

## Happy Birthday!

- 22 Ezra Karels  
Amy Molter
- 25 Gary Boltjes  
Dianne Dalrymple
- 26 Brent Hokeness
- 27 Paul Reyne

## Happy Anniversary!

- 22 Dick & Denise Schlichte

## 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)  
Phil Bjerke  
Dianne Dalrymple

Prayers for those dealing with cancer  
Galen Benton Shellie William  
Janelle Johnson  
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...  
Patrick Lange Family

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, December 21st, 2025  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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The Boxcast TV Channel  
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First UMC Website  
(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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# 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Fum, Fum, Fum"*

Bell Choir

(Directed by Brenda DeSmith)

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

MINISTRY UPDATE

Caleb Tiede

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-56

MESSAGE

*"When You Are Sure You Are Right"*  
Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #224 *"Good, Christian Friends Rejoice"*

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Halleluiah Chorus with Joy to the World"*

Jolene Kuhl

PLEASE STAY SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE

Feel Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media  
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

## 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.

### Meals needed for Connect

Please consider providing a meal for our Wednesday evening Connect! You will find a sign-up sheet in the narthex with available dates for the next few weeks. The church will cover the cost of the meal, we just need you to prepare and serve it. THANK YOU for considering this important part of our mid-week ministry here at our church! See Gretchen if you have any questions!

# This Week

## **SUN Dec 21 —4th Sunday in Advent**

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

**MON Dec 22**  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

**TUES Dec 23**  
9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

**WED Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
Office closed  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service @First  
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service @Adrian

**Thurs Dec 25 Christmas Day**  
Office Closed

**Fri Dec 26**  
Office Closed

**SUN Dec 28**  
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV  
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian  
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship - FH  
10:30 am Worship @ First  
Hymn Sing  
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

## Events at FUMC Worthington

**December 21:** 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**

## *Take home sewing kit*

Please help out by taking home a fleece cap sewing kit. These will go the area schools or the Coat Ministry. Any questions, call Myra Palmer 507-360-0881.

## *Undecorating after Christmas*

We will be Undecorating the church from its Christmas splendor after the worship service on Sunday, January 4th. Please hang around for a few minutes if you can on that day and help us to put the holidays to bed. It won't take long at all!

## *Lock-in for the youth!*

Our youth are invited to join with the youth at First Lutheran for a lock-in on Friday, January 16th. Grades 6th through 12th are invited to come and bring their friends for this night full of food, fun and festivities. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange and a snack to share. End time is Saturday the 17th at 8:00a.m. Start time is to be determined. See Gretchen if you are interested for more details!

## Fireside Book Club

**The Hiding Place**  
**By Corrie Ten Boom**

**January 27, 2026**

**7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

