

Happy Birthday!

- 14 Ryan Lee
- 15 Brooke Grussing
- 16 Braden DeSmith
- 17 Jan Heidebrink
Cory Klingenberg
- 18 Debra Geertsema
Dana Heidebrink
Ashley Hendel
- 19 Darlene Miller
Spenser Nickel

Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Galen & Sherry Benton
- 16 Ryan & Naomi Hill

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.

Holly Bushard Ailts
Sharon Algood
Matthew Amundson
David Anderson
Laura Barrie & Family
Carolyn Beerman
Rod & Eunice Behrends
Jason & Paula Behrens
Merle Belz
Scott & Susan Belz
Galen & Sherry Benton
Eldon & Susan Bents

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.



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 Clease
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

God loves you!



Sunday, January 14th, 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/>)

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Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

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Lori Nienkerk

FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

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The 2nd Sunday after the EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 14th, 2024
10:30 a.m.

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

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

Let all who draw breath shout for joy and sing praises to the living God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2164 - "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.

Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

 PRAISE

UMH #454 - "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

 OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving God, before you formed us in our mother's womb, you knew us completely. Before a word is on our lips, you perceive it. You hem us in,

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

Our next book is *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 discuss the book on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Pick up the book on your own and come ready to discuss this eye-opening story.

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!



Thank you for your faithful giving!

Last Week's Offering	\$	12,385.00
Carry Over Revenue (from 2023):	\$	39,484.78
Revenue Year to Date:	\$	13,015.10
Expenses Year to Date:	\$	6,904.95

Faith Comes by Hearing - Through the Bible in One Year

The Family Life Team at First Church is excited to present the opportunity for you and your family to read through the Bible in one year! Starting January, we will be listening and reading through the Bible by using various methods. With the Faith Comes by Hearing app, Bible Is (which is no cost) you can follow along with a scheduled reading and listening plan to hear the Bible in one year.



If you do not have a smartphone you can access this resource on the Faith Comes by Hearing website. If you do not have access to a computer, you can order a listening device which has entire Old and New Testaments recorded for your listening pleasure.

If this is something you have done in the past, it's always good to renew your understanding of Scripture. If this is something you have always wanted to do but just couldn't find the time, perhaps now is that time! Join us in January for reading or listening through the Bible in one year!

JANUARY

- 1 Genesis 1-3
- 2 Genesis 4-7
- 3 Genesis 8-11
- 4 Job 1-5
- 5 Job 6-9
- 6 Job 10-13
- 7 Job 14-16
- 8 Job 17-20
- 9 Job 21-23
- 10 Job 24-28
- 11 Job 29-31
- 12 Job 32-34
- 13 Job 35-37
- 14 Job 38-39
- 15 Job 40-42
- 16 Genesis 12-15
- 17 Genesis 16-18
- 18 Genesis 19-21
- 19 Genesis 22-24
- 20 Genesis 25-26
- 21 Genesis 27-29
- 22 Genesis 30-31
- 23 Genesis 32-34
- 24 Genesis 35-37
- 25 Genesis 38-40
- 26 Genesis 41-42
- 27 Genesis 43-45
- 28 Genesis 46-47
- 29 Genesis 48-50
- 30 Exodus 1-3
- 31 Exodus 4-6

FEBRUARY

- 1 Exodus 7-9
- 2 Exodus 10-12
- 3 Exodus 13-15
- 4 Exodus 16-18
- 5 Exodus 19-21
- 6 Exodus 22-24
- 7 Exodus 25-27
- 8 Exodus 28-29
- 9 Psalms 30-32
- 10 Exodus 33-35
- 11 Exodus 36-38
- 12 Exodus 39-40
- 13 Leviticus 1-4
- 14 Leviticus 5-7
- 15 Leviticus 8-10
- 16 Leviticus 11-13
- 17 Leviticus 14-15
- 18 Leviticus 16-18
- 19 Leviticus 19-21
- 20 Leviticus 22-23
- 21 Leviticus 24-25
- 22 Leviticus 26-27
- 23 Numbers 1-2
- 24 Numbers 3-4
- 25 Numbers 5-6
- 26 Numbers 7
- 27 Numbers 8-10
- 28 Numbers 11-13

MARCH

- 1 Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90
- 2 Numbers 16-17
- 3 Numbers 18-20
- 4 Numbers 21-22
- 5 Numbers 23-25
- 6 Numbers 26-27
- 7 Numbers 28-30
- 8 Numbers 31-32
- 9 Numbers 33-34
- 10 Numbers 35-36
- 11 Deuteronomy 1-2
- 12 Deuteronomy 3-4
- 13 Deuteronomy 5-7
- 14 Deuteronomy 8-10
- 15 Deuteronomy 11-13
- 16 Deuteronomy 14-16
- 17 Deuteronomy 17-20
- 18 Deuteronomy 21-23
- 19 Deuteronomy 24-27
- 20 Deuteronomy 28-29
- 21 Deuteronomy 30-31
- 22 Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91
- 23 Joshua 1-4
- 24 Joshua 5-8
- 25 Joshua 9-11
- 26 Joshua 12-15
- 27 Joshua 16-18
- 28 Joshua 19-21
- 29 Joshua 22-24
- 30 Judges 1-2
- 31 Judges 3-5

before and behind. You call us as your own and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot attain it. Even when we fail, Holy One, call us anew, that we might hear your voice and respond with expectation and joy: "Here I am." Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

"There Is a Light"
First UMC Chancel Choir
Directed by Jeanette Jenson ** Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

MESSAGE

"Navigating Change"

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 #593 - *"Here I Am, Lord"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 139.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by 1 Samuel 3, Psalm 139, and John 1.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by 1 Samuel 3, Psalm 139, and John 1.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024",
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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	118
ADRIAN UMC	20	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	48
FIRST UMC	50	TOTAL	236

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Lord Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹ And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. ¹² At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family - from beginning to end. ¹³ For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'" ¹⁵ Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, ¹⁶ but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son." Samuel answered, "Here I am."

¹⁷ "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes."

¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

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

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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, please contact the church office.

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much to the adults and youth who helped undecorate on Wednesday!

This Week

SUN	Jan 14
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 15
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES	Jan 16
9:30 am	Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Ve
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:00 pm	PSPRC Meeting

WED	Jan 17
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
12:00 pm	Finance Meeting
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 18
4:30 pm	Missions Meeting
5:30 pm	First Council Meeting

SUN	Jan 21
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
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First