

Happy Birthday!

- 21 Justin Steinle
- 22 Jeremy Steinle
- 23 Rod Behrends
Hannah Hill
Tucker Klinkenberg

Happy Anniversary!

- 18 Gary Boltjes & Cheryl Dinsmore
- 21 Scott & Shelly Klooster
- 22 Khanh & Colleen Bui
David & Linda Reese
- 23 Willie & Rose Homan
Marcus & Kelly Maras

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.

Carol Krosch
Wilma Kruse
Burdell & Jolene Kuhl
Linda Lang
Gerald & Cindy Langendorfer
Micah Langendorfer
Ron & Karen Lawrence & family
Steve & Anita Leach & family
Bruce Lease
Scott & Stacy Lee & family
Margaret Loger

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Jenola Uden, Bruce Lease, Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Ron & Karen Lawrence.

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Bruce Lease	Pat Huisenga
Marlene Wieneke	LaDee Grant
Tom Vagt	Janelle Johnson
Steve Potts	Tim Yager
Ajulo Ochala	Henry Mess
Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)	
Mary Prins (dealing with arthritic conditions)	

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

Covid long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Connie Bremer (Betty Taarud's daughter)
Laurie Blume
Christopher Allen Brown
Scott Klooster
Makenzie Gist (Nancy Galland's niece)
George Dinsmore (Cheryl Dinsmore uncle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders	Nancy Hyink
Gerald Fisher	Mike Miller
Kristi Johnson	John Clease
Weston Erlandson	Bill Carlberg
Steve Timmons	Monica Veil
Ken Bipes	Phil Glembin
Karen Schulz	Ariana Lopez
Aiden Remme	

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Claribel Grussing

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, June 18, 2023
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel

First UMC YouTube Channel

First UMC FaceBook Channel

First UMC Website

(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

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Gretchen O'Donnell

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The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 18, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

🚶 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Is anything too wonderful for God?
What shall we return to God for all of God's bounty?*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2188 - "The Family Prayer Song"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

People of God, run to our welcoming God.

Holy One, you never pass us by.

People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

**Beloved One, you hear our voices;
you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

**Empowering One, you give us power
to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

🚶 PRAISE

UMH #141 - "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel. Please join us if you are interested.

Women's Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to a summer Bible study on Women and Men in the Old Testament. We will meet in June and July on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The books are in and can be picked up from Gretchen at any time. Cost is \$24. We still have a few left if anyone wants to join us who has not yet signed up. Book scholarships are available.

Fireside Book Club

Our next church book club event will be on June 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book, Defying Jihad, by Esther Ahmad. Please purchase or borrow the book on your own and come with it read in full, ready to discuss!

The Banquet

Mark your calendar – we are scheduled to serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Monday, August 7th. We will need volunteers to help with meal prep and serving the meal. Watch for more details.

Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. Over the last three years with the generous monetary donations and items that have been donated we have been able to pack many boxes. Starting in March and through October, each month we will highlight an area of items that are needed; you may give a monetary donation (Please make check payable to 1st UMC and put OCC on the memo line) at any time which will go towards buying additional items that are needed or for postage to help ship the boxes overseas.

There is a list available in the narthex of the items that are needed and will be collected throughout the next months; you can donate any of those items at any time. You will still have the option to pack a box on your own, if you wish. The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls.

For the month of June we will be collecting WOW items for boys and girls. A WOW item is something that will capture the child's attention when they open their box. Ideas for girls are small baby dolls with accessories, Barbie doll, small musical instruments (recorder or harmonica), small backpack, stuffed animals, soccer ball with a pump, small purse. Ideas for boy are toy trucks and cars, small musical instruments (recorder or harmonica), small backpack, stuffed animals, soccer ball with a pump.

The Mission Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.



Sunday School Picnic

There will be a Sunday School Picnic for all parents and Sunday School aged kids on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. (Location to be determined.) Food will be provided! Please, parents, do your best to attend along with your kids. This will be a chance for them to see their Sunday School friends and play together and also a chance for the grown-ups to discuss what Sunday School will look like this fall as we're looking at needing to make some changes to our traditional way of doing things. If you're unable to attend that evening, please contact Gretchen or Pat to let them know and to share any thoughts and ideas you have. Watch for more details to come!

Nobles County Child Care Survey

We value your input! As residents of Nobles County, your feedback is crucial to improving our child care services. We encourage all parents, family child care providers, child care center directors, and employers to take part in our surveys. Please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey based on your role:

If you are a PARENT, take the parent survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Parent-NoblesCounty>.

If you are a FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER, take the provider survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCC-NoblesCounty>.

If you are a CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR, take the center director survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCD-NoblesCounty>.

If you are an EMPLOYER, take the employer survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Employer-NoblesCounty>.

Your valuable insights will help us better understand the needs and concerns of our community. Thank you for your participation!

Pastor Daren's or Gretchen's Blog

Pastor Daren and Gretchen O'Donnell (Family Life Coordinator at First) have blogs that provide insights and behind the scenes reflections on our busy lives today. Here is the link to Pastor Daren's blog - subscribe to it today (no cost): revdaren.blogspot.com and here is the link to Gretchen's blog: <http://firstumcworthington.com/gretchen-s-blog> - check them out today!

		Last Week's Offering	\$ 1,960.00
		Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
		Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 144,343.92
		Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 167,466.17

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving God, as a loving Father, you remind us that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Open our eyes, our faith, and our hearts, that we may perceive and celebrate your presence. Give us eyes, as Abraham and Sarah before us, to see you on our doorsteps, as you promise us unimaginable joy. Give us the faith of Paul to trust your eternal and unfailing love. Give us hearts empowered by your Son, Jesus Christ, to show your compassion to the harassed and the helpless. And allow us the gift of laughter, as we discover the joy of your love each and every day. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who reconciles us to you and sends us forth to be your reconciliation in the world. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #144 - *"This Is My Father's World"*
We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
MESSAGE *"Laughter: The Best Remedy"*

We Respond to God's Word
RECOGNITION OF OFFERING
(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✚ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*
✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God
✚ PRAISE UMH #710 - *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Genesis 18 and Psalm 116.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Genesis 18, Psalm 116, and Matthew 9-10.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 18, Romans 5, and Matthew 9-10.
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GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Sarah and Abraham and the Birth of Isaac

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (NIV)

¹⁸ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way - now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

^{21:1} Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." ⁷ And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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The Meadows Memory Care Unit

Margaret Loger

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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	194
ADRIAN UMC	26	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	X	TOTAL	240