



# Granger United Methodist Church

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**INDOOR WORSHIP IS PAUSED FOR NOW; Please join us for our Sunday worship service by using one of the options below:**

- **Phone livestream audio by dialing 330-222-3264 at 9:30 am Sunday;** service is available there throughout the following week as well.
- **Online worship and livestreaming—**Website: <https://www.grangerumc.org>; Facebook; Youtube, Recorded Power Point slides video. **Available each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and anytime during the following week.**

## January 10, 2021: Granger UMC Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Members on active duty and their families: Dylan Brooks (Ewing)
- ◆ All healthcare workers first responders and essential workers
- ◆ Prayers for healing and strength

If you have a prayer concern please email [office@grangerumc.org](mailto:office@grangerumc.org) or leave a message on Elaine's voicemail at the church. (Also stipulate if the concern is for pastor only or if it's to be shared on email prayer chain.

Each week we publish a list of friends and members matching them with a day from the upcoming week. Please pray on the day shown for the people listed below:

- Jan. 10: Dennis and Dianne Gerspacher
- “ 11: Evelyn Gibson
- “ 12: Roberta Gifford
- “ 13: Lorie Glaisa
- “ 14: Judy Goodson
- “ 15: David & Debi Haber
- “ 16: Fred & Millie Haddix

## Gifts to Granger UMC

Your prayers and support for the church are appreciated in this time of physical distancing. As you are able, pledges and gifts may be mailed to the church or given through our online option!

### How to give online:

- ◆ Go to <https://grangerumc.org>, click on "Giving" at the top of the Home page
- ◆ In the next screen, click on the gold "Give Here" box and follow the instructions given there.

Elaine will be in and out of the office this week. Leave a message on the answering machine for her or email her at [office@grangerumc.org](mailto:office@grangerumc.org) and she'll get back to you as soon as she is able.

## Join us for “Kingdom Chats”

As Christians, we have celebrated the birth of our King—Jesus...now what? He is quite the contrast from the traditional image of a King. The kingdom Jesus rules is quite a contrast to the world we live in today. But his is very much the way god works, contrasts.

Jesus alienated the powerful and influential, and instead associated with the poor and powerless. His kingdom would entail self-denial and taking up one’s cross. He urged his followers to let their lights shine by their good deeds and int his way, people would be drawn into the Kingdom. Contrasts to be sure.

As followers of the King, we at Granger UMCV take the urging of Jesus seriously. We believe we are called to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and do so by living God’s will. We believe what we pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

It is timely God’s people refresh our memory of our King and his kingdom. As 2021 begins, Granger UMC will refocus who and whose we are by studying The Sermon on the Mount. Our sermon series is, “The Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Weekly worship focuses on particularities of the Kingdom of Heaven and how we are to live into God’s Kingdom. Following each weekly sermon, you are encouraged to “gather” via zoom for Kingdom Chats.” Together we will go deeper into God’s Kingdom and ask questions about the struggles we have living in one world and seeking to reflect kingdom values to the world.

Join us now and through **February 14 for worship and at 7:00 pm Tuesdays through February 16** for “Kingdom Chats” via ZOOM online. Sign up for chats on our website <https://grangerumc.org> or email [pastor@grangerumc.org](mailto:pastor@grangerumc.org). We only need your name and email address. We’ll send you information on how to access our Zoom site for the virtual discussion and instructions for how to use ZOOM. You are encouraged to watch or listen to the sermon online prior to the discussion and review the Sermon Notes, but this is not required. All are welcome, one is not required to be a member of Granger United Methodist church, just a hunger to learn more. Questions regarding Kingdom Chats can be directed to Rev. Bruce at [pastor@grangerumc.org](mailto:pastor@grangerumc.org).

*Thank you for all the get well cards and prayers, food and phone calls. They help brighten my day. God bless you for thinking of me. And thanks to Rev. Bruce for finding new ways to pray and minister to me when we can't meet in person!*

*- Lenora Coddling*

### ACME

**CASH BACK RECEIPTS:** Ellen Coddling is collecting receipts this year, proceeds benefit **Relay for Life**. Please mail or drop off your receipts at the office or put them in the plastic pocket on the outside of the office door. Thanks!