

## Happy Birthday!

28	Terry Miller
31	Shawn Kluever Steven Kluever
1	Brylee Zebe
2	Brenda DeSmith Mark Ludes
3	Pat Bretzman

## Happy Anniversary!

30	Allan & Carroll Miller
2	Robert & Debra Horne
3	James & Laura Schuett

## 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...

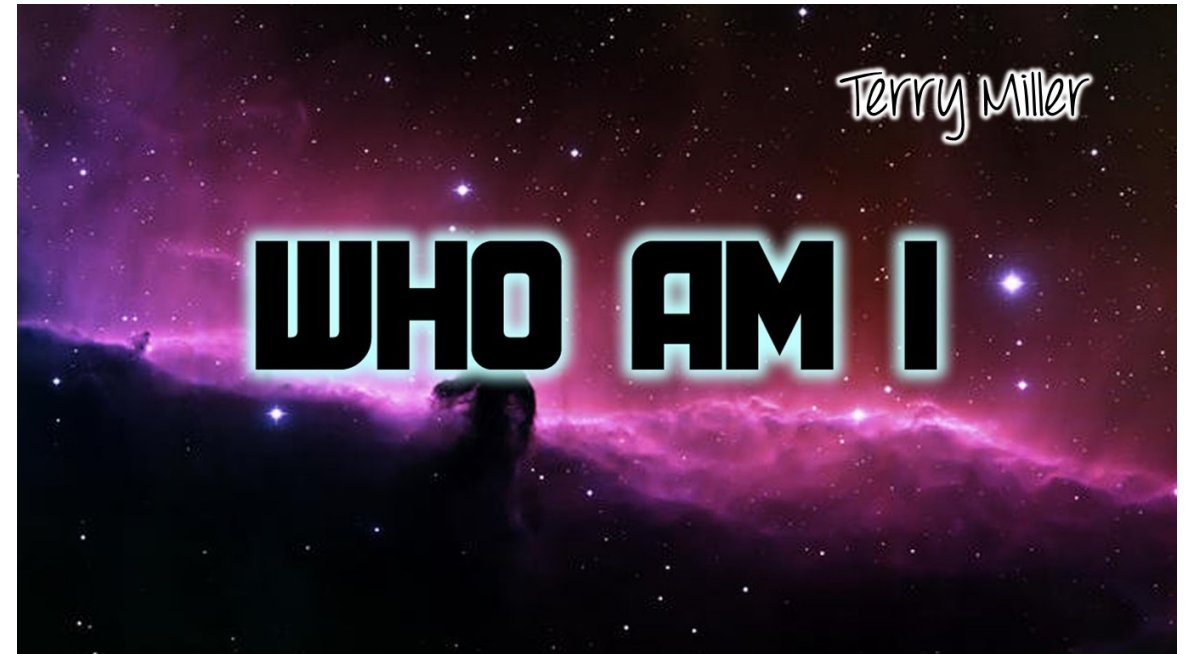
For those dealing with grief and loss...  
The Family of Jean Bunge

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 27th, 2023  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

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

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	<b>ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:</b>	Jolene Kuhl
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	Lori Nienkerk	<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Jeanette Jensen
<b>FAMILY LIFE:</b>	Gretchen O'Donnell	<b>CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:</b>	Brenda DeSmith
<b>CUSTODIANS:</b>	Sarah & Chad Nickel	<b>BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Brenda DeSmith
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Craig & Madonna Carlson	<b>TECH TEAM:</b>	Andrew & Rebecca Brandt

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# The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost


Sunday, August 27th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Terry Miller

Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

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

 Please stand as you are able

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

*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,  
especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

## PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

## PRAISE

UMH #140 - *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

Family of God, as we gather today,  
Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

**You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!**

Family of God, as we gather today,  
the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

**You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!**

Family of God, as we gather today,  
God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

**You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!**

Family of God, as we gather today,  
the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

**You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God!  
May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

## Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

### NOTE TIME CHANGE

Come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings before church to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and a roll along with visiting in fellowship with other members and friends of the church.

Starting September 3rd will start at 9:45 a.m..

## 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.

## Rally Sunday

**Sunday School** will begin with Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 24th, at 9:15 a.m.

## Adult Bible Study

We would love to have an adult Bible study time on Sunday mornings. If anyone would be willing to facilitate such a group, please let Gretchen know!

## Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us this fall for a six-week study on the Attributes of God. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Cost of the books is \$10. If you're not able to attend, you are welcome to purchase a book and study on your own. We will begin on Monday, September 25th and go through Monday, October 30th. Please see Gretchen as soon as you can to sign up in case more books are needed. Looking forward to this excellent study!

