

## Happy Birthday!

- 2 Sheila Kleuver  
Kim Solomon
- 3 Jean Doeden  
Don Erlandson
- 4 Marcus Maras  
Mary Monthei
- 6 Riley Nickel  
James Ruppert
- 7 David Hokeness
- 8 Ky Ruppert

## Happy Anniversary!

None 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.

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, Bruce Lease, Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Ron & Karen Lawrence.

One visit goes a long way!



## PRAYER CORNER

### Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Huntley (Maxine Cranston's great-grandson)  
Bruce Lease Pat Huisenga  
Marlene Wieneke LaDee Grant  
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...

### 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](mailto:methodistoffice@gmail.com)



Sunday, July 2, 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	ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:	Carolyn Beerman
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Lori Nienkerk	CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Jeanette Jensen
FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:	Brenda DeSmith
CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
GREETERS:	Galen & Sherry Benton	TECH TEAM:	Rick Dalrymple & John Steinle

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

Sunday, July 2, 2023  
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck  
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

TFWS - The Faith We Sing  
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS <sup>1</sup>

*Whether climbing a treacherous path or walking a journey of grace,  
we are welcomed, received, and accompanied by God.  
Christ invites us to do the same for others -  
whoever they are and wherever they are on life's journey.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2224 - "Make Us One, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

*We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.*

**May God continue to bless all the lands in this world.**

*We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.*

**May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

*We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.*

**May God continue to establish peace on earth  
and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

*Come, let us worship the God of the Ages!*

 PRAISE

UMH #698 - "God of the Ages"

## Wednesday Family Meal Survey

Please take a moment to fill out this survey and return it to the office. The Education Team is seeking feedback on the Wednesday Night Family Meal time. Thank you for your insights!

1. Did you attend (even just once) our Wednesday evening meals?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If so, why? (What did you like about it? How was it helpful?)

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If not, why?

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2. If you did not attend, what would have made it a more attractive event for you?

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3. Would rides to and from the meal make a difference in your attendance?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

4. Would you be more likely to attend if an event such as a game or craft night or a group activity was tied into the meal? (Most likely just once a month.)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

5. Do you have suggestions for special activities we could include on a Wednesday night?

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6. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions that would be constructive for us to hear?

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If you have some ideas about the Wednesday evening meals but aren't interested in filling out the survey, please give Gretchen a call at the church (507.372.2939) to chat about your thoughts!

Tear Here - Return to office

# Sunday School Picnic

There will be a Sunday School Picnic for all parents and Sunday School aged kids on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Centennial Park Shelter House. Food will be provided! Please, parents, do your best to attend along with your kids. This will be a chance for them to see their Sunday School friends and play together and also a chance for the grown-ups to discuss what Sunday School will look like this fall as we're looking at needing to make some changes to our traditional way of doing things. If you're unable to attend that evening, please contact Gretchen or Pat to let them know and to share any thoughts and ideas you have. Watch for more details to come!

# Nobles County Child Care Survey

We value your input! As residents of Nobles County, your feedback is crucial to improving our child care services. We encourage all parents, family child care providers, child care center directors, and employers to take part in our surveys. Please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey based on your role:

If you are a PARENT, take the parent survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Parent-NoblesCounty>.

If you are a FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER, take the provider survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCC-NoblesCounty>.

If you are a CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR, take the center director survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCD-NoblesCounty>.

If you are an EMPLOYER, take the employer survey here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Employer-NoblesCounty>.

Your valuable insights will help us better understand the needs and concerns of our community. Thank you for your participation!

# Pastor Daren's or Gretchen's Blog

Pastor Daren and Gretchen O'Donnell (Family Life Coordinator at First) have blogs that provide insights and behind the scenes reflections on our busy lives today. Here is the link to Pastor Daren's blog - subscribe to it today (no cost): [revdaren.blogspot.com](http://revdaren.blogspot.com) and here is the link to Gretchen's blog: <http://firstumcworthington.com/gretchen-s-blog> - check them out today!



Thank you for your faithful giving!

Last Week's Offering	\$ 2,765.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 153,241.80
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 178,489.84

## ✚ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

Generous God, you redeem us from the debts that we have earned. You give us freely what we have not worked for. You rescue us from the road to destruction, and set our feet on the path to life. You free us from the chains that we ourselves have forged, and adopt us into your family as beloved children. You call us to freedom and responsibility . Blessed be your name forever. Amen.

## MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #697 - "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

We Hear God's Word

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

MESSAGE "Freedom and Responsibility"

We Respond to God's Word

COMMUNION HYMN TFWS #2263 - "Broken for Me"

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children,  
are invited to receive the bread and cup.*

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

*When you come forward, please bring your offering  
and place it in the plates located near the railings.*

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE UMH #696 - "America the Beautiful"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Genesis 22 and Matthew 10.

