

**JULY 2026
NEWSLETTER**



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Marshall First United Methodist Church

WELCOME



Please welcome Pastor Mi Hyeon Lee! She has served in several Methodist congregations. The last eight years have been as our District Superintendent. She is excited to return to a local church to serve God alongside others and to make a meaningful difference in both the faith community and the wider community. We are excited to see where her leadership takes us into the future!

MEET & GREET WITH PASTOR MI HYEON



Your Administrative Board is planning several opportunities to get to know our new pastor, Pastor Mi Hyeon Lee. These small gatherings will be hosted by church members in their homes, and one or two will be at Montague's restaurant.

They will be small gatherings of approximately twelve people at each location. You can sign up on Sundays at the Welcome Table in the Narthex or you can call the church office. Pastor Mi Hyeon is eager to meet, mingle and grow together with our congregation. We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to Gather, Connect, and Belong as a congregation!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Edward Richards 7/2

Shirley Brown 7/6

Hugh Harvey 7/7

Colton Bennett 7/10

Linda King 7/11

Nathan Hahn 7/11

Susan Smith 7/16

Telynn Shaw 7/23

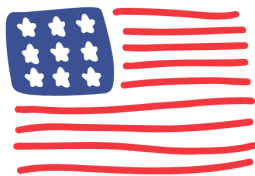
Jessica Hale 7/25

Jack Harvey 7/31



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We will continue to collect for the Community Food Pantry through the end of the year. Donations can be left in the bookcase in the Sanctuary or dropped off at the church office. **Suggested items are hot or cold cereal, peanut butter & jelly, canned vegetables & fruit, canned meats, canned soup, pasta or rice, boxed meals, hygiene items and toilet paper, and empty egg cartons.**



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6th in observance of the holiday. Have a safe and fun 4th of July! Happy 250th birthday America!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ed & Pat Richards will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on July 28th. It will be their 36th anniversary as members of this church. Ed will turn 93 on July 2nd and Pat will be 91 on August 9th.



Thank you to everyone that helped with weeding around the church. We appreciate you helping to keep our church yard looking nice!

Aaron Kleinschmidt, Theman Jenkins, Myra Switala, Pam Riggs, Chandra Keuhn, Patsy & her crew of boys, Dixie Hisle, and Marilyn Ahrens



Tuesday, July 14

5:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

1:30 PM Baby Grace Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity

Thursdays (Weekly)

1:30-4:00 PM Baby Grace

6:30-8:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

Welcome our new brothers and sister in Christ!

Jade Weber—Daughter of Kyle & Brea Weber



Davis Striedel—Son of Dalton & Britten Striedel

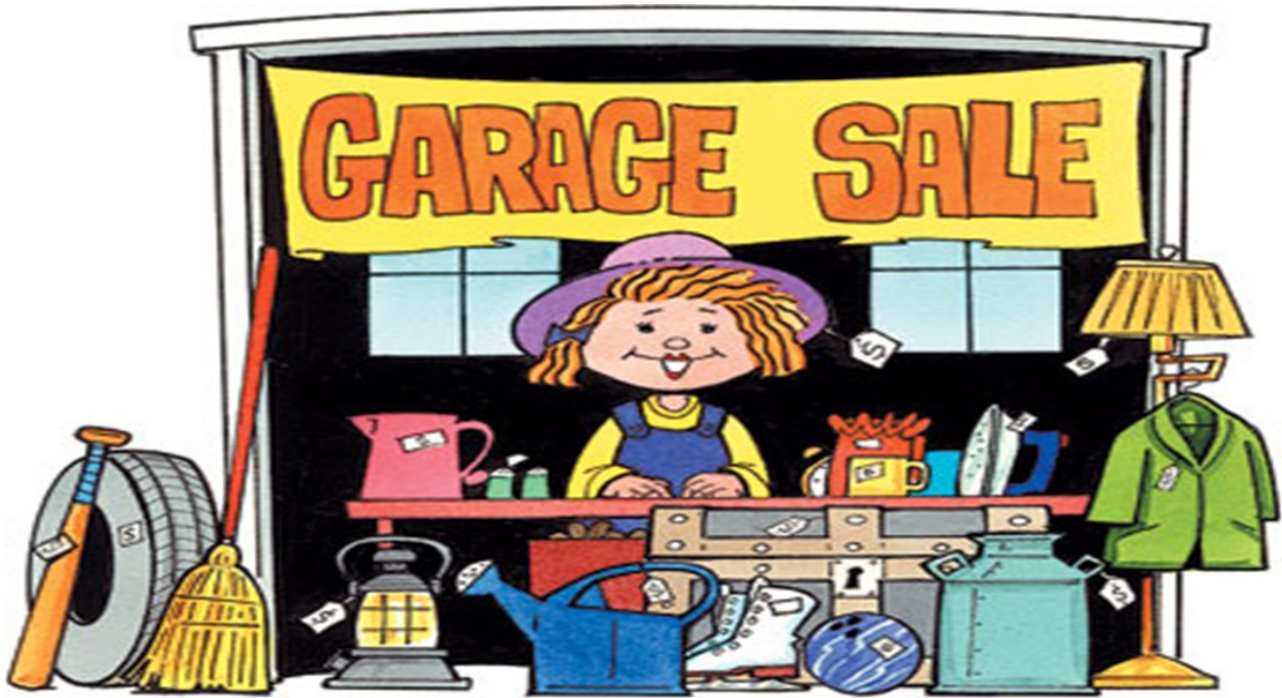


Christian Grepel—Son of Chris & Tiffany Grepel



Kado Hedrick—Son of Collin & Lealani Hedrick





August 15, 2026

8 a.m. to Noon

First United Methodist Church

New Life Center

Donations accepted August 10-14 except **NO
clothing, electronics, and mattresses**

The annual garage sale is a mission to have a place for members to bring their gently used items to be sold at the NLC at inexpensive prices for the benefit of the community. The proceeds will go towards our children/youth ministry.



