

Happy Birthday!

15	Gordon Moore
16	Huck Heidebrink Noah Reyne
17	Shannon Klooster
21	Galen Bents

Happy Anniversary!

16	Shawn & Kelly Kluever
21	Scott & Stacy Lee

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.

Bryan Rogers
Jim & Kim Ruppert & family
Mary Rydeen
Clyde Scheevel
Ryan Scheevel
Kal & Ann Schieck-Solomon
Dick & Denise Schlichte
Conrad & Judy Schmidt
Jim & Julie Shore
Kathy Schreiber
Etta Schroeder

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:

Mary Prins (recovering from hand surgery)
Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)
Henry Mess Tim Yager
LaDee Grant Marlene Wieneke
Pat Huisenga Steve Potts
Janelle Johnson Ajulo Ochala

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)
George Dinsmore (Cheryl Dinsmore uncle)
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 Monica Veil
Ken Bipes Phil Glembin
Aiden Remme Ariana Lopez

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Delores Ratsch

Giving thanks & praying for:

Area farmers - safety for the harvest...
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, October 15th, 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:	Brenda DeSmith
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
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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 15th, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Brenda DeSmith

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

Rejoice in the Lord always. God is worthy of our hearts' delight!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2164 - "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

Take heart; the Lord is near!

Make it known among the people: God reigns!

Proclaim it from the rooftops.

Let gentleness and mirth be your guide.

Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

Take heart; the Lord is near!

 PRAISE

TFWS #2236 - "Gather Us In"

Adult Bible Study

An adult Bible study class is being held each Sunday taught by Gretchen and others. This six-week study is titled, *Called - Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, by Susan Robb. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m..

Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us this fall for a six-week study on the Attributes of God. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Cost of the books is \$10. If you're not able to attend, you are welcome to purchase a book and study on your own. We will begin on Monday, September 25th and go through Monday, October 30th. Please see Gretchen as soon as you can to sign up in case more books are needed. Looking forward to this excellent study!

Ladies Advent Bible Study

Ladies, please let Gretchen know if you'd like to be a part of the Advent Bible Study this year. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, December 4, 11, 18 and again one time in early January, to be determined. Cost of the book is \$25. If you're unable to meet with us, you are welcome to order a book to study on your own if you'd like. Please let Gretchen know by October 16 so she can order the books before the publisher's deadline.

Fireside Book Club

Our next book is *Unorthodox*, by Deborah Feldman. This is the memoir of a woman growing up in an Hasidic Jewish community who then fought to break free of that world. We will discuss the book on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Pick up the book on your own and come ready to discuss this eye-opening story.

Women's Coffee

The women's weekly coffee group meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at HyVee in the Starbucks serving area. All women are invited to come and join this fabulous group!

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Blue Line Cafe. The men discuss shared concerns, solve the problems of the world, and make sure the rain gauges are up to speed. All guys are welcome to join us each week!

C3-Christians Connecting at Church

Join us for C3! C3 is the new name for our Wednesday evening meals and activities. C3 stands for "Christians Connecting at Church" and it is our hope that you choose to connect with us there each week for a meal and, twice a month, an activity. Mac & Cheese will be served from 5:15-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18th and Activities for Middle and High Schoolers Please join us! We'd love to have you there!



Kids for Christ

Wednesday afterschool program continues each Wednesday @ First Lutheran Church 1200 4th Ave. from 4:00 -5:45 p.m. for 3 yr old - 7th grade.

For more information contact FLC 507-376-6148 or Brenda Richards cell phone and email 712-230-7157, tinymustardseed1720@gmail.com.

Prayer Time

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

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	122
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	16
FIRST UMC	42	TOTAL	204

		Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,005.00
		Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
		Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 245,502.15
		Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 266,875.69
Thank you for your faithful giving!			



