct access to God the Father. Because of the blood of Christ we are now redeemed people! Hallelujah! Praise God!" – **TERRI NICHOLS**

"Awesome fellowship with fellow Christians! Love getting to know new people and new discoveries from our BIBLE!" – **DEB SCHROMEN**

"This year's Lenten book study group read and discussed the book "Seven Words" by Susan Robb. I appreciated the contributions of each person who shared their feelings, knowledge, personal history, and questions. This study has reinforced the forgiveness, suffering and ultimate gift Jesus gave each of us. Doing a book study directly related to the Lenten period makes our understanding of lent more personal. Everyone in our group is very trusting and open, providing the opportunity to become better acquainted with others within our own church! I encourage anyone who has considered participating in a book study to do so, it is very rewarding!" – **KENDRA KUNKEL**

There was always good conversation with everyone giving their thoughts on the lesson. Thank you to Karen for the leadership! – **BEV GODSEY**

"With all the horrible world news going on, I wanted to keep the Easter miracle & Gods love forefront in my mind this season.....Plus another way to meet people who attend church service at different times, an additional benefit to share witness to this special season."

– **BARB GORMLEY**

"I really enjoy this study as it is the first one I have attended. It is very interesting and enjoy hearing the members giving their opinions & discussions." – **MARLENE HIGH**

"I really enjoyed the Lenten study. I learned a lot of new things and really enjoyed our group."

– **CINDY COTTRELL**

"The Lenten Study was very good, and I learned a lot more about our disciples during our open discussion." – **DON WHOLERS**



Tues. afternoon participants:

Marlene High
Lu Nicholson
Mary Ryder
Wava Terry
Roger Smith
Bev Godsey
Don Wohlers
Dale Ratterman
Michelle Schmidt
Kim Mulgrew
Penny Burns
Rose Whisler
Margaret Schollmeyer
Cindy Cottrell
Karen Ratterman
Kay Timmons

Tues. evening participants:

Deb Schromen
Betty Quade
Barbara Gormley
Sue Miller
Penny Knudson
Nicci Reeg
Sharon Bradley
Jan Mitchley
Judy Jochum
Chris Lester
Sondra Bennett
Jeanne Conley
Janet Gregg
Kelly Howard
Kendra Kunkel
Terri Nichols



From the Pews – BY CRYSTAL WEBER

We all have heard the phrase “change is inevitable” several times throughout our lives, yet when the phrase becomes personal, many seem to struggle with its reality.

The struggle with change comes from the comforts of feeling safe and knowing things will more than likely remain the same. When things are comfortable and remain the same, there is less chance of feeling unsettled and more sense of security.

From an outsider’s perspective, I probably appear to be an individual who struggles with change and settles for what’s comfortable. I honestly can’t disagree. I live on the family farm, and up until March 2020, I attended the same church for thirty-nine years. And let’s be real, I am at Grand View because of a pastor I had as a teenager and have known for over twenty years.

The congregation I grew up in was both United Methodist and First Presbyterian, which also means we had two buildings. The session and the council worked together to make it work for decades. We alternated which building would host Easter and Christmas. Both denomination’s traditions were honored, and it worked well for the Protestants in our small town.

Unfortunately in 2004, the Presbyterian Church was forced to close due to health code reasons and the financial burdens it would cost to update. We were left with one building for worship and the other abandoned. The closure of the church was emotional and unfortunately, many Presbyterians left to seek worship elsewhere, or quit attending church altogether. Although it would feel different only worshipping in the Methodist Church, my family decided to continue because we would not lose ties to our denomination.

It took a while getting used to seeing the church sitting deserted. Eventually a man in town bought the building and its future use became desolate. Just a few weeks ago the stained-glass windows were removed, and soon it will be demolished. Once again, the feelings of despair resurfaced for many of us Presbyterians who remember the agony from its closure.

I recently ran into Larry, one of my high school Sunday School teachers. We conversed about the demolition and the emotions that have come with it. I thanked Larry for the biblical education and his part in my faith journey. It led to reminiscing on the years we had together in the of the Presbyterian Church. I learned so much from Max and him about applying the Bible to our everyday lives. It hurt to realize the church that built me was being demolished. As we departed, Larry said, “I am proud of you, Kid. You did well,” and put his arm around me. The words seem simple, but his smile and the look in his eyes said everything I needed to hear.

I admit, at times I miss attending my home church. It doesn’t seem like I have been gone long, yet it also feels like a lifetime ago. I began thinking about why I miss my home church: the feeling of love, sense of home, singing hymns, beautiful stain-glassed windows, and sitting in wooden pews worshipping the Father.