## Prayer Time

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

## 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.

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 11:00 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 signups and exact duties for the three shifts. Please contact Madonna Carlson for more information. Thank you!

Wednesday Evening Meals

**Wednesday evening meals** will begin on Wednesday, September 20th. Food will be served from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church 150th Celebration

We celebrated our church's 150th anniversary in May with the help of six people from Westminster Presbyterian Church who helped in serving the meal. Now it's our turn to reciprocate. We need six people willing to serve for their 150th celebration on Sunday, September 10th, at 11:00 a.m. Please see Gretchen if you're willing to spend a couple of hours serving at their party. Thank you.

✚ PRAISE

UMH #110 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

✚ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

Dear Lord God, we thank you for your love. We thank you that how we look, and how we feel, and what we have done or not done, doesn't change your love for us. We thank you that you care for all who come to you, and that you listen to all who call on you, and who trust in you, and do their best to obey you, day by day. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HYMN FAVORITE

UMH #177 - "He Is Lord"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 138  
Matthew 16:13-20

MESSAGE

"Who Am I?"

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 #671 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 133.

<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Matthew 15.

<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Matthew 15.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",  
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



Thank you for your faithful giving!

Last Week's Offering	\$ 2,425.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 215,763.60
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 215,425.69



## Care Center Residents:

### First UMC:

**The Meadows Memory Care Unit**  
Karen Lawrence

### South Shore Care Center

Lois Carlberg      LaDee Grant

### Adrian UMC:

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

### Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

## 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

<b>SUN</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>
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
<b>MON</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>TUES</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>
9:30 am	Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>WED</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship (note time change)
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

## Changing Addresses....

Iris Pierce  
3452 East James Circle  
Pass Christian, MS 39571

Tom & Diane Vagt  
PO Box 173  
209 East 1st Ave  
Lennox, SD 57039

## UMCOR: Helping the People from Hawaii...

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the people in the wake of the disaster in Hawaii may contribute to Advance #901670, UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in need of relief from the wildfires in Maui. Learn more about how to support the people of Hawaii at this link:

<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Maui is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Your help is appreciated.

## Grief Recovery

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. This group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through the difficult days ahead. The group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church beginning September 5th until November 28th. Contact First Lutheran Church to register (you may join at any time) at 507.376.6148. We know it hurts- we want to help. Call us today.

## 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.

## RightNow Media Library:

RightNow Media Library is an online video resource that you can utilize at home right from your computer. Over 10,000 Christian growth and learning videos are available to you- right now! First UMC provides this service at no cost to all of its members and friends to use in their Christian growth and learning. It's like Netflix for Christians. There are sections for every member of the family, including over 3,000 videos for kids- all with a Christian theme and message! Set up your personal account today at no charge! Contact Pastor Daren at the church office - he can help you set up your account to get started!

## Online Directory

The official church directory is accessible to members from First on computer or other smart devices. The digital version is just like a printed one, with links to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and pictures. The online site allows updating to be done by each member to their own profile. We also have a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store. The only thing you will need is your email address. It will need to be listed in the church directory under your profile. Contact Pastor Daren for more details.

## GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

### *Peter Declares That Jesus Is The Messiah*

**Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

<sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...  
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PROVERBS 3:5



*Let the peace  
of Christ rule  
in your hearts.*  
- COLOSSIANS 3:15

## *Minnesota West Pop-Up Food Pantry*

MN West continues to offer a Pop-up Food pantry for their students who are on campus or off campus. They offer food to those that are in need of it. Your financial donations will help to purchase gift cards that will be given to the college to go and purchase items that are needed. If you would like to help with this ministry, please make your check to First United Methodist Church with Pop-up Food Pantry on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration to help this local mission

## *Coat Closet*

Love INC provides for those who need warm clothing during the winter months. We are taking donations of new or clean, gently used coats and snow pants for all ages. We are also taking donations of new hats, scarves, mittens and boots for all ages. Adrian members, if you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection spot in the back of the church. These items will be taken to First Lutheran Church Coat Closet for them to distribute to those in need. Thank you for your consideration to this mission as we reach out to help others during the cold winter.

## *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 & solarpowered 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 nonperishable 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!



## Southern Prairie DS Rev. Dr. Woojae Im...

Does God really exist? At age 13, Rev. Dr. Woojae Im couldn't stop pondering that question. He'd been baptized and gone through Vacation Bible School at his church in Korea, but he wasn't sure he believed. When he learned that a classmate was wrestling with the same question, the two decided to lean into their curiosity by going to church every day for six months and praying together.

