

## Happy Birthday!

- 9 Brian Soderholm
- 10 Jon Steinle
- 11 Lowell Carlson
- 13 Scott Belz  
Micah Hietbrink  
Scott Lee
- 14 Anthony Bui  
Norma Swenson
- 15 Elliana Homan  
Alex Trip

## Happy Anniversary!

- 10 Tim & Kari Meyer
- 11 Ron & Karen Lawrence
- 15 Gordon & Jane Moore

## 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.

Angie Klaassen  
Austin Klaassen  
Cory & Heidi Klingenberg & family  
Cody Klooster  
Kevin Klooster  
Kory Klooster  
Scott & Shelley Klooster & family  
Sean & Kelly Kluever & family  
Gloria Klumper  
Kristin Kor  
Timothy Kor

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, Claribel Grussing, LaDee Grant, and Ron & Karen Lawrence.

One visit goes a long way!



## PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Janelle Johnson (has metastatic melanoma)  
Sharlene Hohensee (Paula Behren's mother)  
Marlene Wieneke Corky Tate  
LaDee Grant Tom Vagt  
Steve Potts Tim Yager  
Alyssa Hietbrink Ajulo Ochala  
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)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders Randy Taarud  
Nancy Hyink Gerald Fisher  
Claribel Grussing Kristi Johnson  
John Clease Bruce Lease  
Weston Erlandson Steve Timmons  
Monica Veil Ken Bipes  
Phil Glembin Karen Schulz  
Ariana Lopez Pat Huisenga  
Aiden Remme Bill Carlberg  
Mike Miller Gary Hibma

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Michael Buttrick

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our new 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



*Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023*  
*Worship - 10:30 a.m.*



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The Boxcast TV Channel

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First UMC Website

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

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Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck  
Organist: Jolene Kuhl

⋈ Please stand as you are able

### CENTERING WORDS <sup>1</sup>

Turn your eyes to the heavens. Turn your gaze to hope and life.  
For in hope and life, we find Jesus, the Risen Christ  
who shines in our midst with the light of heaven above.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

### PRAISE

UMH #171 - "There's Something About That Name"

### CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>2</sup>

Christ is alive,  
**moving among the living.**  
Christ is risen,  
**inviting us to rise in fullness of life.**  
Christ is calling,  
**proclaiming life and hope for all.**

### ⋈ PRAISE

UMH #302 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

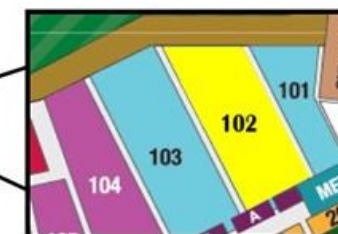
### ⋈ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. Amen.



Saturday, July 8th @ 1:10 pm

C'mon Twins Fans - join with your friends and neighbors from First United Methodist Church in Worthington to watch the Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles. Game day is Saturday, July 8th at 1:10 pm. We are taking a charter bus to make the entire trip enjoyable (**the bus will leave from the front of the church at 8:00 a.m.**). Our reserved seats will be in Section 102 - down the right field line. The total cost for each ticket is \$44.00 per person (bus cost is being supported by the First UMC Foundation).



Sign up before June 1st!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$44.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO FIRST UMC - "TWINS GAME" IN THE MEMO LINE)

THIS IS HOW **WE BASEBALL** 



## April Craft Night

Please join us from 4:30-7:00p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 for our spring craft night! We will be making button bouquets. Cost will be \$5; no prior sign-up needed. Do you have extra buttons laying around? If you would like to get rid of them we could use them for the craft night. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, April 16th.

## Linda Doeden at First Church

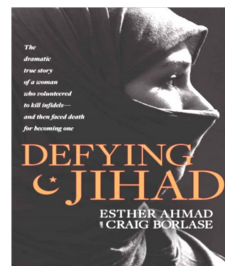
Linda Doeden will be with us on Sunday, April 30th to talk about her work in teaching educators in Laos. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 A.M. Rolls, coffee and juice will be served. Linda will also be sharing the message for that Sunday (Pastor Daren will preach at Adrian only, but lead the worship service at First). Note: Linda is connected to the English Language Institute of China, a Christian based organization which teaches Laotian teachers how to teach English in many rural communities in Laos. Linda has been connected to this mission for 25 years.