Then it hit me, I have all of that right now. It’s not my home church that has conflicted me, it’s the concept of change. The people from the congregation are still a part of my life and live near me. The church that built me is not being demolished, the building is. **The church that built me remains in my heart.** According to the Bible, the church is a body of believers that live out the Gospel in their words and actions. The body of believers from my childhood is what built me and are essential to my faith journey.

While the location of where I worship has changed, Who I worship has not changed. God often uses humor in my life. He knows that I struggle with change, therefore, He gave me the “things” about my home church that comfort me in a different location. The moment I stepped into Wesley and Center Grove, a sense of home overwhelmed me.

Every week I am embraced with outpouring love from His children. I am beyond blessed and grateful. The verse that comes to this farm girl’s mind is Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.”* While change occurs in our lives, our God is constant and will not leave us. **Where we worship God doesn’t matter, it’s the act of worship that does.** It’s being the church and living out the Gospel in our words and actions. Jesus wasn’t complacent about where He spread the Gospel, and neither shall we. To God be the Glory!



First Presbyterian Church in Hopkinton, Iowa built in 1904.

Inside the Tech Booth

By Chad Thomas and the GV Communications Team

Have you ever wondered how the slides show up on the screen during worship celebrations, how the lights go on and off on cue, or who regulates the sound and balances all of the microphones used in the band? If you have never thought about it, it's because those who serve in the Tech Booth at Grand View, including paid staff, work very hard to ensure audio, visual, and technical excellence during worship celebrations. Their work is often times so seamless, it is not noticed. We want the focus to be on worshipping Jesus and not on the technical operations.

Here is a bird's eye view of what happens in the Tech Booth, located on the second floor, on the right side of the worship space. On any given Sunday morning (scaled down on Wednesday nights and for other events), they fill multiple roles.

The **Creative Director** (Alec Amosson) directs the praise band, leads worship from the stage, and manages the Tech Director & servers.

The **Tech Director** (Daniel Young) is responsible for sound quality, and ensuring that the overall audio/visual/technical presentation runs smoothly. He works with the praise

band to ensure that monitor levels are correct during sound check, and perfects the sound for both the "house" (worship space) and the online broadcast.

The **Computer Operator** handles the slides on the display screen, lining up the lyrics when the praise band is leading us in worship through song, and working with Pastor Tom to present the visual aspects of worship and his message.

The **Lights Operator** coordinates the LED lights display while the praise band is performing, the stage lighting for Pastor Tom, and the Bible lights to aid the congregation in following the verses selected for his teachings.

The **Producer** controls what goes out on the livestream. He or she switches among the three cameras, working with the camera operators to select the best shots, and post the slides for viewers during Pastor Tom's message and announcements.

The **Robocam Operator** moves the two robotic cameras in the worship space (back wall, right and left). He or she works with the Producer to get the appropriate shots of Pastor Tom and the praise band, making

adjustments on the fly for any special shots needed during Pastor Tom's message or Communion.

The **Camera Operator** works in the worship space, controlling the manual camera set up in the back. He/she works with the Producer to get shots of Pastor Tom, the praise band, and the congregation.

There have been some big changes in the Tech Booth operations over the last couple of years. Livestreaming of worship celebrations, which moved to the forefront during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, has allowed many to participate in worship remotely. The addition of a digital sound board has greatly enhanced our ability to adjust and perfect the sound quality in the worship space and over the livestream.

The broadcast of Pastor Tom's message to East Dubuque Wesley & Center Grove has facilitated our burgeoning partnership with our campuses. We also have tech servers on site at the campus churches, ensuring that everything runs smoothly during worship celebrations.

Thanks to the leadership of Alec Amosson, Daniel Young, and the



time devoted by those who serve, the Grand View Tech Booth is able to assist in creating a high-quality worship experience, and the delivery of God's word and Jesus' teaching, to our members and visitors.

There are 33 people who have said “yes” to handling the technical aspects of the worship celebrations at GV, CG, and ED. The Grand View Tech Booth is usually staffed by five people on Sundays, while there are two tech servers needed at both Center Grove and Wesley. They range from middle school to middle age, of various backgrounds and interests. Many have been serving for several years and some have just started this year.

