

## Happy Birthday!

Nov 30 Emma Hill  
Steve Johnson  
Jaren Winselman  
Dec 1 Pastor John Mitchem  
2 LeAnn Donovan  
Kelli Hendel  
3 Burdell Kuhl  
4 Lia Miller  
6 Juston Roelfs  
Dec 8 Julie Hohensee  
9 Jeffrey Homan  
10 Austin Klaassen  
Laura Schuett  
11 Bryer Carson  
12 Rebecca Brignac  
13 Nancy Hyink  
Dennis Miller

## 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 Jensen & 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



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  
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 farmers during this harvest season  
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 7th, 2025  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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The Boxcast TV Channel  
First UMC YouTube Channel  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Lori Nienkerk	BELL DIRECTOR	Brenda DeSmith
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## A decorative illustration of four lit candles in red holders, placed on a green holly branch with red berries. The candles are lit, with yellow flames and a warm glow. The holly leaves are dark green and spiky, and the berries are bright red. The background is white with a subtle snowflake pattern.

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mitchem  
Song Leader: Elizabeth Bushard  
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

## MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS -

Sermon Notes:

[illegible]



Christmas Poinsettias

Don't forget to order your Red Poinsettia for a Christmas decoration of the sanctuary this year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. The cost per poinsettia will be \$11 and will be delivered to the church. Please share them with the church until after the Christmas Eve service. The deadline for the order is December 8th. Order forms will be in the narthex or order on church website



PRAYER HYMN UMH #219 - "What Child is This"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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"

SPECIAL ORGAN MUSIC "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Jolene Kuhl

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:3-6

MESSAGE How the Grinch Stole Christmas  
"When Christmas is not Christmas"  
Pastor John Mitchem

HOLY COMMUNION

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN UMH #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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

# 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.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORTHINGTON

# Christmas Eve Service

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



## 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

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:

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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

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  
10:00 am Decorate Cookies -FH  
10:30 am Worship @ First  
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

## Dec 7 –2nd Sunday in Advent

## MON

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

## Dec 8

## TUES

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
4:00 pm Family Life Meeting  
7:00 pm Chamber Singers practice

## Dec 9

## WED

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line  
6:00 pm Children's program practice

## Dec 10

## THURS

7:00 pm Chamber Singers Dress Rehearsal

## Dec 11

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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

## Dec 14 –3rd Sunday in Advent

## Events at FUMC Worthington

**December 14:** Sunday School Program

**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 - 6:00 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!