OPENING PRAYER ³

Holy God, we come before you this day with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. When we abide in your kingdom and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day. Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*
First UMC Bell Choir: directed by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9
THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14
MESSAGE *"Fashion Statement"*

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING
(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

DOXOLOGY Insert - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

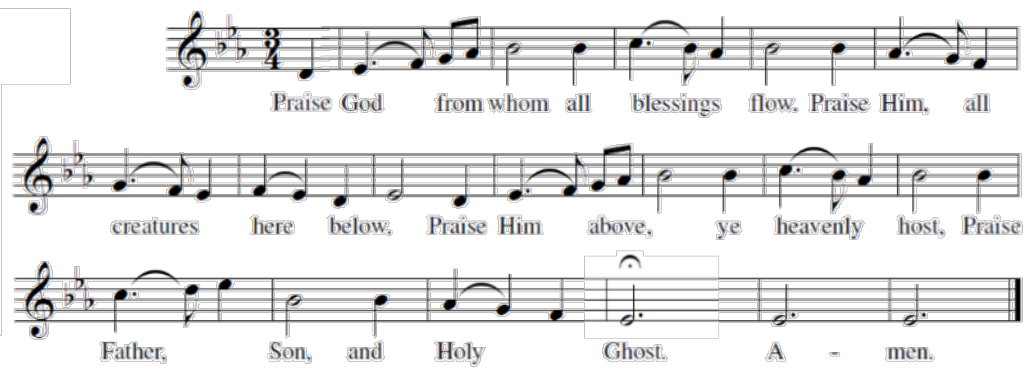
PRAISE TFWS #2237 - *"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"*
THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 106 and Philippians 4.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Philippians 4.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Psalm 106 and Philippians 4.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",
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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words by Thomas Ken
Music by Jimmy Owens



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Heaven and Earth Study Series in November

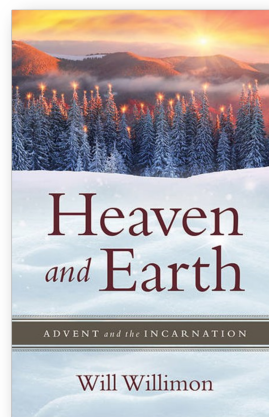
It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Will Willimon introduces us to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way.

Get a head start before the busy-ness of the Advent season starts as you join with Pastor Daren in this four-week study on the following Sundays in November (all sessions at begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in the Heritage Room at First UMC):

Sunday, November 5th	Chapter 1: Meanwhile (Mark 13:24-37)
Sunday, November 12th	Chapter 2: Surprised (Mark 1:1-8)
Sunday, November 19th	Chapter 3: Light (John 1:6-8, 19-28)
Sunday, November 26th	Chapter 4: Rejoice (Luke 1:26-55)

The "Heaven and Earth" book costs \$13.50. Pick up yours in the narthex today!



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!

Children's Winter Clothing Monetary Donations

The Missions Team would like to help with a need for winter clothing — coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens, and boots at Worthington Prairie Elementary School. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase items for the children who are in need of winter clothing. As needs are identified by the school staff clothing will be delivered to the school. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with Winter Clothing on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration of this local mission.

UMCOR: Helping the People from Hawaii

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the people in the wake of the disaster in Hawaii may contribute to Advance #901670, UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in need of relief from the wildfires in Maui. Learn more about how to support the people of Hawaii at this link:

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Maui is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Your help is appreciated.

Grief Recovery

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. This group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through the difficult days ahead. The group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church until November 28th. Contact First Lutheran Church to register (you may join at any time) at 507.376.6148. Or give Gretchen O'Donnell a call - she can fill in some of the details of how this group works. We know it hurts - we want to help. Call us today.



Care Center Residents:

First UMC:
The Meadows Memory Care Unit
Karen Lawrence

South Shore Care Center
Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Adrian UMC:
Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)
Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage
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.

