

## Happy Birthday!

- 12 Brian Hokeness
- 13 Alycia Lyons
- 14 Ryan Lee
- 15 Brooke Grussing
- Navaeh Hietbrink
- 16 Braden DeSmith
- 17 Jan Heidebrink
- Cory Klingenberg

## Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Galen & Sherry Benton
- 16 Ryan & Naomi Hill

## 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.

Agnes Johnson  
Andrew Johnson  
Dave Johnson  
Jeremy Johnson  
Mike & Janelle Johnson  
Jason & Marie Johnson & family  
Kyle & Andrea Johnson  
Steve & Terry Johnson  
Cody & Kristen Jones  
Wayne & Sharon Jones  
Walter & Alice Kellen

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!



## PRAYER CORNER

### 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

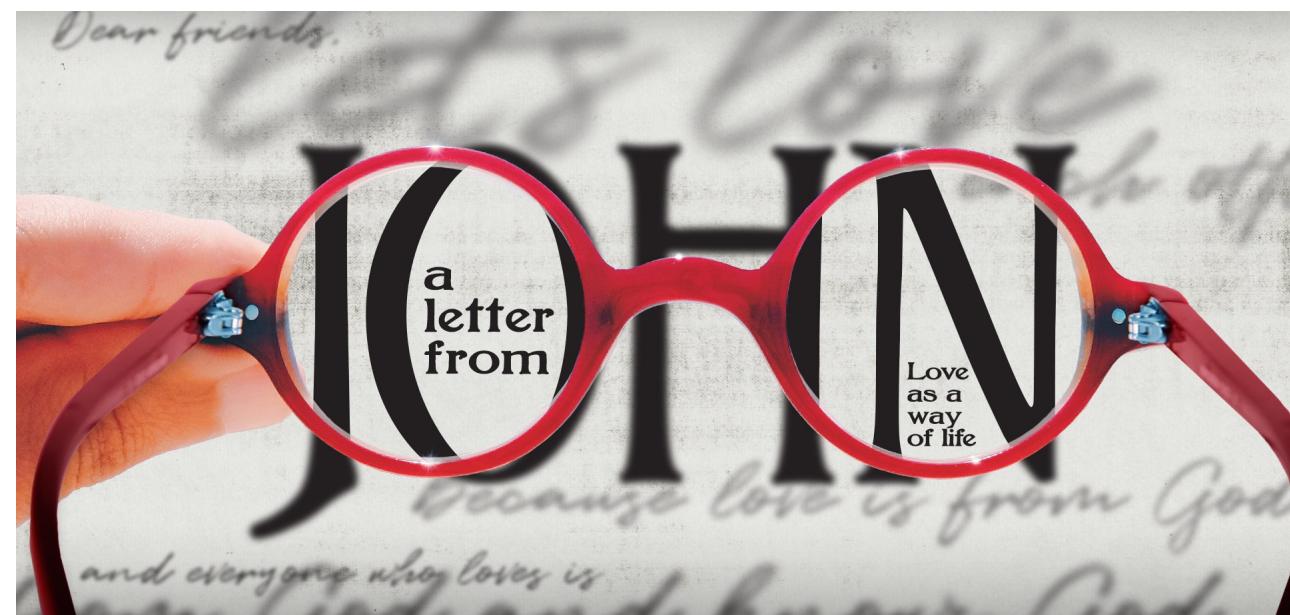
### For those dealing with grief and loss...

### 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, January 11th, 2026  
Worship - 10:30 am.

The Boxcast TV Channel  
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<b>PASTOR:</b>	<b>Pastor John Mitchem</b>	<b>ORGANIST</b>	<b>Jolene Kuhl</b>
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<b>FAMILY LIFE:</b>	<b>Gretchen O'Donnell</b>	<b>TECH TEAM:</b>	<b>Kari Meyer &amp; Rick Dalrymple</b>
<b>CUSTODIANS:</b>	<b>Sarah &amp; Chad Nickel</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>LeAnn Donovan &amp; Mary Monthei</b>

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Sunday, January 11th, 2026  
10:30 am.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TIME OF FOCUS

We Come to Worship God

OPENING HYMN

UMH #710 - "Faith of Our Father's"

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us..

**The One who calls us.**

The One who equips us.

**The One who loves us without end.**

**With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #377 - "If Is Well With My Soul"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sermon Notes:

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Worthington First UMC is a church where

**JESUS IS known  
ALL ARE LOVED AND  
NEIGHBORS ARE SERVED.**

The Vision of First UMC Church is to be biblically centered, welcoming to everyone, vibrantly praying, worshiping, serving, and caring for our neighbors.

## GENEROSITY MOMENT

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

## DOXOLOGY

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

We Hear God's Word

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2 (CEB)

## MESSAGE

*"A Letter from John = Love as a way of Life—  
Life, Light, Love*

Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

## THE BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

UMH #534 *"Be Still, My Soul"*

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

# This Week

## 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.

SUN	Jan 11
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am	Youth Sunday School
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship - FH
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda
MON	Jan 12
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	Jan 13
9:30 am	Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
3:00 pm	PSPRC Meeting
4:00 pm	Family Life Meeting
WED	Jan 14
5:15 pm	Connect Wednesday Dinner
5:45 pm	Worship
5:45 pm	Confirmation
6:00 pm	Program
7:00 pm	Bell Practice
THURS	Jan 15
4:30 pm	Missions Meeting
5:30 pm	First Council Meeting
FRI	Jan 16
8:00 pm	Youth Lock-In @ First Lutheran
SUN	Jan 18
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## 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!

## 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!

