

Happy Birthday!

- 18 Dana Heidebrink
Ashley Hendel
- 19 Darlene Miller
Spenser Nickel
- 21 Abby Erlandson
Steve Jeppesen
- 23 Adam Blume
Phillip Geertsema
- 24 Leola Weets

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.

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 Tetrack-Hoffbeck (pastor @Jeffers)	
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...

Judith Hofer family with her passing

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, January 18th, 2026
Worship - 10:30 a.m.*



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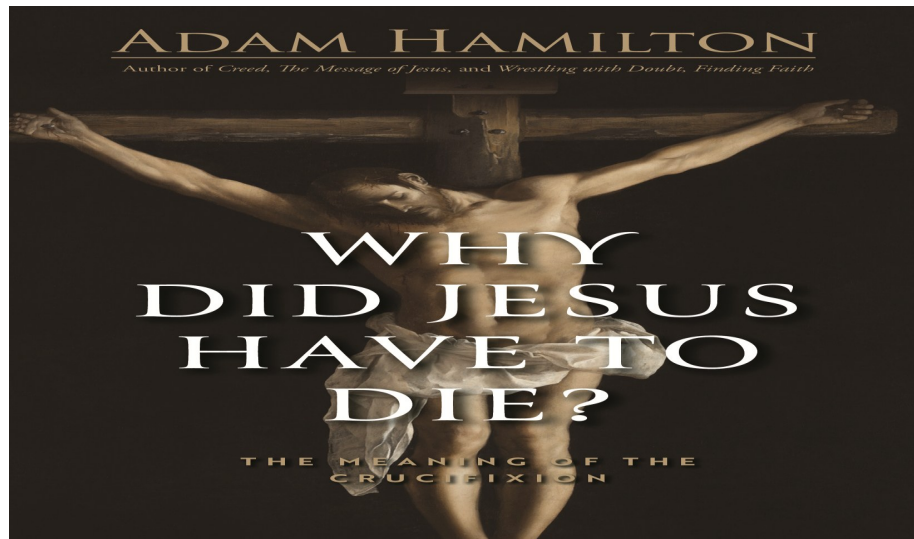
Zoom Lent 2026 Bible Study

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

When words fall short, the cross still speaks. Our small group will study a new book by Adam Hamilton — Why Did Jesus have to Do It? — The Meaning of the Crucifixion. Despite the crucifixion's central role in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus' death saves us or why exactly he had to die. The writers use many metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never fully explain how it works or why it had to happen this way.

What if that's because we've been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn't just a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform us and how we live?

Join us on Monday nights starting February 23rd, 2026, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Bible study use the QRC code below or contact Pastor John.



PRAYER HYMN

UMH #252 - "*When Jesus Came to Jordan*"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BELL CHOIR

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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*"

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

MESSAGE

"A Church That Pleases God -
What God Really Wants From You"
Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #378 "*Amazing Grace*"

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.

This Week

SUN Jan 18
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 19
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES Jan 20
9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

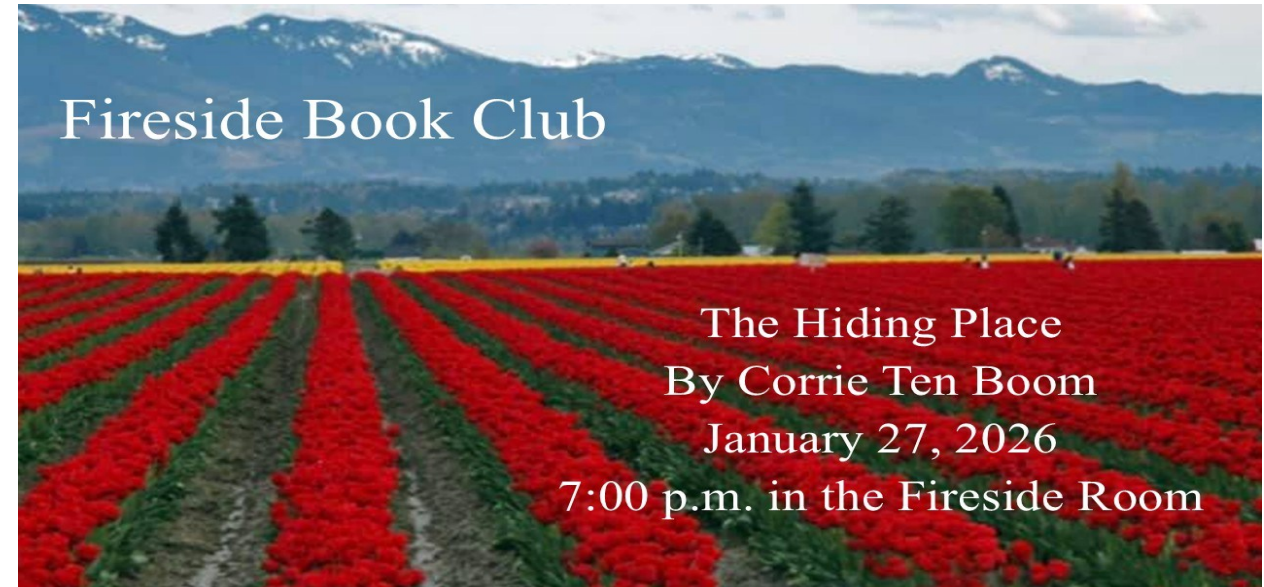
WED Jan 21
5:15 pm Connect Wednesday Dinner
5:45 pm Worship
5:45 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Program
7:00 pm Bell Practice

SUN Jan 25
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



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!





Worthington

A NIGHT OF COMEDY & ENTERTAINMENT



Marty Simpson
COMEDIAN



Tommy Binford
MUSICIAN

FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025 @ 6-9 PM
Lerma's Event Center
703 Oxford St. Worthington, MN

\$50 PER TICKET
Includes Meal
All proceeds go to Love INC

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