

Happy Birthday!

25 Parker Barrie
28 Deb Geertsema
29 Carolyn Beerman
30 Khanh Bui
Nancy Galland

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...
Marlene Miller family with the loss of her brother,
Ray Hinz

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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methodistoffice@gmail.com



Sunday, January 25th, 2026
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



 **livestream links**

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

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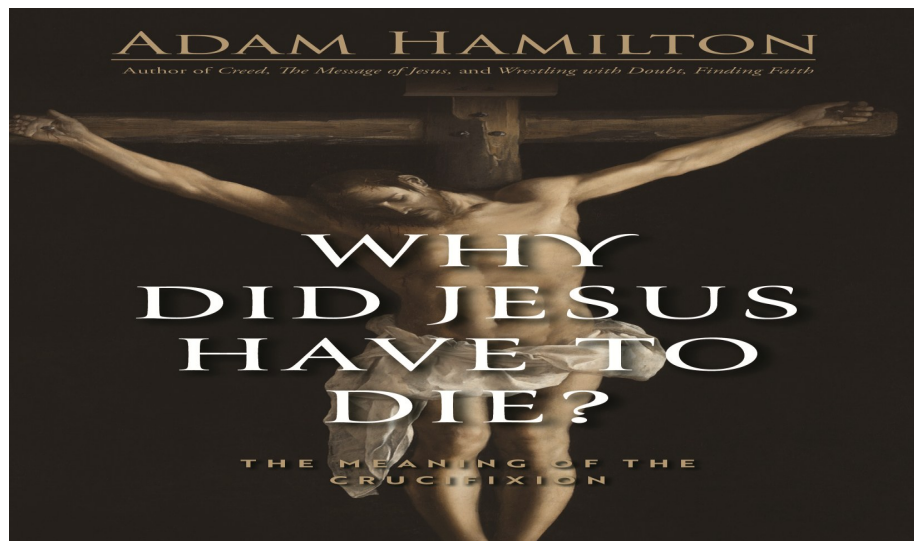
Zoom Lent 2026 Bible Study

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.



MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #451 - "Be Thou My Vision"

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"

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:5-6

MESSAGE

**"A Church That Pleases God -
When Your Faith Feels Flat"**
Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #593 "Here I am Lord"

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

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

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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FH = Fellowship Hall

FR = Fireside Room

This Week

SUN

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

Jan 25

MON

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Jan 26

TUES

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:00 pm Fireside Book Club

Jan 27

WED

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

Jan 28

SUN

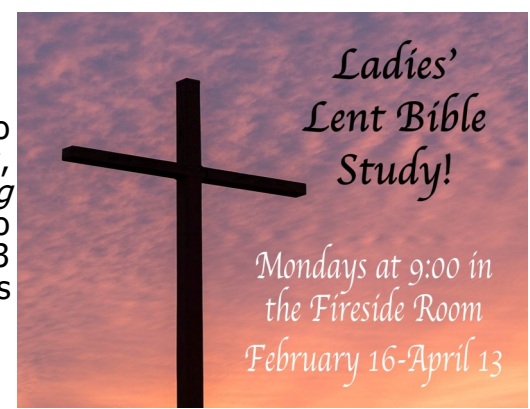
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Ladies' Lent Bible Study

Ladies, please join us—or pick up a book to go through on your own—for our Lent Bible study, *Clinging to the Cross; How Lent points Us to Lasting Hope in Christ*. We will meet on Mondays at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room February 16-April 13 (excluding Easter Monday). Cost of the books is \$18. Let Gretchen know if you'd like a book!



Soup Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 22 following worship service.

Sign up in the narthex by February 15th