

## Happy Birthday!

- 31 Elizabeth Bushard  
Allison Jaycox-Coffman  
Jonah Oberloh  
1 Robert Horne  
2 Cheryl Dinsmore  
Corky Tate  
3 Larry Hyink  
Jeanette Jenson  
4 Camron Lenz  
5 Brooklynne Gordon  
Annika Hietbrink  
Claire Meyer  
Melanie Steinle  
6 Gordon Moore III

## Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Keith & Margaret Essman  
6 Tom & Diane Vagt - Happy 50th!

## 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.

Nancy Galland & Denny Kolander  
Kurt & Melissa Geertsema & family  
Bill & Deb Geertsema  
Mark Ludes & Lisa Gerdes & family  
Sally Goesser  
Paul Gonzalez  
LaDee Grant  
Joyce Graven  
Roger Grimmus & family  
Pat Grimmus & family  
Kim, Autumn, Bailey, and Brooke Grussing  
Myron Grussing

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Jenola Uden, Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Norma Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, Karen Lawrence, and Norma Swenson



## PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Dorothy Sietsema  
Myron Grussing (vision issues)  
Jack Christofferson (Galen & Sherry's grandson)  
Sheila Bengtson (Betty Taarud's granddaughter)  
Tom Vagt Kathy Gallagher  
Mary Prins Ajulo Ochala  
Clyde Scheevel Janelle Johnson  
LaDee Grant Marlene Wieneke

Persons impacted by COVID 19:  
COVID long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:  
Laurie Blume Scott Klooster  
Christopher Allen Brown  
John Kellen (Burdell Kuhl's friend)  
Marian Reitsma (Jolene 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 Ariana Lopez  
Ken Bipes Phil Glembin  
Aiden Remme Pat Huisenga  
Tim Yager

For peace in Israel and the surrounding areas which are dealing with armed conflict...

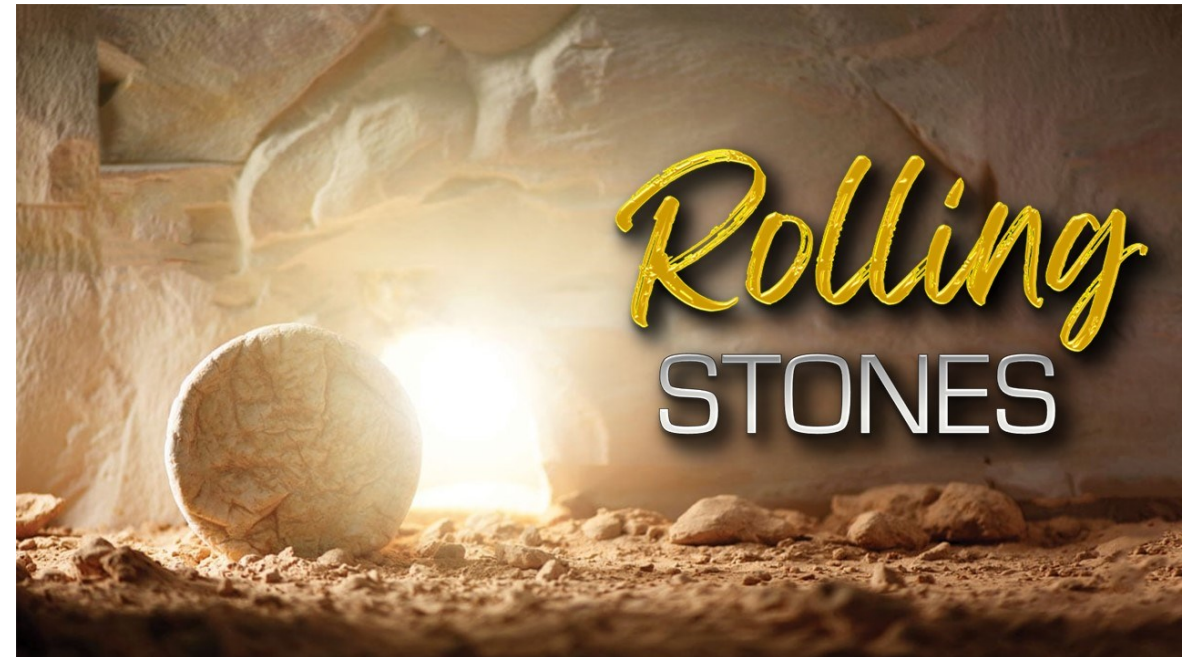
For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our new pastor Rev. John Mitchem  
and his former congregation: Albert Lea UMC...  
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



