

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Coleen Bui
Leah Schuett
- 2 Robert Darling
Melissa Geertsema
Arlo Mogck
Thelma Yager
- 4 Ohlanna Franco
Julie Lopez
Deb Nelson

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Kevin & LeAnn Donovan
- 5 Dana & Amy Oberloh

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
Pat Huisenga	Marlene Wieneke
Janelle Johnson	Henry Mess
Steve Potts	Tim Yager
Ajulo Ochala	
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:

Laurie Blume	Scott Klooster
Christopher Allen Brown	
Connie Bremer (Betty Taarud's daughter)	
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 experiencing change in locations...
Tom and Diane Vagt, moving to Lennox, SD...

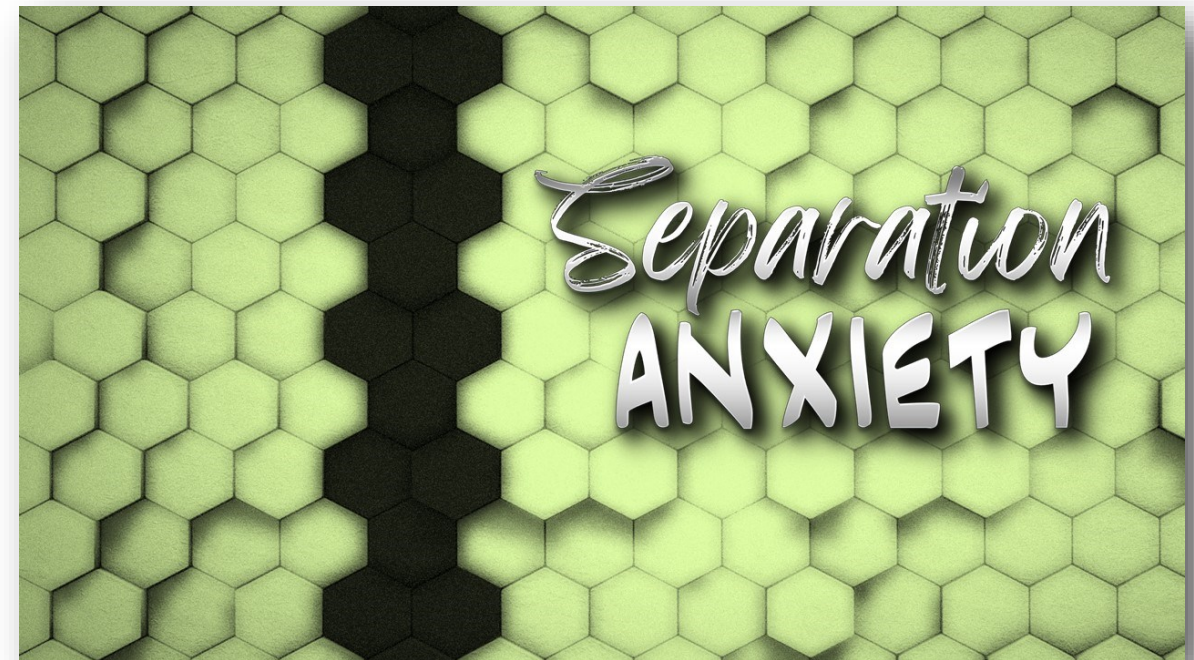
For those dealing with grief and loss...
The family of Jim Pierce...

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

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The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

⋈ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Good things come to those who wait.
Like seeds buried in the ground, God's love bursts forth
in the fullness of time to bring new life and new possibilities.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

INSERT - "I Worship You, Almighty God"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Sing God's praise.

Give thanks to the Lord above.

Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

Proclaim God's wonderful works.

Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love.

⋈ PRAISE

INSERT - "When I Look Into Your Holiness"

⋈ OPENING PRAYER ³

Spirit of God, you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. When all seems

The Banquet

We are still in need of a few people to help serve at The Banquet from 5:15 – 8:00 PM on Monday, August 7th. Those 10 and older may serve in the dining room and 13 and older may serve in the kitchen. If you are able to help out please call the church office or contact Pam Soderholm.

Also, we are still taking monetary donations for the meal that we will be serving, please make your check to First United Methodist Church with The Banquet on the memo line. Thank you to those that have already signed up and donated.

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 August we will be collecting school supplies for boys and girls. Ideas are pencils, small manual pencil sharpeners, pencil bags or plastic pencil boxes, colored pencils, boxes of crayons, boxes of markers, scissors, rulers, protractors, glue sticks, index cards, smaller notebooks, erasers & solar-powered calculators.

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.



For All Seasons Organ Concert

Jolene Kuhl is inviting you to join with her for a very special musical journey through the seasons! Jolene will be playing time honored favorites on the pipe organ at First United Methodist Church. She has been playing the pipe organ for most of her adult life.

Come in person and listen to music from all of the seasons! This is a free concert - no cost at all! The concert will also be live-streamed on the normal church internet locations: First UMC's Facebook page, First UMC's YouTube Channel, First UMC website and the Boxcast Channel.