GETTING TO KNOW

GARY GROTE

June 2026

Gary Grote was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and married Carol Durrett in Eads, Colorado. He helped raise two great daughters. Gary worked in banking 42 years. He worked at four banks in Iowa and was president at two of them. After moving to Marshall, he worked for Wood & Huston Bank and retired from there. He lived in four cities in Iowa before moving to Marshall. Gary's hobbies are Lionel model trains, golf, bowling, walking, and traveling.

His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Gary has attended First UMC for 26 years and is happy to see young, new families attending our church regularly. His favorite hymn is "Have a Little Talk with Jesus". Gary has served on the Finance Committee, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, is an usher and greeter, and attends church regularly.

Gary is most proud of serving on numerous committees in all the places he has lived. In Marshall, he has served on the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Commission, and on the board of YMCA as president and treasurer. Several interesting facts about Gary are that he joined the Optimist Club in Iowa in 1969 and now belongs to the Optimist Club of Marshall; he served as a 1st Lt. in the Army at Fort Benning, GA, during the Vietnam War; and, Gary's grandfather on his mother's side was a preacher for the Evangelical Church before it eventually merged into the United Methodist Church. His great, great, great grandmother helped organize the German Evangelical Church in Council Bluffs, IA, which is now Salem United Methodist Church.



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CAROL GROTE

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Carol (Durrett) Grote was born in Eads, Colorado and was married to Gary Grote in Eads. Carol has two daughters, Jacquelynn and Jennifer. Jacquelynn is an associate professor in the School of Education at Charleston Southern University in South Carolina. Jacquelynn and her husband, Fred, have two children, Freddy and Tanner. They live in Moncks Corner, SC. Daughter Jennifer and her husband, Adam, live in Clinton, AR. They have two children, Elijah and Chloe, who Jennifer homeschools. Carol and Gary love having both families for a week at Christmas.

Carol moved from Colorado to attend Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, and this is also where she met Gary. Other than jobs during her high school years, her first adult job, and most challenging, was teaching 8th grade English. But her favorite job was teaching freshman English. Other than Eads, CO and LeMars, IA, she and Gary have lived in the Iowa cities of Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Onawa, and Maquoketa, before moving to Marshall. Carol's hobbies are gardening, reading, genealogy, and traveling.

Favorite Bible verses of Carol's are Mark 12: 30-31, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." "When we follow this, we help make the world a better place." Carol has been on the Administrative Board, is a greeter and she and Gary attend church regularly. Her favorite thing about our church are the community services that our church is involved with. She has attended First UMC for 26 years. Her favorite hymn is "Wonderful Words of Life".

Carol is most proud of being involved in community service in all the places they have lived. And here's an interesting fact that most wouldn't know: she is one of six sisters who, since 2003, get together one week in June for "sister week." They are scattered across the country and enjoy their time together reminiscing, oftentimes with laughter and sometimes tears, and doing projects together such as puzzles, and even playing recorders!



GETTING TO KNOW

REV. JAN SCHNEPF

May 2026

Rev. Jan (Hildebrandt) Schnepf, born in 1939, is a retired elder in the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Jan was born in her Grandma and Grandpa Doepke's home on their farm near Tripoli, IA. She has two children, Kelli and Kevin, four grandchildren, Patrick, Taylor, Dylan, and Brigette, and seven great-grandchildren and one on the way!

Jan grew up on her family's farm near Sumner, IA, and has lived in Independence, IA, Sedalia, and Urich, MO, serving as pastor in Archia, Princeton, Appleton City, and Plattsburg, MO. She has lived nearly 21 years in retirement in Marshall. Jan is a life-long learner working several jobs and earning three different degrees! After earning her B.S. degree at Iowa State University, she worked as a County Extension Home Economist and a bookkeeper at her family's service station. She taught at UCM (University of Central Missouri) while getting her M.S. degree, and was a student pastor of four churches while getting her M.Div. degree at Saint Paul School of Theology, serving as pastor of churches where appointed. Jan's hobbies are reading and any that has to do with sewing and crafts and helping with local mission projects.

Jan states she has many favorite Bible verses, but her very favorites are the stories in the Bible. She enjoys the friendliness of the people in our church and her Sunday School class. And her favorite hymn is "Hymn of Promise." Jan has regularly attended First UMC for nearly seven years now. She has been involved with the Believe committee, Bible studies, Baby Grace and other mission projects. She has very much enjoyed officiating communion, preaching, and leading worship when asked, and many friendships.

She is most proud of her family who all live quite close and are such a blessing to her. And here's an interesting fact most people wouldn't know about Jan: she has two ceramic hips that support her "new" titanium knee!



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