## Rolling STONES



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel  
First UMC YouTube Channel  
First UMC FaceBook Channel  
First UMC Website

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	<b>ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:</b>	Jolene Kuhl
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	Lori Nienkerk	<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Jeanette Jenson
<b>FAMILY LIFE:</b>	Gretchen O'Donnell	<b>CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:</b>	Brenda DeSmith
<b>CUSTODIANS:</b>	Sarah & Chad Nickel	<b>BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Brenda DeSmith
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Chad & Sarah Nickel	<b>TECH TEAM:</b>	Deb & John Steinle

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

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March 31st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck  
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

 Please stand as you are able

## CENTERING WORDS <sup>1</sup>

*Are you searching tombs and memories for Jesus Christ,  
the one who was crucified? Open your eyes to wonder!  
Our God is full of surprises.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

## PRAISE

UMH #349 - *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

*This very day, God has acted.*

**Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

*We know the message that God sends to all people.*

**God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ,  
is available to all through the Lord of life.**

*The one who lived among us, doing good and healing all,  
was crucified, dead and buried.*

**But God raised him on the third day.**

*This very day, God has acted.*

**Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

 PRAISE

UMH #302 - *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

## Seeking Photos

Pastor Daren's retirement party planning committee would love to be given any photos you have of Pastor Daren in his time here in Worthington. These could be photos from church, from the golf course, from his musical involvements or any other such thing he's been involved in here in town. Digital photos are preferable but hard copies are also usable. Thank you! Please give photos to Amy Oberloh or Gretchen O'Donnell.

## Last Craft Night until Fall!

Come to C3 on Wednesday, April 3, for the last craft night of the school year! 4:30-6:30; cost is \$5. We will be making two different crosses. Please let Gretchen know by calling the church office if you plan to attend 507-372-2939.

## Bingo & Games Night

Join us on Sunday, April 14, from 4:00 - 6:00(ish) in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo and Games! We'll provide a light supper. Bring your favorite board game or puzzle! If you'd like a ride to and from the event, please let Gretchen or Pat know.

## Tom & Diane's 50th Anniversary

You are invited to come and congratulate Tom & Diane Vagt on their 50th wedding anniversary; they will be here and providing cake for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, April 7th!

## 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!

# Through the Bible in One Year

Here are this week’s Bible readings:

April 1	Judges 3 - 5	April 5	Judges 14 - 17
April 2	Judges 6 - 8	April 6	Judges 18 - 20
April 3	Judges 9 - 10	April 7	Judges 21, Ruth 1 - 2
April 4	Judges 11 - 13		

## Fireside Book Club

Our next book club book choice is *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom. Please pick up your own copy or get it from the library and read it ahead of our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 p.m.. Bring a friend as we discuss the question, "What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared?"


## Adult Sunday School

All adults are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday through April 28th. Randy Shirbroun will be leading this class. We will be using the video from the RightNow Media resource called "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman. The Easter Experience brings the passion, and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through these in-depth teachings, your small group will grow spiritually, bonding with each other as well as with the eternal message of Easter.