## Church Field House Event

Join us on Sunday, April 30th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the new Field House in Worthington. This all-church event will include food, games (including Bingo!), and the use of all of the lovely new facilities, including a playground for the youngest kids, a batting cage for kids of all ages, golf, basketball, soccer, tennis... you name it, they have the equipment. This will be a fun end-of-the-Sunday School-year event for EVERYONE!

## Fireside Book Club

Our next church book club event will be on June 29 at 7:00p.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!



## High School Grad Scholarships

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## MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### PRAISE

*"He Is Alive Today!"*

*"Worthy Is The Lamb"*

*First UMC Chancel Choir*

*Directed by Jeanette Jenson \*\* Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith*

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

### MESSAGE

*"A Fresh Start"*

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 #322 - *"Up From the Grave He Arose"*

### ✚ CLOSING SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

*People are invited to come forward and sing with the Choir!*

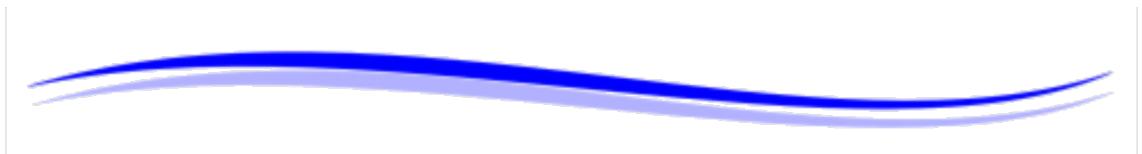
### ✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Matthew 28 and Colossians 3.

<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by John 20, Matthew 28, Colossians 3, and Acts 10.

<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Colossians 3 and Acts 10.

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# GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

## Jesus Has Risen

Matthew 28: 1-10 NIV

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

PROVERBS 3: 5

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## Pop Up Food Pantry

Minnesota West has a "Pop-up Food Pantry" for their students who are on campus or off campus. It is a program designed to help the students attending Minnesota West. If you would like to help with this ministry, simply make out your gift to "First UMC" with "Pop Up Food Pantry" in the tag line. Thank you for your help with this local mission.



## UMCOR: Helping Disaster Victims

In mid-January, a powerful storm front swept across the Southeast portion of the United States, producing a number of tornadoes that caused damage in both the Alabama-West Florida and North Georgia conferences. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and at least 9 people were killed.

When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding - that disaster response is local - forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters. (UMCOR stands for The United Methodist Committee on Relief.) UMCOR has given grants to both conferences to support a coordinated response for survivors, including relief supplies, debris removal and clean-up efforts.

You can help. Make your check payable to First UMC with "Advance #901670" in the tag line. 100% of your gift goes to the front line.



Last Week's Offering	\$ 16,220.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 77,227.43
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 89,687.51

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	199
ADRIAN UMC	29	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	19
FIRST UMC	113	TOTAL	360



## 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 April we will be collecting clothing and accessories for boys and girls. Suggestions for items to donate are: Shirts, dresses, shorts, pant, flip flops, socks, sunglasses, small purses, hair accessories (hair bows and elastic hair bands), and underwear. The Missions Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any question, please contact Pam Soderholm.

## Coat Closet Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has donated warm clothing over the past several months. Your donations have been very much appreciated by the First Lutheran Church Coat Closet. Many in our community have been able to keep warm this winter because of your generosity.

## March Food Campaign Thank You

Thank you for the donations that were given for the March Food Campaign. Both of the local food shelves in Worthington benefited from your donations and the funds were matched by the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation. Your donations will help the food shelves serve the families of Nobles County that are in need of food.

Donations of non-perishable items are accepted throughout the year; please place your items in the box in the narthex. Please be aware of the "best by" or "use by" dated on the products that you are donating.



