

Happy Birthday!

- 14 Cade Heidebrink
- 15 Keyona Klingenberg
- 16 Gabriella Zebe
- 17 Brooke Erwin
Emma Gordon
Tayor Heidebrink
- 20 Dane Jeppesen
Andrew Johnson
Kelly Maras

Happy Anniversary!

No Anniversaries 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.

Lance Homan
Willis & Rose Homan
Richard & Diane Honermann
Robert & Debra Horne & family
Larry & Nancy Hyink
Marlene Iblings
Tom Jay
James & Jeanette Jenson & family
Steve & Janet Jeppesen & family

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

One visit goes a long way!



Prayers for immediate health concerns:
Shellie Williams Logan Waldner
Etta Schroeder Ron Husenga
Lourdes Franco Chris Nelson
Lowell Carlson Rod Behrends
Beth Habicht Clyde Scheevel
Virgil Buck Corky Tate
Kathy Tetrick-Hoffbeck (pastor @Jeffers)
Colter (Thelma Yager's great nephew)
Kristin (Dalrymple) Amundson
Anne Christine Lindell (Pastor John's friend)

Prayers for those dealing with cancer
Galen Benton Shellie William
Janelle Johnson Duane Enns
Christopher Allen Brown
Marian Reitsma (friend of Jolene Kuhl)
Stacy White
Mike Miller
Jeff Wachell (friend of Deb Steinle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:
Nancy Hyink Alden Remme
Bill Carlberg Emma Schnyders
Ariana Lopez Larry Doeden
Pat Huisenga

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:

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Sunday, December 14th, 2025
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	TECH TEAM:	Deb Steinle & Rick Dalrymple
CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel	GREETERS:	Dennis & Cheryl Bousma

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A decorative illustration featuring four lit red candles with yellow flames, arranged in a row. They are set against a background of green holly leaves and red berries. The candles are on a green base, and the holly leaves are spiky and green, with clusters of red berries.

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mitchem
Song Leader: Elizabeth Bushard
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Sermon Notes:

[illegible]

Blue Christmas

A Service of Hope & Healing

**Sunday,
December 21st
6:00 pm**

A special service for people who are having difficulty during this season due to grief, illness, stress, family situations or other life struggles. We come seeking comfort that we are not alone, we come with our heart full of hope and we invite our great sign of hope, Emmanuel, God with us, to break through the darkness of our lives.

First United Methodist Church, 408 11th St., Worthington, MN

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORTHINGTON

Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight & Communion
408 11th St., Worthington, MN**

ADVENT HYMN

UMH # 211 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(vs. 3)

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #229 - "*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26b-33

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - "Just a Little Christmas"

We Go Forth to Serve God

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #246 "*Joy to the World*"

THE BENEDICTION

Feel Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

Mary = Taliyah Polk

Joseph = Emmett Karels

Angel Gabriel = Tayler Nickel

Angels = Ellie Nielson, Kyla Hietbrink

Shepherds = Ezra Karels, Hayden Van Westen

Sheep = Ashtyn Van Westen, Eagan Hietbrink

Magi = Raeya Hietbrink, Clara Hietbrink

Emperor = Tucker Klinkenberg

Herod = Treyson Polk

Soldiers = Dylan Schuett, Jayse Geertsema

Narrator 1 = Hollie Hibma

Narrator 2 = Kylee Shirbroun

Scripture reader = Claire Meyer

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

Meadows Memory Care

Ray Hinz

The Shores

LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed even after the service is over. For questions, please contact the church office.

This Week

SUN

Dec 14 –3rd Sunday in Advent

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Advent Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship - FH
10:30 am Worship @ First
Children's Christmas Program
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda
2:00 pm Chamber Singers Concert @ First Methodist

MON

Dec 15

9:00 am Ladies Advent Study
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

Dec 16

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

WED

Dec 17

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line

SUN

Dec 21 –4th Sunday in Advent

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Advent Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship - FH
10:30 am Worship @ First
Ugly Sweater Sunday
Noisy Coin Offering
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda
6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service@
First Methodist

Events at FUMC Worthington

December 21: Bell Choir performance, "Noisy Coin" offering,

Ugly Christmas Sunday- Wear a sweater, have your picture taken and maybe win a prize

Blue Christmas Service 6 pm

December 24: Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 pm at FUMC Worthington and 8:00 pm at Adrian

No Connect activities on Wednesday nights in December

Reverse Advent Calendars

Reverse Advent Calendars are here! Please grab one in the Narthex on your way out of church. This is always a great way to give back and help others during the Christmas season. Full bags can be returned the end of December or early January.



REVERSE
ADVENT
CALENDARS
ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE
NARTHEX!



Don't be afraid Mary; God has shown you grace. You will become pregnant and give birth to a Son and you will name Him Jesus. — Luke 1:26 NCV

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