April 7	I Have The Promise of Eternal Life	April 21	Truth And Dare
April 14	I Have A Hope That Never Dies	April 28	The Ride - A Christmas Parable

## Looking for Home to Rent

Pastor Angel and Lourdes are in the process of searching for a home to rent in Worthington. It’s been a difficult search because of the lack of rental homes in this area. If you know someone who might be interested in renting their home to Pastor Angel and Lourdes, please contact the church office immediately 507.372.2939. Thank You!

	Last Week’s Offering	\$ 2,959.34
	Carry Over Revenue (from 2023):	\$ 39,484.78
	Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 80,236.99
	Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 92,883.80

## OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus’ suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

## MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE *“Rejoice Be Glad and Sing”*  
First UMC Chancel Choir  
Directed by Jeanette Jenson \*\* Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

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

*We Hear God’s Word*  
  
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18  
MESSAGE *“Rolling Stones”*

*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 #303 - *“The Day of Resurrection”*

✚ CLOSING SPECIAL MUSIC *“Hallelujah Chorus”*  
People are invited to come forward and sing with the Choir!

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 118 and Mark 16.  
<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15, and Mark 16.  
<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 10, Psalm 118, and 1 Corinthians 15.  
All are based on [or taken from] “The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024”,  
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



## *Dedication of Easter Lilies*

*Given in Loving Memory or in Honor of...*

*Children & Grandchildren*

Jason & Paula Behrens

*My Mother Clara Louis*

McCurney-Swanson,

*My Father Glen*

Clifford Swanson

Elizabeth Bushard

*Anne Doeden & Loved Ones*

by Larry Doeden

*Our Parents,*

*Chester & Violet Hill*

*LeRoy & Doris Ekedahl*

by Andy & Cindy Ekedahl

*Lyle & Edna Vigoren*

*(Nancy's Parents)*

*Irving Flinck*

by Pastor Daren & Nancy Flinck

*Lin Galland*

by Nancy Galland

*Richard & Claribel Grussing*

by Myron Grussing

*Claribel & Richard Grussing*

by the Grussing Family

*Loved Ones*

by Gary & Sally Hibma

*Chester & Violet Hill*

*Clarence & Selma Schulz*

Ryan & Naomi Hill

*Loved Ones*

by Mike & Janelle Johnson

*Henry & Lavonne Pfeil*

*Ray & Vernice Kuhl*

by Burdell & Jolene Kuhl

*Bruce & Dorothy Lease*

Kevin & Kami Lease & Family

*Our Loved Ones*

Kevin & Kami Lease

*Aunt Phyllis Lambert*

*Uncle Gumby Reiter*

by Tim & Kari Meyer

*Kelly, Parents, & Sisters*

by Mary Monthei

## *Confirmation Sunday*

This year's Confirmation Class session is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at First starting at 9:00 a.m.. Pictures for the class will be held on Wednesday, April 24th - 5:00 p.m. at First UMC and 6:00 p.m. at Adrian UMC. The class will be confirmed on Sunday, April 28th, 2024, in their own church congregations: at Adrian - Charger Erlandson, Keyona Klingenberg, and Jenna Winselman; at First - Emma Hietbrink, Tucker Klinkenberg, and Tayler Nickel. Please acknowledge these persons as they confirm their faith in the Lord and join the church as full members.

