

Happy Birthday!

- 26 Pam Soderholm
Tim Tripp
- 27 Rilee Heidebrink
Kristin Jaycox
- 28 Eunice Behrends
Ben Spiegelhoff
- 1 Ariana Lopez

Happy Anniversary!

- 25 James & Kim Ruppert
- 28 Micah & Alyssah Hietbrink
- 30 Walter & Alice Kellen

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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 | |

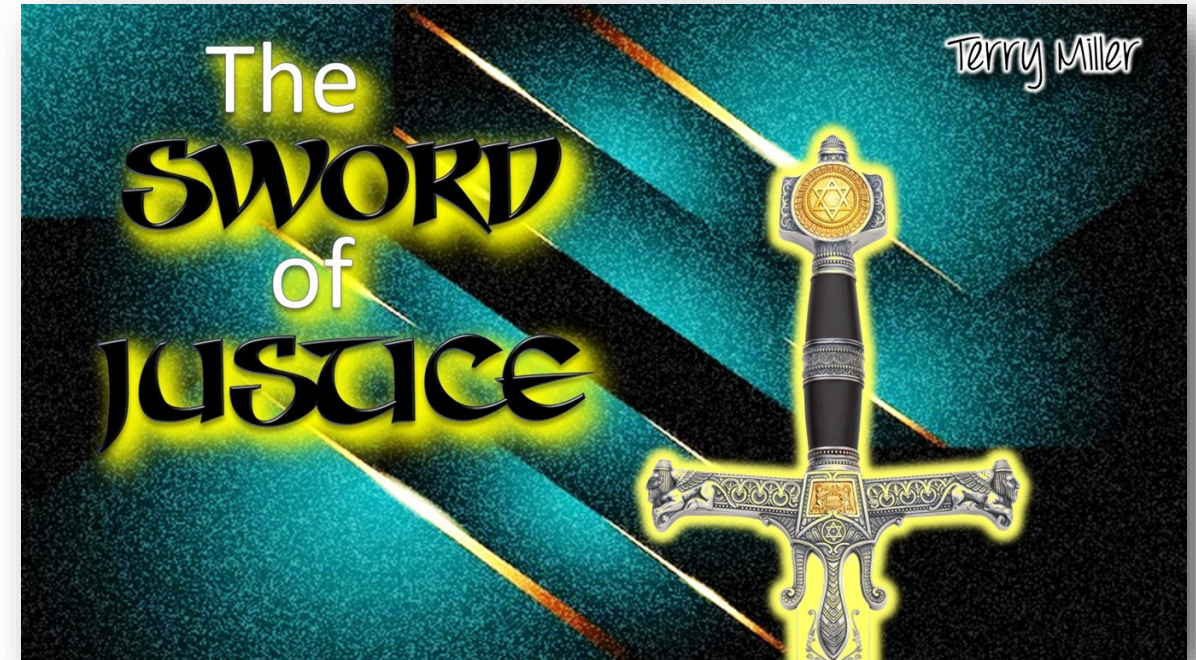
For those dealing with grief and loss...

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 25, 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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The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Terry Miller
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

🚶 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL - Dick Eilders

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE UMH #328 - "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

If God kept a record of sins who could stand before him?

The Lord is forgiving and merciful.

God does not hold the past against us.

The Lord gives new life each day.

Give praise to God, for he is just and he is merciful.

His love endures forever.

Come before the Lord and worship him.

His love endures forever.

🚶 PRAISE UMH #577 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

The Fireside Book Club meets this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book, Defying Jihad, by Esther Ahmad. Come with the book read or expect spoilers! See you there!

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!

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|   | Last Week's Offering | \$ 2,970.00 |
| | Carry Over Revenue (2022): | \$ 31,543.00 |
| | Revenue Year to Date: | \$ 149,173.80 |
| | Expenses Year to Date: | \$ 167,470.93 |

✚ OPENING PRAYER 3

Almighty God and Father, In our shared humanity, our hearts fear more than ever before in this world filled with anxiety, strife, and uncertainty. For those who doubt and fear that evil is greater than good we pray for the grace to take the side of your divine Providence. And for all of us we pray for wisdom and justice, for courage and hope. May we know that, even if everything is taken from us, your divine Providence means that You will never take Yourself from us. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN FAVORITE UMH #171 - *"There's Something About That Name"*
We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Matthew 10:24-39

MESSAGE *"The Sword of Justice"*
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 #672 (verse 1 only) - *"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

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| Worship Attendance | Last Sunday | LIVE STREAM VIEWS | 71 |
| ADRIAN UMC | 23 | CRISTO EN TU AYUDA | 20 |
| FIRST UMC | 71 | TOTAL | 185 |

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Taking Up the Cross

Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)

²⁴ The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

"a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law"

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.

³⁷ Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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Care Center Residents:

The Meadows Memory Care Unit

First UMC:

Karen Lawrence

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

Margaret Loger

Live Streaming...

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:

[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

[First UMC Website](#)

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[First UMC FaceBook](#)

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above locations even after the service is over. For questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.

Gideon's

We welcome Dick Eilders from Gideon's International, who will share news about the ministry of the Gideon's - after the service, Dick will happily accept an offering to help their cause to bring God's Word into the world.

This Week

SUN

6:30 am
9:00 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm

June 25

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

MON

3:00 pm

June 26

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

9:30 am
3:00 pm

June 27

Women's Coffee at HyVee
Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

WED

7:00 am
10:00 am
11:30 am
7:30 pm

June 28

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
Bible Study (FS)
Prayer Time (Chapel)
Worthington City Band Concert
Chautauqua Park

THURS

7:00 pm

June 29

Book Club (FS)

FRI

All Day

June 30

Wedding Preparations
(FH and Sanctuary)

SAT

All Day

July 1

Wedding:
Luis Gonzalez & Sophia Lopez

SUN

6:30 am
9:00 am
10:00 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm

July 2

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
Worship @ Adrian
Coffee Fellowship
Worship @ First
Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First