Our Tech Booth servers include:

Aaron Beckius	Addison Schultz
Becky Specht	Brandi Quade
Caden Soppe	Chad Thomas
Cole Oftedahl	Cooper Vander Ploeg
Eric Blum	Erin Haven
Ethan Mulgrew (ED)	Jack Thomas
Jackson Schultz	Janell Cannavo (CG)
Joe Cannavo (CG)	Jeannie Bergquist
Jeremiah Haven	Joelle Haven
Jon Haven	Kayla Oftedahl
Keith Lucy	Larry Bergquist
Lauren Bergquist	Mark Dill
Mark Oftedahl	Melissa Oftedahl
Mike Kilgore	Paul Benham
River Alverado (ED)	Shawn Poggemiller
Sophia Phelan	Sydney Mulgrew (ED)
Verlyn Haahr	

Jon Haven

“I have been serving in the Tech Booth for about five years! I was interested because it gave me an opportunity to serve even though I was a younger person. I also enjoy all aspects of worship so I liked being able to make

the worship more impactful. I have done lights, sound, computer, spotlight for VBS, robo cam, and camera. I like operating the robo cam because I feel like I’m in a sci-fi movie when I do it! Serving in the tech booth is an easy way to get “plugged in” and serve Christ! I am currently a Sophomore Theatre Major and Public Relations Minor at the University of Northwestern–St. Paul. I participate in every theatre production whether on-stage or doing tech, and sing in the Northwestern Choir. I also enjoy reading and listening to Taylor Swift!”

Mike Kilgore

“I can’t remember how long I have been serving in the Tech Booth, maybe eight or nine years. I attend 8am worship every Sunday, so whether I’m up (in the booth) or down (on the floor) is not a big deal. It is a good way to serve. Unfortunately, COVID has and still is curtailing some of the other ways I am able to be involved (which I feel sad about). Since I returned from COVID isolation last April, I have been primarily doing lights. I have operated the computer, sound, and lights. I would like to encourage others to serve in the Tech Booth. It is fun! You work with great people and the jobs are not difficult once learned. Dan can help if you have questions. Pastor Tom and Alec are not too hard on you if you mess up, which will happen. As a retiree, some of my other interests include hanging out with my adult children and my two granddaughters. I walk the golf course during the season. I walk on trails out of season. I also enjoy sports and movies on TV.”

Eric Blum

“I have been working in the Tech Booth since round 2010! I said “yes” to serving in the Tech Booth because I saw it as an opportunity to better serve my church, and also because of my interest in music/technology. I have served in every booth position except Producer. To encourage others to serve, I would tell people that serving “upstairs” is an awesome and helpful way to serve during worship,

and can lead to new adventures within the church! My interests, besides music and technology, include gaming, fishing, hunting, archery, farming, mechanics, and SERVING THE CHURCH!”

Larry Bergquist

“I began (again) helping in the Tech Booth when Grand View was starting to simulcast to Wesley and Center Grove. I had helped long ago when GV first moved to this location. A lot has changed in the Tech Booth since 2003! I started serving again because I felt it was important to expand and make high quality worship celebrations available to others. I am comfortable working with



computers, however, I rely on the others on the tech team to help if something comes up. I have served all of the roles except floor camera. I enjoy the robo cam and the producer roles. Setting up and selecting the camera shot is always exciting to me. Sometimes Pastor Tom changes things up to make it even more exciting!

When I was thinking about serving, other tech booth team members let me observe and get comfortable with the various ways to serve. Alec was patient and answered all of my questions. The equipment has evolved—some things are easier and now focus has shifted to further improving the online & campus worship experience. I hope you say “yes” to serving in the Tech Booth. It is a great way to serve with a great Grand View team! If that is not reason enough, I hear newer chairs may be coming soon!”

Mark & Melissa Oftedahl

Mark and Melissa have been serving in the Tech Booth for approximately five-six years. Mark said “yes” because “he enjoyed working with tech and it was a way for him to serve”. Melissa said “yes” as a way to “help fulfill a need”. Mark has operated the computer/slides, camera, sound board, and lights. His favorite job is slides. Melissa has operated the robo camera, lights, and produced. She enjoys producing above the other jobs. They both would encourage others to give the Tech Booth a try if you enjoy technology. “The systems are easy to work with and it is a fantastic group.” In addition to working together in the booth, they enjoy board games, car cruises, and car shows. Mark also likes to build models while Melissa likes to read and do crafting.

