

## Happy Birthday!

28 Shea Klooster  
Ian Ruppert  
Jenna Winselman

Oct 1 Dennis Bonsma  
Jayse Geertsema  
Shelly Klooster

2 Cheryl Bonsma  
Nicole Grimmus

## Happy Anniversary!

4 Trevor & Erin Nickel

6 Kevin & Brenda DeSmith

## 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.

Nancy Galland  
Kurt & Melissa Geertsema & family  
Bill & Deb Geertsema  
Mark Ludes & Lisa Gerdes & family  
Sally Goeser  
Paul Gonzalez  
LaDee Grant  
Joyce Graven  
Pat Grimmus  
Autumn Grussing  
Baily Grussing  
Broke Grussing  
Kim Grussing  
Myron Grussing

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:

Diane Dalrymple	Shellie Williams
Rod Behrends	Logan Waldner
Clyde Scheevel	Chris Nelson
Sherry Benton	Lowell Carlson
Beth Habicht	Tom Cavanaugh
Virgil Buck	Ryan Hill
Ron Husenga	
Kathy Tetrick-Hoffbeck (pastor @Jeffers)	
Colter (Thelma Yager's great nephew)	

Prayers for those dealing with cancer

Galen Benton  
Shellie Williams  
Myron Grussing  
Janelle Johnson  
Christopher Allen Brown  
Duane Enns  
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
Weston Erlandson	Bill Carlberg
Emma Schnyders	Ariana Lopez
Pat Huisenga	Larry Doeden

For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our farmers during this harvest season  
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

# The Gospel according to Fred Rogers

Series starts  
Sunday, September 21

9 a.m. at Adrian UMC • 10:30 a.m. at Worthington First UMC



This sermon series invites us to explore the profound faith behind the beloved icon, discovering powerful lessons about love, acceptance, and how to create a more compassionate world—right in our own backyard.



Sunday, September 28th, 2025  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



livestream links

The Boxcast TV Channel  
First UMC YouTube Channel  
First UMC FaceBook Channel

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FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

TECH TEAM:

Kylee Skirbroun & Rick Dalrymple

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

GREETERS:

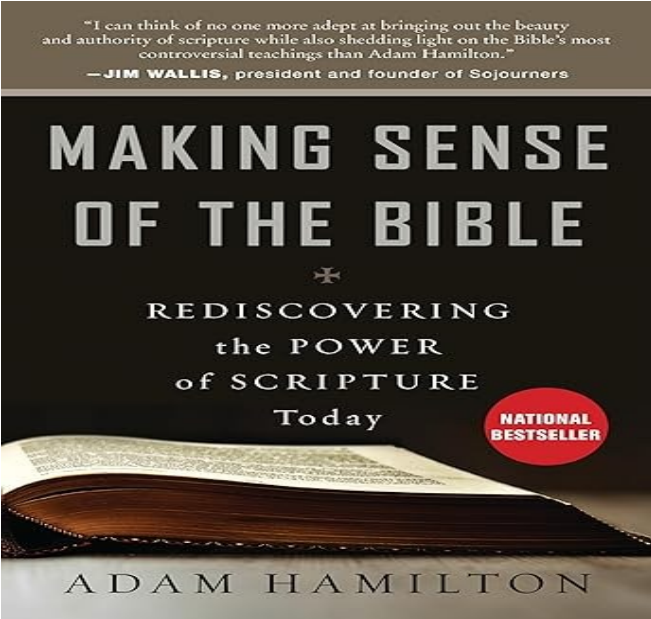
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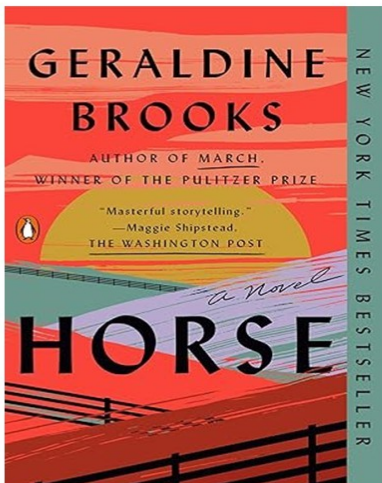
Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today. Zoom small group study begins on Monday, October 6th at 6:30 pm. Sign up on the [www.firstumcworthington.com](http://www.firstumcworthington.com) website

Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but rather about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing.

In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading

pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language?

Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes, leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.



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## FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks, is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. Come prepared to discuss this thought-provoking book. Bring a friend!

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00p.m. - Fireside Room.

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For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and worship the God who is unseen and eternal! Amen!**

### MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #140 - "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"

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*"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Accordion Solo by Galen Benton  
"He Touched Me" & "I'll Fly Away"

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

MESSAGE

*The Gospel According to Fred Rogers*

Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

TWFS #2173- "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"

Feel 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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*FH = Fellowship Hall*

*FR = Fireside Room*

# This Week

**SUN**

**September 28**

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV  
9:00 am Worship @Adrian  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Coffee fellowship—FH  
10:30 am Worship @ First  
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

**MON**

**September 29**

9:00 am Ladies Fall Bible Study - FR  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

**TUES**

**September 30**

9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee  
2:00 pm Grief Share @First Lutheran  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
7:00 pm Chamber Singers practice - Sanctuary

**WED**

**October 1**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line  
5:15 pm Connect Wednesday dinner  
5:45 pm Worship  
6:00 pm Program  
6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting  
7:00 pm Bell practice

**THURS**

**October 2**

10:00 am Bible Discussion @ Phileo's  
7:00 pm WASO practice

**SUN**

**October 5**

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship—FH

**Haiti Sunday with Communion**

10:30 am Worship @ First with Adrian joining  
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

## Connect WEDNESDAY

**5:15-5:45 pm FREE Dinner for all ages**

**5:45-6:00 pm Worship**

**6:00-7:00 pm Exciting Kids, Youth and Adult Programming**

*Adults will watch The Chosen series and have a short discussion*

**First United Methodist Church  
408 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Worthington, MN**

## The CHOSEN

Join us Wednesdays  
at First United Methodist  
Church, 408 11th Street,  
Worthington, for a free  
meal at 5:15. Afterwards, we  
will watch The Chosen and  
have a short discussion.  
Childcare is provided.



MISSION-HAITI  
LOVE JESUS. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

### Mission-Haiti Sunday

There will be a joint service with Adrian and First on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 am at First Methodist. There will be communion that Sunday.