

Happy Birthday!

- 21 Abby Erlandson
Steve Jeppesen
- 23 Adam Blume
Phillip Geertsema
- 24 Jill Spiegelhoff
Leola Weets
- 25 Parker Barrie

Happy Anniversary!

No Anniversaries to Celebrate This Week

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.

Delores Berkness
Adam & Maggie Blume & family
Timothy & Laurie Blume
Aaron & Nicole Bonsma & family
Dennis & Cheryl Bonsma
Mike & Shauna Brignac
Bryan Brignac
Rebecca Brignac & family
Joshua & Kristen (Monthei) Bryant & family
Virgle Buck & Pat Jukich
Kahn & Coleen Bui & family
Jean Bunge

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

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Clyde Scheevel Janelle Johnson
Mary Prins (dealing with arthritis)
Tim Yager LaDee Grant
Marlene Wieneke Ajulo Ochala

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

COVID long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Laurie Blume Scott Klooster
Christopher Allen Brown
John Kellen (Burdell Kuhl's friend)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders Nancy Hyink
Gerald Fisher Mike Miller
Kristi Johnson John Cleave
Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg
Steve Timmons Ariana Lopez
Ken Bipes Phil Glembin
Aiden Remme Pat Huisenga

For peace in Israel and the surrounding areas
which are dealing with armed conflict...

For those dealing with grief and loss...
The family of Ron Lawrence

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

Present AGENDA



Sunday, January 21st, 2024
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/>)

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Lori Nienkerk

FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

GREETERS:

Eldon & Sue Bents

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

Jolene Kuhl

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Jeanette Jensen

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:

Brenda DeSmith

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The 3rd Sunday

after the

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 21st, 2024
10:30 a.m.

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

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

⚓ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*God calls us forth with a divine purpose in mind.
May God's purpose shape our life's agenda.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #186 - "Alleluia"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore.

They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives. AMEN.

⚓ PRAISE

UMH #530 - "Are Ye Able"

⚓ PRAYER of CONFESSION ³

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like

Adult Sunday School Class

All adults are welcome to join us as we look at the book *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, by Susan Robb. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday through February 11th.

Fireside Book Club This Week

We meet this Tuesday to discuss *Unorthodox*, by Deborah Feldman. This is the memoir of a woman growing up in an Hasidic Jewish community who then fought to break free of that world. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

C3 Craft Night

Wednesday, January 24 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm @ C3. Everyone will make 5 cards for various purposes (birthday, thank-you, etc) - \$5/person!

Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off

The Missions Team will be sponsoring the Annual Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off after worship on Sunday, January 28th. Everyone is invited to participate. To enter the competition, prepare a double batch of your favorite soup or chili for the congregation to sample. Watch for a sign up in the narthex or call the church office by Tuesday, January 23rd. For a freewill donation, which will be used for mission projects, tasters will be able to enjoy a soup lunch and vote for their favorite soups. For more information contact Pam Soderholm or the church office.

Children and Youth Ice Skating

Please put Sunday, February 4th on your calendars for children and teens to spend an evening ice skating at the Arena! Cost of the event (including skate rental) will be covered. If you'd like to chaperone, please let Gretchen know. Kids, please invite your friends — the more the merrier!

Ladies Lenten Devotion Study

Ladies, please join us for a Lent devotion study on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet starting on February 12 and go through March 25th. If you're not able to meet at that time but would still like a book to study on your own, let Gretchen know as soon as possible and I'll order one for you! Cost of the books is yet to be determined



Thank you for your faithful giving!

Last Week's Offering	\$ 0.00
Carry Over Revenue (from 2023):	\$ 39,484.78
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 13,015.10
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 6,904.96

Through the Bible in One Year

Here are this week's Bible readings:		January 25	Genesis 34, 35, 36
January 22	Genesis 27, 28	January 26	Genesis 37, 38
January 23	Genesis 29, 30	January 27	Genesis 39, 40, 41
January 24	Genesis 31, 32, 33	January 28	Genesis 42, 43

Kids for Christ

The Kids for Christ program is going so well at First Lutheran that they are in need of additional adult (or teen) helpers. Help is needed from 4:00-5:00, approximately, each week. You would not be in charge or anything, just an extra adult supervisor for the kids during their lesson and activity time. Dinner included, should you desire to stay for the meal. Please let Gretchen or Pastor Daren know. Thanks!

507 Youth at First

Adult helpers are needed on February 7th for a couple of hours when FUMC hosts 507, a quarterly city-wide youth gathering. Helpers to serve food during the meal and be present as additional chaperones during the program would be greatly appreciated. Time will be approximately 6:00-8:00. Please let Gretchen know if you'd be available to lend a hand. Thanks!

Be a Part of the Family Life Team!

The Family Life Ministry team is looking for new people to add to the team! We meet monthly on the second Tuesday (time is negotiable according to availability of group). Team members advise on Family Life activities and volunteer as able. This means that if you have the desire to help with a certain event, great; but you can pick and choose your level of involvement outside of our regular meetings. Please let Gretchen know if you are interested in being a part of this fun group!

Lent Devotions during C3

Please join us for a meal and special devotion and activity during Lent. Watch for details to follow.

Cards of Support for Ajulo

Ajulo Ochala is recovering from kidney transplant surgery in Sioux Falls for the next month. Her address is 1310 West 26th St #201, Sioux Falls SD 57105. Please consider sending her a card as that would greatly cheer her up in her recovery.



Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON ⁴

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you.
Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace.
Hear these words: You are forgiven.
Thanks be that God stands watch over our very lives.
Thanks be to God for the grace that meets us where we are.
Hear these words: You are forgiven.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE
"I'm Not Alone"
Trombone Solo by Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanied by Jolene Kuhl

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-4, 11

MESSAGE
"Present Agenda"

We Respond to God's Word

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

✚ DOXOLOGY CH #814 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*
✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE UMH #344 - *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*
✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 62.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Jonah 3-4, Psalm 62, and Mark 1.
³ The Prayer of Confession is based on or inspired by Jonah 3-4, Psalm 62, and Mark 1.
⁴ The Words of Assurance are based on or inspired by Jonah 3-4 and Mark 1.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024",

God's Direction is Always Best!

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-4, 11

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

^{4:1} But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?...¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left - and also many animals?"

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

PROVERBS 3:5



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	259
ADRIAN UMC	0	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	0
FIRST UMC	5	TOTAL	264

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](#)

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above locations even after the service is over.

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much to John Steinle and Dianne & Rick Dalrymple for delivering the 400+ pounds of food to our three local food pantries in the cold weather this week!

This Week

SUN	Jan 21
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am	Sunday School @ First
9:00 pm	Adult Sunday School @ First
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
MON	Jan 22
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	Jan 23
9:30 am	Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Ve
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:00 pm	Fireside Book Club
WED	Jan 24
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
4:30 pm	Craft Night
5:15 pm	C3 Meal
5:45 pm	Bell Choir Practice
6:15 pm	G1 @ Adrian UMC
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thurs	Jan 25
10:00 am	Bible Discussion @ Phileo's
Fri	Jan 26
6:00 pm	Lopez Birthday Decorate Church
Sat	Jan 27
1:00 pm	Wass Bridal Shower (FS)
3:00 pm	Lopez Birthday Party
SUN	Jan 28
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am	Sunday School @ First
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School @ First
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
11:45 am	Souper Bowl Cookoff @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First