Polka Service Sunday,

October 22

District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Woojae Im Preaching

This Week

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School/No Adult Study
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

MON

9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (FR)
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
1:30 pm Missions Team Meeting (HR)
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:00 pm PSPRC Meeting (HR)
7:00 pm Chamber Singers (Sanctuary)

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am Prayer Time (Chapel)
12:00 pm Finance Meeting (HR)
4:00 pm KFC (First Lutheran)
5:15 pm C3 Meal Night (FH)
5:45 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:15 pm G1 @ Adrian UMC
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURS

5:30 pm First Council Meeting (HR)
7:00 pm WASO practice

SUN

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Adult Bible Study/No Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am Polka Service @ First
11:45 am PSPRC with DS Woojae Im (Fireside Room)
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Oct 15

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Sunday School/No Adult Study
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Oct 16

Ladies' Bible Study (FR)
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Oct 17

Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
Missions Team Meeting (HR)
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
PSPRC Meeting (HR)
Chamber Singers (Sanctuary)

Oct 18

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
Prayer Time (Chapel)
Finance Meeting (HR)
KFC (First Lutheran)
C3 Meal Night (FH)
Bell Choir Practice
G1 @ Adrian UMC
Chancel Choir Practice

Oct 19

First Council Meeting (HR)
WASO practice

Oct 22

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Adult Bible Study/No Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
Polka Service @ First
PSPRC with DS Woojae Im (Fireside Room)
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

MN West Food Pantry

Minnesota West offers a Pop-up Food pantry for their students who are on campus or off campus. Your financial donations will help to purchase gift cards that will be given to the college to purchase food items that are needed for students. Please make your check to First United Methodist Church with Pop-up Food Pantry on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration to help this local mission!

Coat Closet

Love INC provides for those who need warm clothing during the winter months, taking donations of new or clean, gently used coats and snow pants for all ages. They also accept donations of new hats, scarves, mittens and boots for all ages. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the collection spot in the hallway. These items will be taken to First Lutheran Church Coat Closet for them to distribute to those in need. Thank you for your consideration as we reach out to help others during the cold winter months.

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 (make your check payable to 1st UMC and put OCC on the memo line) which will go toward 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.

For October we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase items needed for the boxes. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with OCC on the memo line. We will still be collecting any items that can be put in the boxes. Ideas are: school supplies, toys for boys and girls such as yo-yo's, slinkies, stuffed animals, small Etch a Sketch, small foam balls, finger puppets, tennis balls, hacky sacks, toy cars and trucks, and small dolls, personal care items like toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, nail clippers, stick deodorant, washcloths, bars of soap, clothing for boys and girls, games and activities for boys and girls such as watercolor paint set, play doh, travel-size games, marbles, playing cards, blocks, and small boxed puzzles. The Mission Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

The Missions Team will be setting up for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 30th & Tuesday, October 31st. They will be setting up and will be occupying part of the room for those days into Wednesday, November 1st. The Packing Party will take place that day from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m..



GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14 NIV

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off - one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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C3 Craft Night!

Craft night at C3 on Wednesday, October 25th! We will be making a decoupage picture of a church, using paint "skins" and old hymnals. Intrigued? Please join us! No prior crafting experience is necessary!



Trunk r Treat!

Together with First Lutheran Church, we will have a "Trunk-r-Treat" on Sunday evening, October 29th. We would love for as many people as we can get, to come to the FELC parking lot late in the afternoon on that day with their car trunks decorated for kids to stop by to "trick-or-treat". We'd love for the car trunk "hosts" to dress up and if you can provide candy to pass out, that would be terrific. We will also accept candy donations if you're not interested in decorating a trunk! Please let Gretchen know if you want to participate so we can plan accordingly. She will let you know exactly when to show up, etc.

"Trunk r Treat" Treats Needed!

Donations of candy for our church's Trunk-r-Treat would be greatly appreciated! Please bring donations to the church office by Sunday morning, October 29th. Thank you!

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Volunteer Intake Coordinator for Mobile Meals needed. The job entails:

- Receiving phone calls from potential clients interested in receiving meals.
- calling hospital kitchen with information about the new client.
- coordinating routes and delivering route sheets to the kitchen each week for delivery next week.

Contact Kathy Gallagher 360-2232

Thank You

George Dinsmore has beat his cancer! The Dinsmore Family are very grateful for your prayers.

Jack Christoffersen is home. Galen & Sherry say thank you for all your prayers.