

Happy Birthday!

- 20 Brielle Bullerman
David Reese
Nicolas Reyne
- 22 David Carstensen
- 23 Phoenix Erlandson
Dylan Schuett
- 26 Rick Dalrymple
Becky Emary

Happy Anniversary!

- 20 Tim & Kris Tripp
- 22 Steve & Terry Johnson
- 23 Randy & Marjo Taarud
- 24 Daren & Nancy Flinck

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.

Chad & Sarah Nickel & family
Jim Nickel
Tina Nickel & family
Danny & Amber Nielsen & family
Kristen Nielsen
Dana & Amy Oberloh & Taya
Jonah & Heather Oberloh & family
Ajulo Ochala & family
Dave & Myra Palmer
Doris Palmer
Jolie Parker

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...

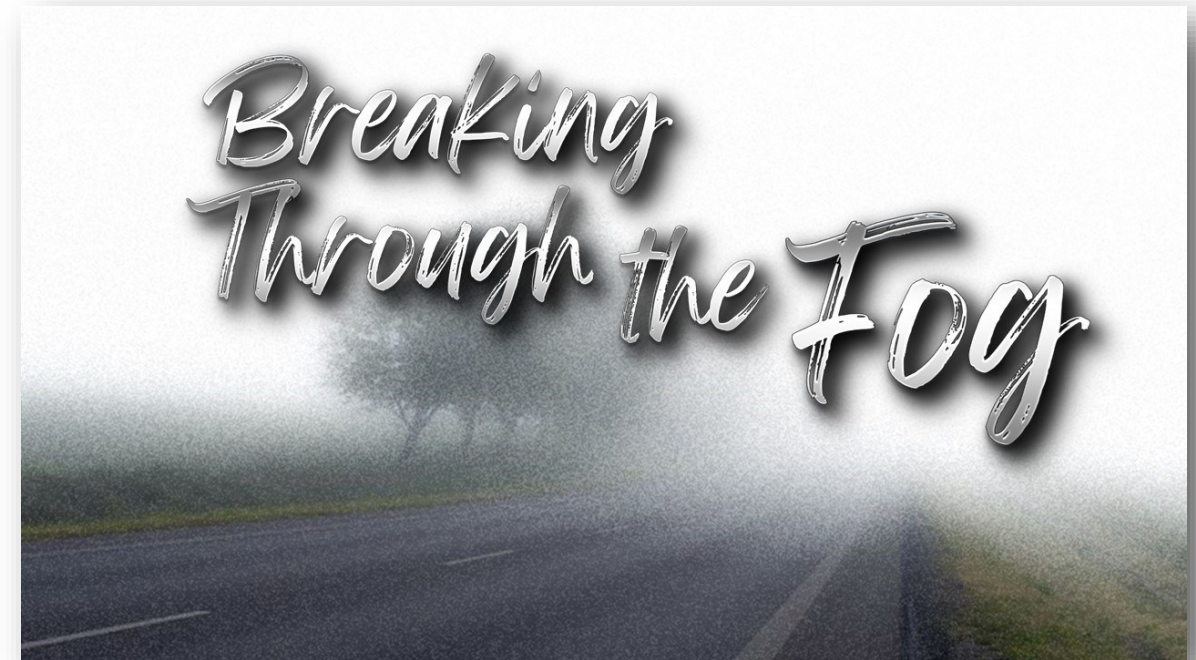
The family of Ron Vogel...

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 20th, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



The Boxcast TV Channel
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PASTOR:	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:	Jolene Kuhl
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The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 20th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

TFWS - The Faith We Sing book
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*How good it is that sisters and brothers live together in unity.
As we celebrate our common ground this day, let us lift up
our spirits in song and silence, prayer and practice.*

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2226 - "Bind Us Together, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

*Every day we are bombarded with the sound of hurtful words
and the touch of tarnished creation. .*

**God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take
as we breathe out our praise.**

*Every day we are bombarded with the taste of food
that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.*

**God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take
as we breathe out our praise.**

Every day we are bombarded with sights that disturb and distract.

**God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take
as we breathe out our praise.**

Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

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.

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.

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	227
ADRIAN UMC	23	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	53	TOTAL	323



Last Week's Offering

\$ 12,667.18

Carry Over Revenue (2022):

\$ 31,543.00

Revenue Year to Date:

\$ 213,273.60

Expenses Year to Date:

\$ 215,425.69

Thank you for your faithful giving!

🕊 PRAISE UMH #452 - "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

🕊 OPENING PRAYER ³

We cry to you, O Lord, from the back of the line, from the edge of the crowd, from the corner of the room. But you make no such distinctions, nor do you set such boundaries. Your faithfulness is great; your grace is enough. And we are covered in your love. In this, we stand. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #410 - "I Want a Principle Within"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER
(please use "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us")

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 15:10-28
MESSAGE "Breaking Through the Fog"

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"

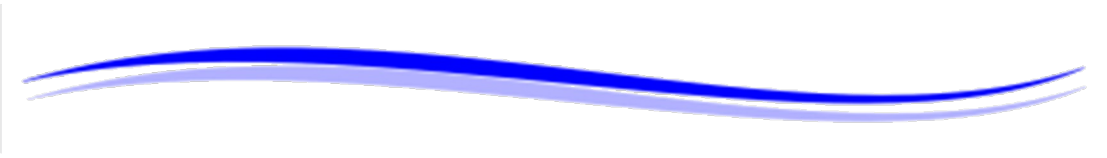
🕊 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

🕊 PRAISE UMH #370 - "Victory in Jesus"

🕊 THE BENEDICTION - 🕊 POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 133.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Matthew 15.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Matthew 15.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",



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	Aug 20
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	Aug 21
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:00 pm	Adrian Council (FH)
TUES	Aug 22
9:30 am	Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
WED	Aug 23
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Ladies by the Lake (Maxine Cranston home)
SUN	Aug 27
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

Changing Addresses....

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

Iris Pierce
3452 East James Circle
Pass Christian, MS 39571

Tom & Diane Vagt
PO Box 173
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Lennox, SD 57039

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Beware of Blind Guides

Matthew 15:10-28 (NIV)

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts - murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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