

## Happy Birthday!

- 13 Merle Belz  
Tim Meyer
- 14 Joyce Graven
- 16 Derek Lee
- 18 Tim Blume
- 19 Taylor Nickel

## Happy Anniversary!

- 16 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
- 17 Paul & Tracy Reyne

## 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.

Terry & Darlene Miller  
Judy Mitchell  
Arlo Mogck  
Scott Mogck  
Ryan & Amy Molter  
Jean Monthei  
Mary Monthei  
Joan Moore  
Suzanne Murphy  
Dan Nauwerth  
Christine Nelsen  
Rick & Deb Nelson & family

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Jenola Uden, Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, Karen Lawrence, and Jean Bunge

One visit goes a long way!



## PRAYER CORNER

### Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Mary Prins (dealing with arthritic conditions)  
Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)  
Henry Mess Tim Yager  
Marlene Miller LaDee Grant  
Pat Huisenga Marlene Wieneke  
Janelle Johnson Steve Potts  
Ajulo Ochala

### Persons impacted by COVID 19: Covid long-haulers

### Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Laurie Blume Scott Klooster  
Christopher Allen Brown  
Connie Bremer (Betty Taarud's daughter)  
Makenzie Gist (Nancy Galland's niece)  
George Dinsmore (Cheryl Dinsmore uncle)

### Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders Nancy Hyink  
Gerald Fisher Mike Miller  
Kristi Johnson John Clease  
Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg  
Steve Timmons Monica Veil  
Ken Bipes Phil Glembin  
Karen Schulz Ariana Lopez  
Aiden Remme

### For those experiencing change in locations...

Tom and Diane Vagt, to Lennox, SD...  
Iris Pierce, to Mississippi...  
Robyn Silver, to Jackson, MN...  
Jean Bunge, to Rock Rapids...

### For those dealing with grief and loss...

Ron Vogel family

### Giving thanks & praying for:

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, August 13th, 2023  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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# The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 13th, 2023  
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Terry Miller  
Accompanist: Brenda DeSmith  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

 Please stand as you are able

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## CENTERING WORDS <sup>1</sup>

*"Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Come to Worship God

PRAISE UMH #468 - *"Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>


*The Lord is faithful and always good to his children.*

**God's love is always before our eyes, His mercy is new every morning.**

*May we remain in His love always; may we walk faithfully with God.*

**May we always be drawn to the congregation of your faithful ones.**

**All: We are standing on holy ground, let us worship our Lord.**

 PRAISE UMH #474 - *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

## OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. And the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am**

## Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Please consider if you'd like to take part in a six-week commitment to teaching or assisting with our children's Sunday School! Our 2023/2024 school year will be broken up into four, six-week teaching sessions, and we need teachers and helpers for our elementary age group. Please contact Gretchen or Pat Grimmus if you have any questions or feel led to be a part of this ministry.

## King Turkey Sandwich Revival

Be a part of the King Turkey Day sandwich revival! Turkey sandwiches will be served in the First Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on King Turkey Day, Saturday, September 16th. Please be a part of this great community outreach by volunteering to prepare the meal or serve the meal or clean up after the meal. More details will follow in the weeks to come with sign-ups and exact duties for the three shifts. Please contact MaDonna Carlson for more information. Thank you!

## Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. Over the last three years with the generous monetary donations and items that have been donated we have been able to pack many boxes. Starting in March and through October, each month we will highlight an area of items that are needed; you may give a monetary donation (Please make check payable to 1st UMC and put OCC on the memo line) at any time which will go towards buying additional items that are needed or for postage to help ship the boxes overseas.

There is a list available in the narthex of the items that are needed and will be collected throughout the next months; you can donate any of those items at any time. You will still have the option to pack a box on your own, if you wish. The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls.

During August we will be collecting school supplies for boys and girls. Ideas are pencils, small manual pencil sharpeners, pencil bags or plastic pencil boxes, colored pencils, boxes of crayons, boxes of markers, scissors, rulers, protractors, glue sticks, index cards, smaller notebooks, erasers & solar-powered calculators.

Please place your donation in the red box in the narthex. The Mission Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

## Food Shelf Donations

Your donations for the local food shelves of non-perishable food items are accepted throughout the year, please place your items in the wagon located in the narthex. Please be aware of the "best by" or "use by" dates on the items that you donate. Items are taken alternately to the two food shelves in town several times throughout the year. Thank you for your donations!

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel. Please join us if you are interested.



Ladies by the Lake

What a fun time the ladies had when we gathered at Dorothy Sietsema’s house for Ladies by the Lake in July! We had no agenda; we simply hung out and got to know each other a little bit better. We will repeat the opportunity on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm at Maxine Cranston’s home.

Fireside Book Club

The next Fireside Book Club meets Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing The Light Between Oceans, by M. L. Stedman.

Thank You!

The Missions Team wants to express their appreciation to all who went over to The Banquet to help prepare and serve the evening meal on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. 30 people from Adrian Methodist and 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist along with a few extra friends were there to help out. 346 meals were served.

Also, thank you for the generous monetary donations that were given; we were able to sponsor the meal along with giving them some money for later use. Your generosity to help those people that are in need of a meal is very much appreciated.

May God bless each one of you.

Our Church App

Download our free app on your smartphone or iPad. You can see the upcoming church schedule, interact by listening to previous Sunday messages. You can even give online - it’s that easy and secure. You will find the app in the App Store - search for First United Methodist Church Worthington.



Last Week’s Offering	\$ 3,880.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 196,381.14
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 206,099.09

Thank you for your faithful giving!

actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my troubles alone. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE TFWS #2195 - *“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”*

We Hear God’s Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 85:8-13  
Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE

*“Have No Fear”*

We Respond to God’s Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✚ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE UMH #666 - *“Shalom to You”*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	151
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	31	TOTAL	226



## Care Center Residents:

### First UMC:

**The Meadows Memory Care Unit**  
Karen Lawrence

### South Shore Care Center

Lois Carlberg    LaDee Grant

### Lyon Specialty Care (Rock Rapids)

Jean Bunge

### Adrian UMC:

**Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)**  
Mary Prins

### Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

### CentraCare Center (Monticello)

Henry Mess

## Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at on any one of four different app channels or online websites:

[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

[First UMC Website](#)

[First UMC YouTube Channel](#)

[First UMC FaceBook](#)

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

## Membership?

If you are interested in joining the church, contact Pastor Daren for information on how that can happen. We look forward to celebrating our mission with any new members!

# This Week

## SUN

6:30 am    Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
9:00 am    Worship @ Adrian  
10:00 am    Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am    Worship @ First  
1:00 pm    Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

## MON

9:00 am    Pastor Daren in Mankato  
3:00 pm    Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

## TUES

9:30 am    Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee  
1:30 pm    Missions Meeting (Heritage)  
3:00 pm    Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
5:00 pm    PSPRC (Heritage)

## WED

7:00 am    Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line  
9:00 am    Stakeholder's Meeting (Zoom)  
11:30 am    Prayer Time (Chapel)  
12:00 pm    Finance (Heritage)

## THUR

5:30 pm    First Council (Heritage)

## SUN

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10:30 am    Worship @ First  
1:00 pm    Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

## Aug 13

## Aug 14

## Aug 15

## Aug 16

## Aug 17

## Aug 20

## Jean Bunge....

send cards to:

Lyon Specialty Care  
1010 South Union St  
Rock Rapids, IA 51246

## GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

### Jesus Walks on the Water

**Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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