## First 150th Anniversary

In 1872, a group of persons living in the young community of Worthington formed a community church and stayed together for about a year. In 1873, the group decided to branch off into their own respective denominations. The Methodist group officially formed on Wednesday, May 21st, 1873. First UMC will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the church on Sunday, May 21st, 2023! Our new Bishop Lanette Plambeck will be joining us, as will former pastors and members of the congregation from year's past.

Think back on your special FUMC memories and prepare to share them with us all! Our celebration will take place all morning that day and culminating with a catered meal at noon. Please keep this special Sunday open as we commemorate our 150 years in ministry to the Worthington area and the world.

## Community Kids Camp

Announcing our first annual Community Kids Camp! First Church, along with First Lutheran, American Lutheran, and Living Waters Covenant are joining together for a group Vacation Bible School, called Community Kids Camp, June 5-8 from 5:30-8:00p.m. Please put this on your calendar for your kids and grandkids to attend and for you to help out as a volunteer. First Church will be hosting this year's event, which will rotate through the different churches in subsequent years. We are really excited about this group event! Please be watching for ways you can volunteer to help in the weeks to come!

## Graduation Sunday

We are so proud of our graduates! Tyler Jaycox, Ivy Jenson, Jayden Maras, Jaden Nickel, Riley Nickel, and Taya Oberloh will be graduating from Worthington HS. Preston Vortherms, Jayden Winselman, and Scott Zebe will be graduating from Adrian HS this spring.

At First UMC, please join us as we celebrate their high school graduations on Sunday, May 14th from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First Church (reception sponsored by the Night Lights Circle).

At Adrian, please join us as we celebrate Preston, Jayden, and Scott's graduation, right after church on Sunday, May 14th for a reception in the Fellowship Hall at Adrian Church.



## Confirmation Sunday

First UMC is pleased to announce that Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 a.m.. Six of our youth are looking forward to be confirmed: Jayse Geertsema, Hannah Hill, Alisa Maras, Claire Meyer, Dylan Schuett, and Ashley Williams. Please join us before worship as we celebrate this spiritual marker for these six youth - in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. (reception sponsored by the Night Lights Circle).

## Grief Recovery

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. This group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through the difficult days ahead. The group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church beginning April 4th until June 27th. Contact First Lutheran Church to register (you may join at any time) at 507.376.6148. We know it hurts - we want to help. Call us today.

## Community Chorus

This spring, the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra (WASO) will be performing Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* as part of their May 23rd concert. This work will include a community chorus. All singers are invited to participate in the chorus which will rehearse on Sunday afternoons. Rehearsals will be held at Worthington High School in the choir room, from 2 to 3:30, March 19th through May 21st (we will not meet on April 9th or April 23rd). A dress rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 22nd at 7pm with the concert at Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30pm.

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## Care Center Residents:

### The Meadows Memory Care Unit First UMC:

Ron & 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

### Sunrise View Assisted Living

#### First UMC:

Claribel Grussing

## 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](#)

[First UMC YouTube Channel](#)

[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.

## Membership?

If you are interested in joining the church, contact Pastor Daren for information on how that can happen. We look forward to celebrating our mission with any new members!

# This Week

<b>SUN</b>	<b>April 9 - Easter Sunday</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:15 am	No Sunday School @ First
9:15 am	Easter Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
6:30 pm	Encounter @ HyVee
<b>MON</b>	<b>April 10</b>
9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Fireside)
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>TUES</b>	<b>April 11</b>
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>WED</b>	<b>April 12</b>
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
5:15 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:15 pm	G1 in Adrian
6:30 pm	Confirmation
6:30 pm	Youth
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>THURS</b>	<b>April 13</b>
7:00 pm	WASO practice
<b>SAT</b>	<b>April 15</b>
11:00 am	Merlyn Cranston Celebration of Life
<b>SUN</b>	<b>April 16</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:15 am	Sunday School @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
6:30 pm	Encounter @ HyVee