## *Community Kids' Camp!*

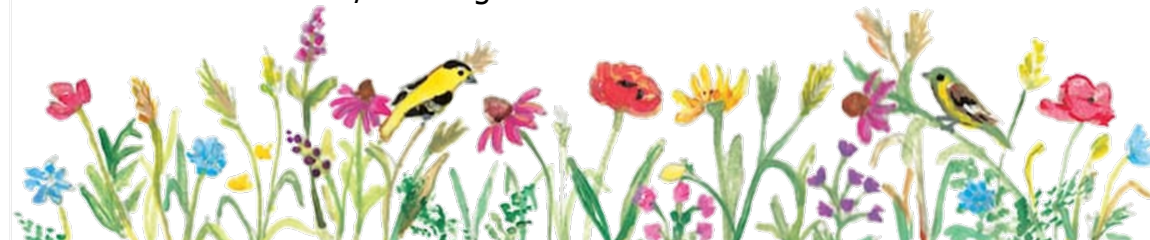
Volunteers are needed for our Second Annual Community Kids' Camp (formerly known as VBS)! After last year's success, we are very excited to repeat this multi-church event. Our theme is "What a Mess"! We need helpers to make one meal, volunteers to help teach and assist teachers, and youth or adults to hang out with the children throughout the night. Once again American Lutheran, Living Waters Covenant Church and First Lutheran Church will be co-leading the event along with us. First Lutheran will be hosting this year. Dates are June 10-13 from 5:30-8:00p.m. Please see Gretchen for more information or questions!

## *Holy Communion Servers Needed!*

Volunteer servers are needed for Holy Communion. We offer Communion once a month on the First Sunday of the month. We need persons to sign up on the Communion server list in the back of the church. If you are uncertain as to what needs to be done to prepare for Communion, please contact the church office 507.372.2939.

## *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).





Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Your donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. There is a list available of the items that are needed and will be collected throughout the next months; you can donate any of those items at any time. 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 the month of April we will be collecting clothing and accessories for boys and girls. Suggestions for items to donate are: shirts, dresses, shorts, pants, flip flops, socks, sunglasses, small purses, hair accessories (hair bows and elastic hair bands) and underwear.

The Missions Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign

The Annual Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is underway with both Manna Food Shelf and Worthington Christian Church Food Shelf participating; there will be a dollar for dollar match from the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation. Monetary donations will be taken until Sunday, March 31st. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with March Campaign on the memo line. Monetary donations can be stretched further but the donation of non-perishable items is also welcomed; please put in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your considerations of helping those in need.

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 mission!



Hank Schulze

by Sandi Schulze

Our Parents & Grandparents

Erena, Dick & Larry

by the Shirbroun Family

Marvin & Erena DeVries

by John & Pam Soderholm & Family

Garvin & Marjorie Soderholm

by John & Pam Soderholm & Family  
and Eldon & Susan Bents & Family

Barney & Lois Harstad

James & Leona Stefferud

by Jim & Amy Stefferud

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.

RightNow Media Library

RightNow Media Library is an online video resource that you can utilize at home right from your computer. Over 10,000 Christian growth and learning videos are available to you - right now! First UMC provides this service at no cost to all of its members and friends to use in their Christian growth and learning. It's like Netflix for Christians. There are sections for every member of the family, including over 3,000 videos for kids - all with a Christian theme and message! Set up your personal account today at no charge! Contact Pastor Daren at the church office - he can help you set up your account to get started!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	287
ADRIAN UMC	40	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	60	TOTAL	407



Care Center Residents:

**First UMC:**  
**The Meadows Memory Care Unit**

Karen Lawrence

**South Shore Care Center**  
Lois Carlberg      LaDee Grant

**Sibley Specialty Care Center**  
Norma Swenson

**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, please contact the church office.  
Thank you!



This Week

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:45 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

MON

3:00 pm

TUES

9:30 am

3:00 pm

WED

8:00 am

4:30 pm

5:15 pm

5:45 pm

6:15 pm

7:00 pm

THUR

10:00 am

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:45 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

5:00 pm

March 31 Easter Sunday

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

NO Sunday School @ First

No Adult Sunday School @ First

Coffee Fellowship @ First

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

April 1 OFFICE CLOSED

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

April 2

Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

April 3

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line

Craft Night

C3 Meal

Bell Choir Practice

G1 @ Adrian UMC

Chancel Choir Practice

April 4

Bible Discussion @ Phileo's

April 7

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Sunday School @ First

Adult Sunday School @ First

Coffee Fellowship @ First

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Outreach @ Okoboji

**GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!**

*The Tomb Is Empty!*  
John 20:1-18 \*\* New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

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