

Happy Birthday!

- 23 Skeeter Doeden
Ty Klingenberg
Sarah Nickel
- 28 Jason Winselman
- 29 Gary Hibma

Happy Anniversary!

- 28 John & Pam Soderholm
- 29 Eldon & Sue Bents

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 DeWayne Hoefker
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 23, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel

First UMC YouTube Channel

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First UMC Website

(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 23, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Terry Miller
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

"For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face."

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #328 - *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

God's love is steadfast and sure.

It extends beyond the farthest star.

God created every part of me.

He put me together in my mother's womb.

God's grace is able to reach every creature.

Nothing is hid from him.

The days allotted to me have all been recorded in his book.

Even before they began, God knew them all.

The Lord does not judge as we judge.

Nor does he see as we see.

His mercy and his truth go hand in hand.

He is able to save even those who are like me. Great is the Lord!

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.



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 for the final time in July on Wednesday, July 25th 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 to Dorothy Sietsema for hosting our first Ladies by the Lake! Stay tuned for details on an August event.

Thank You

Thanks for all the prayers offered for me while I was in the hospital. And thanks to Jim & Iris Pierce and Marlene Miller for the flowers for my birthday and for all who sent me cards. It was a great treat to come back to! LaDee Grant



Last Week's Offering	\$ 4,830.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 184,023.59
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 190,521.18

Thank you for your faithful giving!

✚ PRAISE UMH #694 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³

Creator God, Holy Gardener who sustains and nurtures all life, open us today to your life-giving grace and transformative love. As we notice our internal struggles, empower us to greet the wheat and the weeds in our own hearts with care and compassion. As we recognize the challenges and suffering in our community, inspire us to meet the weeds and the wheat in our neighbors with acceptance and hope. We know that you alone have the final say, and so we give ourselves over to you as instruments of hospitality and grace, that we would tend our neighbors even as we are tended by you. Amen.

CHILDREN/YOUNG CHRISTIANS MOMENT

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #191 - "Jesus Loves Me"

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

MESSAGE "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly"

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 #431 - "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

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GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (NIV)

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" 36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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

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](#)

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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.

This Week

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

MON

3:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

TUES

3:00 pm

5:00 pm

WED

7:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

THURS

5:30 pm

Sat

11:00 am

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

July 23

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Coffee Fellowship

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

July 24

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Adrian Council (Fellowship Hall)

Adrian Dream Team

July 25

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

PSPRC (Heritage Room)

July 26

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line

Bible Study (FS)

Prayer Time (Chapel)

July 27

Missions Team (No Meeting)

First Council (Heritage Room)

July 29

Brandt Baby Shower

July 30

Holy Communion at both churches

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Coffee Fellowship

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	129
ADRIAN UMC	21	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	58	TOTAL	228