Prayer Time

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

Ladies by the Lake

What a fun time the ladies had when we gathered at Dorothy Sietsema's house for Ladies by the Lake in July! We had no agenda; we simply hung out and got to know each other a little bit better. We will repeat the opportunity on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm at Maxine Cranston's home.

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 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!



lost, you heal our hearts and give us strength to carry on. Set our hearts and minds on you, that we may know your abiding presence and your never-failing love. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #141 - "Children of the Heavenly Father"

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:26-39

MESSAGE "Separation Anxiety"

We Respond to God's Word

COMMUNION HYMN TFWS #2254 - "In Remembrance of 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 INSERT - "You Are My All in All"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Romans 8.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 105 and Romans 8.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Romans 8 and Matthew 13.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



 	Last Week's Offering		\$ 3,405.00
	Carry Over Revenue (2022):		\$ 31,543.00
	Revenue Year to Date:		\$ 189,301.06
	Expenses Year to Date:		\$ 200,387.18
	Thank you for your faithful giving!		

I Worship You, Almighty God

Words and Music by
Sondra Corbett



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Adrian and First UMC provide numerous opportunities to get connected and stay connected, especially for those families who are on the go. Check out this way 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 or sending a question for the pastor. 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 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.

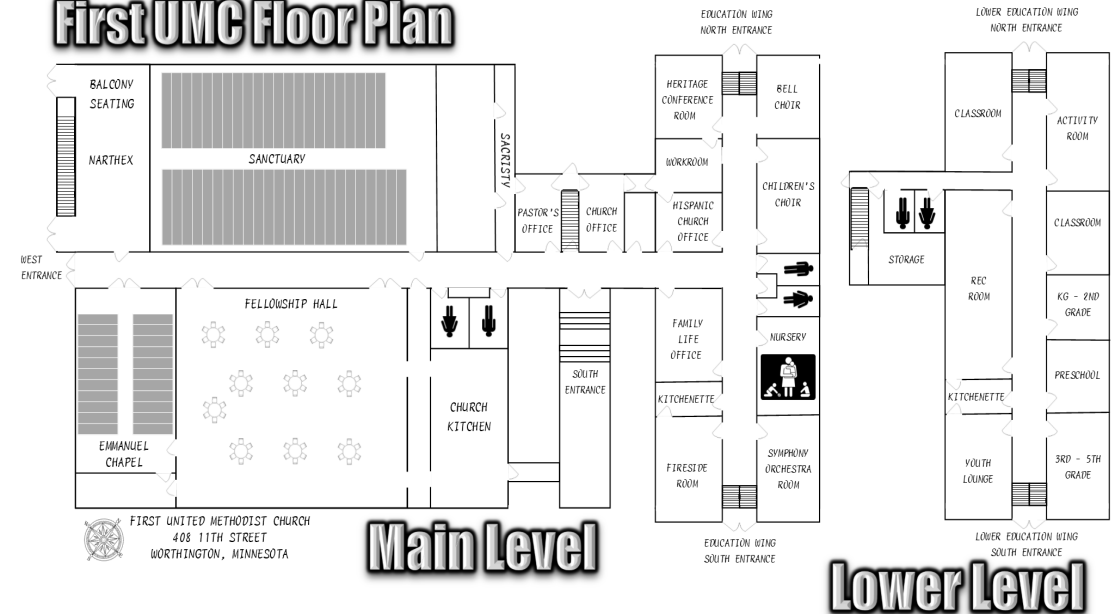
A Note to Our Guests....

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!

First UMC Floor Plan



Online Directory

The official church directory is accessible to members from Adrian 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. The online site 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. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store at no cost. The only thing you will need is your email address. It will need to be listed in the church directory under your profile. Contact Pastor Daren for more 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

SUN	July 30
	Holy Communion at both churches
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	July 31
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	Aug 1
9:30 am	Women's Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
WED	Aug 2
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
SUN	Aug 6
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

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	116
ADRIAN IN PERSON	17
FIRST IN PERSON	51
CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
TOTAL	204

When I Look Into Your Holiness

Words and Music by
Wayne Perrin and Cathy Perrin

♩ = 72 VERSE 1

1. When I look in - to Your ho - li - ness, — when I gaze in - to Your love - li - ness, when all things that sur-round be-come shad-ows in the light of You. —

2. When I've found the joy of reach-ing Your heart, — when my will be-comes en-thralled in Your love, when all things that sur-round be-come shad-ows in the light of You. — I wor-ship You, —

I wor-ship You. — The rea-son I live is to wor-ship You. — I wor-ship You, —

I wor-ship You. — The rea-son I live is to wor-ship You. —

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You Are My All in All

Words and Music by
Travis Ryan, Richie Fike, and Matt Hooper

1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
 2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
 name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me

jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
 up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

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sing greatly esteem respect
 cry up cherish ascribe worth magnify
 praise exalt laud
 glorify celebrate
 lift high bestow honor
 reverence show gratitude adoration
 extol

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

More Than Conquerors

Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
 we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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