

Happy Birthday!

- 28 Iris Pierce
- 29 Carolyn Beerman
- 30 Sara Berte
- Khanh Bui
- Nany Galland
- 1 Heidi Klingenberg
- Aryah Marsh
- 2 James Hibma
- 3 Alan Miller

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.



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...

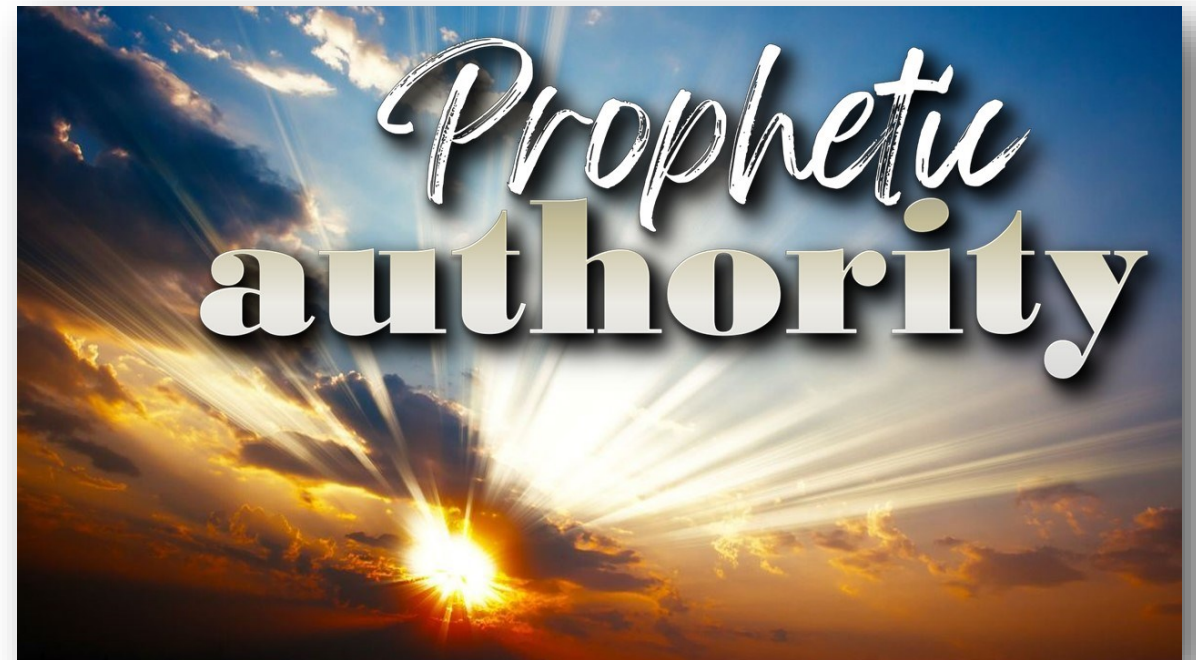
For those dealing with grief and loss...

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:

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Sunday, January 28th, 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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The 4th Sunday after the EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 28th, 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

What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth?
What have you to do with my joys and my hopes,
with my hurts and my losses? Come with grace and mercy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #176 - "Majesty"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart
in the company of the upright in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

God's works extend to you and me and the whole community
as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice,
yet all are called to lead by following.

**We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst,
helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the
Lord!**

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 18th.

Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off

Please join us on Sunday, January 28th after worship for the Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off sponsored by the Missions Team. For a free will donation you will be able to taste different soups and vote for your favorite. The funds raised from this fundraiser help with mission projects throughout the year.

Children and Youth Ice Skating

Church youth ages 3-18 are invited to skate at the Worthington Arena on Sunday, February 4th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. We will serve pizza between church and skating for you and your family! Skates are available at the Arena but kids are encouraged to bring their own if they have them. All costs are covered. Bring Friends! If you'd like to chaperone for this event, please let Gretchen know. It would also be great to have an idea of who will come by Friday the 2nd, if possible.

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 book is \$10.

Lent Devotions During C3

You are cordially invited to join us for five weeks of a special C3 Lent devotion and activity time following our C3 meal. Beginning on February 21st and going through March 20th, our C3 meal will be served at the earlier time of 5-5:25 p.m., followed by twenty minutes of Easter-themed activities and devotions. We would love to have as many people as we can join us for these special weeks. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we have a better idea of how many people to expect. This is for all ages. If you would like a ride to and from the church for these weeks, please let Gretchen know.

Fireside Book Club

Our next book club book choice is *The Stranger in the Boat*, by Mitch Albom. Please pick up your own copy or get it from the library and read it ahead of our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7p.m. Bring a friend as we discuss the question, "What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared?"

Through the Bible in One Year

Here are this week's Bible readings:			
January 29	Genesis 44, 45, 46	February 1	Exodus 3, 4, 5
January 30	Genesis 47, 48, 49	February 2	Exodus 6, 7, 8
January 31	Genesis 50, Exodus 1, 2	February 3	No reading
		February 4	Exodus 9, 10, 11

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!

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class is scheduled to meet on Saturday, February 10th at FUMC starting at 10:00 a.m.. The class will rotate between locations (First to Adrian) each month until Confirmation Sunday, April 28th.

Southern Prairie District Church Conference Part 2

The Southern Prairie District Church Conference will be held via Zoom on February 1, 2024 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The agenda is expected to include a devotion, church conference action for approving all other church conference forms except for the clergy compensation form, a church conflict workshop with Rev. Susan Nienaber, and an update from the district superintendent.

 Thank you for your faithful giving! 	Last Week's Offering	\$ 895.00
	Carry Over Revenue (from 2023):	\$ 39,484.78
	Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 19,254.29
	Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 28,537.52

✚ PRAISE UMH #127 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your written Word and for the living Word Who was made flesh, dwelt amongst us, and spoke words of life and hope to all who would trust on His name. His name is Jesus, our mighty Prophet, praying Priest, and coming King. Thank You that He offered up Himself as the sacrifice for our sin, and that whosoever believes on Him would not perish, but have everlasting life. In His name we pray, Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE "There Is A Light"
First UMC Chancel Choir
Drums—Sherry Benton
Directed by Jeanette Jenson—accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20
MESSAGE "Prophetic Authority"

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 #463 - "Lord, Speak to Me"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Deuteronomy 18.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Deuteronomy 18.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Deuteronomy 18.

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