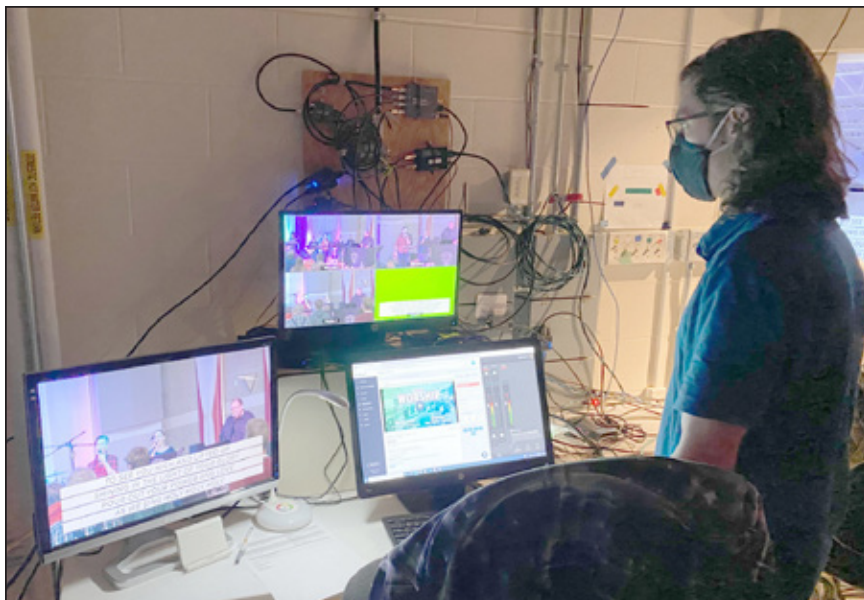
Jeremiah Haven

Jeremiah has been serving in the tech booth for 4-5 years. He has a general interest in tech, and thought it would be “cool to use that interest to serve my church.” Jeremiah has operated the Computer, Sound Board, and Lights. “Everything is pretty simple, and it takes no additional time. It’s an easy way to serve,” said Jeremiah. Jeremiah also enjoys music.



Cole Oftedahl

Cole has been serving in the tech booth for 4-5 years, and he said ‘yes’ to serving because GV needed some people



to step up and serve to help make worship as high-quality as possible. Also, during COVID, there weren't a ton of people who could come in consistently. Cole has operated all of the equipment in the tech booth, but his favorite is producing. “The tech booth is a great way to be a more integral part of GV and to help give back to the church community. None of the jobs are very difficult and Alec, Dan, and other members of the tech crew are always willing to train new people.” When he’s not serving, Cole enjoys running, playing instruments, listening to music, and painting.

Jo Gustafson, Grand View member, sums up what having such an awesome tech team means for us and our church, wherever we are in the world.

“It was during the pandemic that I realized how valuable our church technology has become. I spent many Sundays watching Pastor Tom’s sermons online when the pandemic hit. I enjoyed continuing our Friday cell group on zoom without being exposed to the Virus. I am sure many home bound individuals are enjoying the ability to use technology in this way.

Something I really appreciate is the large screen in the front of the church which posts prayers and Bible verses. I have difficulty with my vision which prevents me from reading my Bible in church, and these screens are a great visual aide. We all should take time to thank the staff that works hard to provide these extra amenities. Technology is just another way to “*Love God, Love Others, and Serve The World*”.

Now more than ever, we can see and appreciate how technology is used at GV, CG, and Wesley ED. We are so grateful for our Tech Booth servers at all locations!



Maura Wright

Graduating from Dubuque Senior High School and plans to attend William Penn University in the fall on a Presidential Academic Scholarship. Maura will be studying Media and Film.



Ava Bergquist

Graduating from Hempstead High School and plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in Sociology/ Political Science.

Cole Oftedahl

Graduating from Dubuque Senior High School and will attend University of Texas at Dallas majoring in Software Engineering and Mathematics.



Jake Stevenson

Graduating from the University of Iowa with a BBA in Marketing Analytics and a minor in Mass Communication. Jake is moving to Chicago where he has accepted a position as a Business Development Rep. at Built In, a tech sales company.



Elizabeth Kruse

Graduating from University of Wisconsin-Platteville and plans to attend Graduate school in Milwaukee for Healthcare Administration



Jenna Veach

Graduating from Iowa State with is a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She plans on staying in Ames. She's going to see what job opportunities are out there this next year. Then she will decide if she will go on for more education or not.



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org or call 563-582-8875. Share
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In Memory of our Sister

The Wednesday afternoon Cell group purchased this bench to remember our "sister" Carol Kifer, who passed away recently, but also to honor ALL of our "sisters." We are walking a Faith Journey together and it's wonderful to do so with fellow Christians. Through the years of being together, we have formed a bond and a strong relationship within our group. Once the weather turns nice, we will place the bench outside for all to enjoy!