About three months in, the friend decided he was done- but Im continued. One night, he came home feeling empty and knelt down to pray, vowing that it would be his last prayer and he'd leave the church if nothing happened.

"All of a sudden, my heart was so in peace with God," Im said. "I felt like I didn't need that proof anymore. I can believe in God." John 3:16 became real to him, as though he was hearing it for the very first time. Not long after, Im decided to become a pastor.

It's a decision that he's never regretted. Im came to the U.S. when his Korean church sent him to Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and he's been living in this country ever since. After spending 19 years pastoring three churches in the Minnesota Conference, Im was appointed as the Southern Prairie District Superintendent on July 1, succeeding Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, who is transitioning to the role of clergy assistant to the bishop for transitions and development.

"We live in a unique era after the pandemic and disaffiliations," said Im, who has been at Church of Peace in Richfield since 2018. "I want to be a pastor for pastors. They need someone who understands them and their stress. Im very excited to be on a journey with my colleagues."

Within the Minnesota Conference, Im has served as a member of the Transitional Table, the Administrative Review Team, the Elected Leader Team, and the Twin Cities Strategy Team. He is also a 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate. He has two master's degrees, a doctoral degree, and he completed Dakota Wesleyan University's Practical Church Leadership Program last year.

Im strongly believes in the importance of spiritual disciplines. He has especially appreciated Disciple Bible Study, the Walk to Emmaus that he participated in this spring, and a two-year academy for spiritual formation that he completed in 2007. He's a spiritual director certified by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, as well as a certified health coach.

His greatest hopes for the Minnesota Conference as he looks ahead: fullness of personal piety and social holiness (love God and love neighbor), inclusion of all people, achieving the conference's four values, innovation in ministry, collaboration, connection, and unity.

Rev. Dr. Woojae Im will be preaching the message on Sunday, October 22nd in both Adrian and Worthington Churches.



Our nursery is open, but is not staffed at this time.

A baby changing station is available in the nursery and also in the women's restroom located in the education wing.

Worship activity bags for children are in the narthex.

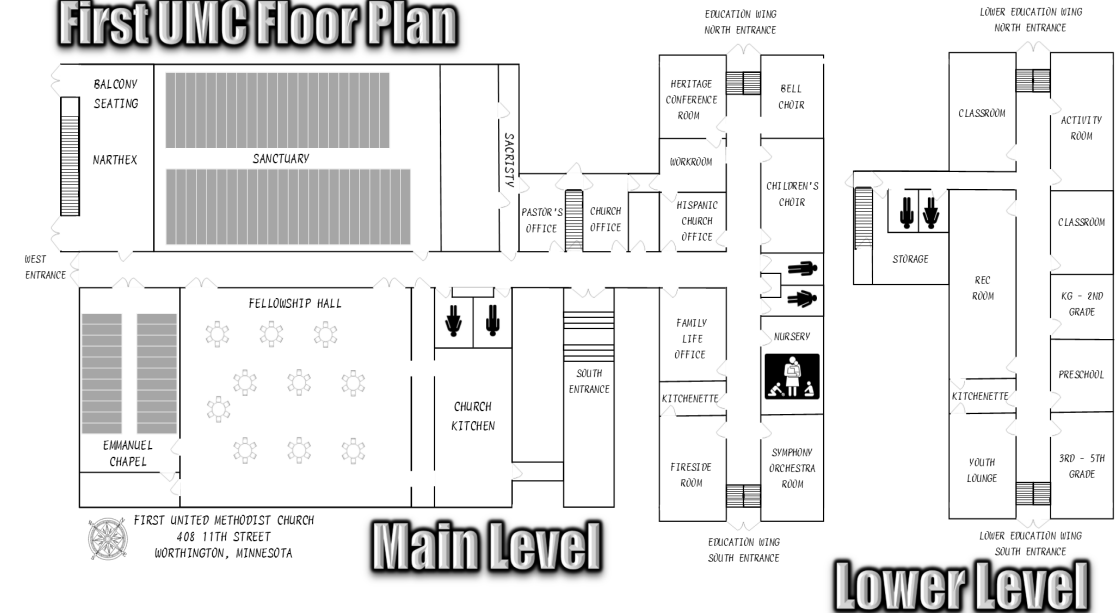
## A Note to Our Guests....

Thank you for taking the time to worship with us this Sunday!

We hope and pray that this worship experience will increase your faith and help you develop more resources for growing in Christ.

We welcome you to First Church!

## First UMC Floor Plan



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
408 11TH STREET  
WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA

Main Level

Lower Level

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	127
ADRIAN UMC	22	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	33
FIRST UMC	70	TOTAL	252