

Happy Birthday!

- 16 Lola Davis
- 18 Raeya Hietbrink
Payton Nickel
- 19 Judy Mitchell
- 20 Clara Jewson
Meredith Moore
- 21 Brody Bonsma
- 22 Jolene Kuhl
Deb Steinle

Happy Anniversary!

- 19 Dr. Mark Ludes & Dr. Lisa Gerdes
- 21 Mike & Janelle Johnson

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.

Jorge & Julie Lopez & Ben
 Marcus & Kelly Maras & family
 Arya Marsh
 Paul & Cheryl Matties
 John & Sandi Mead & family
 Henry & Elaine Mess
 Heidi Meyer
 Tim & Kari Meyer & Claire
 Logan & Arianna (Lopez) Miller
 Allan & Carroll Miller
 Dennis & Stacie Miller
 Marlene Miller

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, and Karen Lawrence.

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Marlene Miller LaDee Grant
 Huntley (Maxine Cranston's great-grandson)
 Pat Huisenga Marlene Wieneke
 Tom Vagt Janelle Johnson
 Steve Potts Tim Yager
 Ajulo Ochala Henry Mess
 Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)
 Mary Prins (dealing with arthritic conditions)

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

Covid long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Connie Bremer (Betty Taarud's daughter)
 Laurie Blume
 Christopher Allen Brown
 Scott Klooster
 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 dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Bruce Lease...

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, July 16, 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/>)

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Lori Nienkerk

FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

GREETERS:

Deb & John Steinle

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

Jolene Kuhl

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Jeanette Jensen

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:

Brenda DeSmith

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Brenda DeSmith

TECH TEAM:

Kari & Claire Meyer

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The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 16, 2023
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

*When you allow God's word to shed light along your garden paths,
you prepare the soil of your life to produce beautiful, healthy growth.
May you see the light God, feel the warmth of the Son,
and hear the Spirit in the music of the wind.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2150 - "Lord, Be Glorified"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Come in from busy, summertime days to this place of worship.

We come to connect with God's word.

Come in from the stress of everyday life into the light of knowledge.

We come as seekers of truth.

Come into worship with offerings of praise.

We come to hear the word and respond!

⚓ PRAISE

TFWS #2084 - "Come Let Us With Our Lord Arise"

The Banquet

We will be serving the evening meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls (located at 900 E. 8th Street) on Monday, August 7th. We will need volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal.

There are opportunities for anyone 10 and older to help out (10 & older may help in the dining room and 13 and older may serve in the kitchen). We will need 6 volunteers from 2:00-5:00 P.M. to prepare the meal and then 30 volunteers from 5:15-8:00 P.M. to serve the meal. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

We also would like to sponsor the meal by covering the costs of that which are \$700-\$1,000. We will be accepting monetary donations through the month of July. Please make your check payable to the First United Methodist Church with 'The Banquet' on the memo line. Your support of this mission project is very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

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 July we will be collecting toys for boys and girls. Ideas are yo-yo's, slinkies, stuffed animals, small Etch a Sketch, plastic animals, small foam balls, finger puppets, tennis balls, small kite, small frisbee, hacky sacks, costume jewelry, toy cars, and marbles. The age groups are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls. 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.



Ladies by the Lake

Ladies of FUMC, please join us on the deck for an evening of fellowship! Tuesday, July 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at Dorothy Sietsema's house (1406 S. Shore Drive) Weather permitting we'll be outside, or inside if not. RSVP's are nice, but not necessary - 507.372.2939



Prayer Time

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

Women's Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to a summer Bible study on Women and Men in the Old Testament. We will meet in July on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Fireside Book Club

The next Fireside Book Club meets Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book, The Light Between Oceans, by M. L. Stedman.

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!

Thank You

Thank you so much to the families who came to our Sunday School picnic on Tuesday. We really appreciated your presence and your input as we discussed plans for the fall. Big thanks, too, to Ivy & Jeannette Jenson who watched the kids as we had our meeting! - Gretchen O'Donnell, Family Life Coordinator



Last Week's Offering \$ 1,255.00

Carry Over Revenue (2022): \$ 31,543.00

Revenue Year to Date: \$ 177,679.36

Expenses Year to Date: \$ 190,596.18

Thank you for your faithful giving!

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³
Loving God, gather us into this moment of reverence, celebration, and growth. As your sons and daughters, we long for renewed faith and meaning in our lives. Christ's Parable of the Sower lights our path, with its images of rocky ground, tangled thorns, and green shoots. May the light of your word illuminate our way and become the joy of our hearts! Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS
PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS Romans 8:1-11 & Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
MESSAGE "Mind Set"

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 TFWS #2158 - "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Matthew 13 and Psalm 119.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Matthew 13 and Psalm 119.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Matthew 13 and Psalm 119.
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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	91
ADRIAN UMC	21	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	44	TOTAL	176

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Life Through the Spirit

Romans 8:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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Care Center Residents:

The Meadows Memory Care Unit

First UMC:

Karen Lawrence

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

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

SUN

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

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
3:00 pm Ladies by the Lake
(Dorothy Sietsema's House)

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
10:00 am Bible Study (FS)
11:30 am Prayer Time (Chapel)
12:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
7:30 pm Worthington City Band Concert
Chautauqua Park

SAT

11:00 am Hispanic Pastor's Conference
(First Fellowship Hall)

SUN

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praise
sing
greatly esteem
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reverence
show gratitude
adoration