<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Romans 6:12-23.

<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Romans 6:12-23.

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



# GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

## *Set Free for Righteousness, Not Sin*

**Romans 6:12-23 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey - whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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## *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



## *Twins Game Information*

The bus for the Twins game will depart from First UMC on Saturday, July 8th at 8:00 a.m.. Pastor Daren will have your tickets at that time. Please remember we will be collecting a recommended \$3 gratuity for the bus driver from each person (or \$5 per family). We will stop in St. Peter for a rest room break, then on to Target Field for the Twins game versus the Baltimore Orioles. Bring your baseball glove because we will be seated near the corner of the right field area, down the first base line. Go Twins!

## *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. The books are in and can be picked up from Gretchen at any time. Cost is \$24. We still have a few left if anyone wants to join us who has not yet signed up. Book scholarships are available.

## *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!



First UMC provides numerous opportunities to get connected and stay connected - especially for those families who are always on the go! Check out a few of these ways to connect with schedules, events, and chances to increase and strengthen your faith:



*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.

*Our Facebook Page*

We have an active Facebook page that often promotes the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Use the following link to add our page to your favorites: [facebook.com/worthingtonfirstumc](https://facebook.com/worthingtonfirstumc).

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*First UMC YouTube Channel*

We have this channel as a place to share the videos that are produced by the church. We post the services from Sunday on this channel, making it easier than ever for you to stay connected. Just go to YouTube and search for First United Methodist Church Worthington.

*Online Directory*

The official church directory is accessible to all members 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 and 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. Download this digital 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 the office for details.

*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**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>July 2</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
<b>MON</b>	<b>July 3</b>
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>TUES</b>	<b>July 4</b>
	Independence Day
	Office closed
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>WED</b>	<b>July 5</b>
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
10:00 am	Bible Study (FS)
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
7:30 pm	Worthington City Band Concert Chautauqua Park
<b>FRI</b>	<b>July 7</b>
All Day	Monte Sinai (Sanctuary, FH, FR)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>July 8</b>
8:00 am	Bus leaves for Twins Game From First UMC
All Day	Monte Sinai (Sanctuary, FH, FR)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>July 9</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





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!

*The Banquet*

We will be serving the evening meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls (located at 900 E. 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

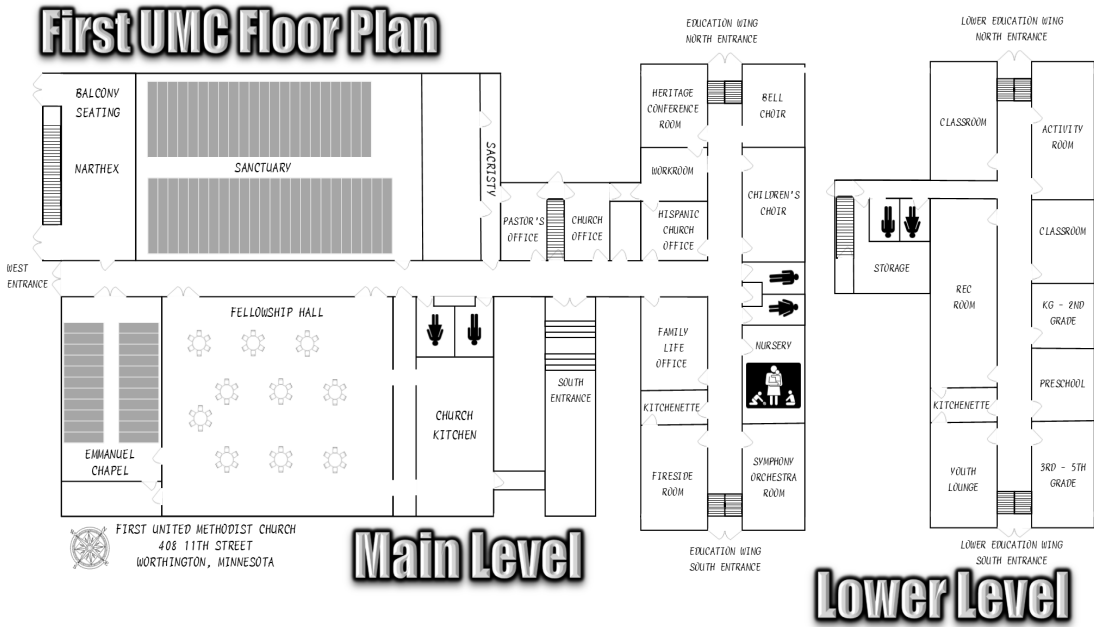
*Operation Christmas Child*

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.



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	71
ADRIAN UMC	23	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	55	TOTAL	169