

Happy Birthday!

- 5 Davis Moore
- 6 Jason Childers
- 7 Eldon Bents
Angeline Cunningham
- 8 Tom Vagt
- 9 Linda Doeden
- 11 Jaelynn Johnson

Happy Anniversary!

- 6 Kevin & Brenda DeSmith

Church Family Prayer List

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Connie Haberman
Beth Habicht
Mary Hammond
Chad & Meegan Heidebrink & family
Larry & Jan Heidebrink
Scott & Dana Hedebrink & family
Abby Hibma
Dave & Hollie Hibma
Elly Hibma
Gary & Sally Hibma
Micah & Alyssa Hietbrink & family

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Norma Swenson

One visit goes a long way!

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:
Shellie Williams Kari Meyer's father
Rod Behrends Logan Waldner
Clyde Scheevel Chris Nelson
Sherry Benton Lowell Carlson
Beth Habicht Tom Cavanaugh
Virgil Buck Ryan Hill
Ron Husenga
Kathy Tetrack-Hoffbeck (pastor @Jeffers)
Colter (Thelma Yager's great nephew)

Prayers for those dealing with cancer
Galen Benton
Shellie Williams
Myron Grussing
Janelle Johnson
Christopher Allen Brown
Duane Enns
Marian Reitsma (friend of Jolene Kuhl)
Stacy White
Mike Miller
Jeff Wachell (friend of Deb Steinle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:
Nancy Hyink Alden Remme
Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg
Emma Schnyders Ariana Lopez
Pat Huisenga Larry Doeden

For those dealing with grief and loss...
Jim Stefferud family on the loss of his sister

Giving thanks & praying for:
Our farmers during this harvest season
Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office:

507.372.2939
methodistoffice@gmail.com



*Sunday, October 5th, 2025
Worship - 10:30 a.m.*



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel
First UMC YouTube Channel
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First UMC Website
(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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FAMILY LIFE:	<i>Gretchen O'Donnell</i>	TECH TEAM:	<i>Kari & Claire Meyer</i>
CUSTODIANS:	<i>Sarah & Chad Nickel</i>	GREETERS:	<i>Clyde Scheevel & Pat Grimmus</i>

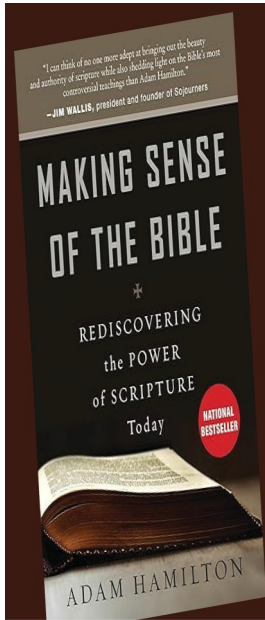
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - TUESDAY through Friday - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Sermon Notes:



Zoom Small Group Study

Begins Monday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up at www.firstumcworthington.com

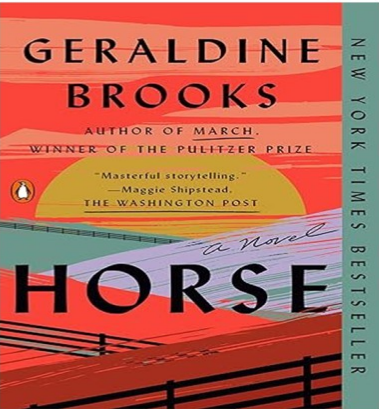
Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today. Zoom small group study begins on Monday, October 20th at 6:30 pm. **Please note date change.** Sign up on the www.firstumcworthington.com website

Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but rather about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing.

In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church

and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language?

Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.



FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks, is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. Come prepared to discuss this thought-provoking book. Bring a friend!

Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00p.m. - Fireside Room.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

CONVERSATION ABOUT MISSION HAITI

HOLY COMMUNION—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #571- *"Go, Make of All Disciples"*

Feel Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>



Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

Meadows Memory Care

Ray Hinz

The Shores

LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed even after the service is over. For questions, please contact the church office.

FH = Fellowship Hall

FR = Fireside Room

This Week

SUN

October 5

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship—FH
Mission-Haiti Sunday with Communion
10:30 am Worship @ First with Adrian joining
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

MON

October 6

9:00 am Ladies Fall Bible Study - FR
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

October 7

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
2:00 pm Grief Share @First Lutheran
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
4:00 pm Family Life Meeting
7:00 pm Chamber Singers practice - Sanctuary

WED

October 8

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line
5:15 pm Connect Wednesday dinner
5:45 pm Worship
6:00 pm Program
6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting
7:00 pm Bell practice

THURS

October 9

7:00 pm WASO practice

SUN

October 12

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship—FH
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

Connect
WEDNESDAY

5:15-5:45 pm FREE Dinner for all ages
5:45-6:00 pm Worship
6:00-7:00 pm Exciting Kids, Youth and Adult Programming

Adults will watch The Chosen series and have a short discussion

First United Methodist Church
408 11th Street, Worthington, MN

The CHOSEN

Join us Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, 408 11th Street, Worthington, for a free meal at 5:15. Afterwards, we will watch The Chosen and have a short discussion. Childcare is provided.

Friendship Supper

THE FRIENDSHIP SUPPER IS NOV. 11TH. This is a supper for the area's mentally and physically challenged. We serve pizza and then play Bingo. Our guests love this time with us and all go home with at least 3 prizes. So, WE NEED PRIZES.

They love theatre size candy, Christmas decorations (no candles), stuffed animals, puzzles, caps, greeting cards, really anything. So if you have things at home you don't use or pick things up at a \$ store, PLEASE bring them to the church office for prizes starting now. We usually serve over 60 guests. If questions, call Pat 507-360-1400 or any Night Light member. THANK YOU

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Drop Pastor John a note or do something special for him to show him you care.