

Happy Birthday!

- 16 Bill Geertsema
Meegan Heidebrink
Cindy Hokeness
Michelle Vortherms
- 17 Evan Swank
- 18 Terry Perkins
- 21 Madelyn Cunningham
Steven Potts
- 22 Jerry Perkins

Happy Anniversary!

- 18 Dave & Cindy Hokeness
Randy & Amy Shirbroun

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.



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

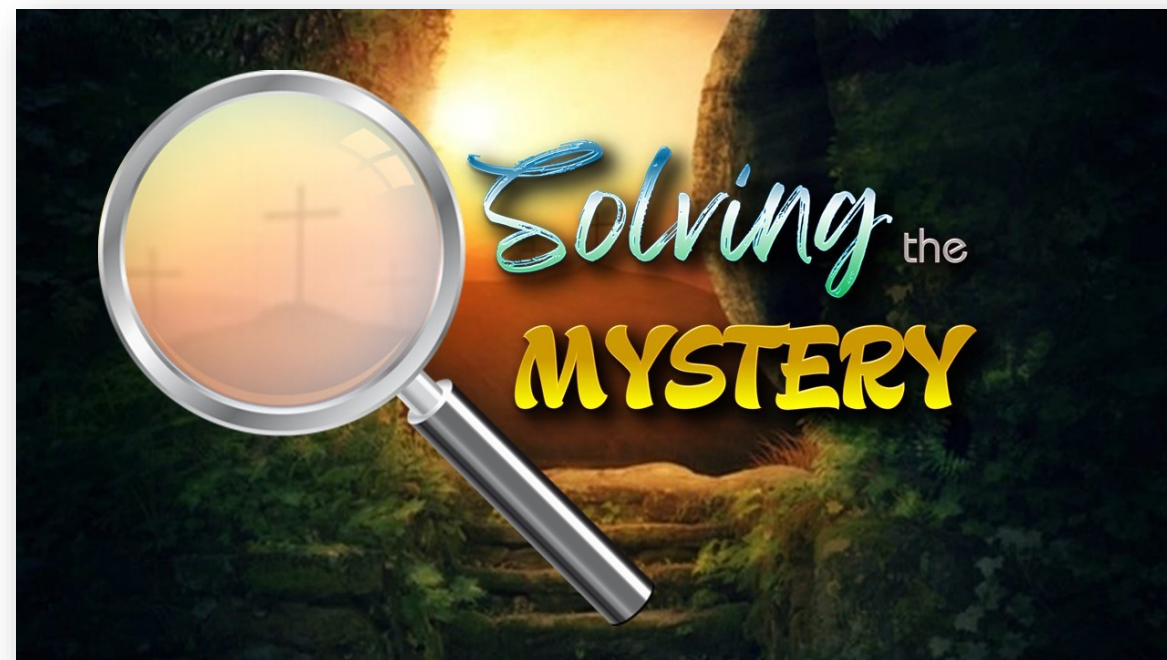
For those dealing with grief and loss...

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



Sunday, April 16, 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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FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

CUSTODIANS:

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Steve & Anita Leech

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Brenda DeSmith

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The 2nd Sunday of EASTER

Sunday, April 16, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Organist: Carolyn Beerman

⋈ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Be not dismayed, for Christ is alive,
bringing hope and joy to our lives this day. Alleluia!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #162 - "Alleluia, Alleluia"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.

Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

In this place, we find hope and joy.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

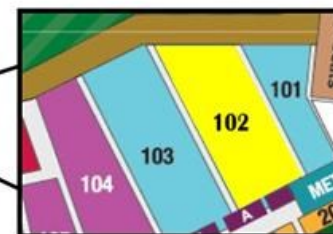
Let us worship the one who brings new life.

⋈ PRAISE

UMH #304 - "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

⋈ OPENING PRAYER ³

Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We are grateful for the new life he brings. We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares. We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us. Gracious God, today and every day, we offer you our thanks and praise. Strengthen our



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: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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



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

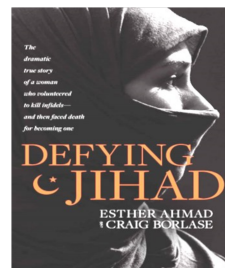
Linda Doeden will be with us on Sunday, April 30th to talk about her work in teaching educators in Laos. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 A.M. Rolls, coffee and juice will be served. Linda will also be sharing the message for that Sunday (Pastor Daren will preach at Adrian only, but lead 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 project 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

The First UMC Foundation once again is offering scholarships for young people who are considering entering college or tech school. The awards have been adjusted to \$1,200.00 for the each of the first three years of higher education. First & Adrian (and former Emmanuel) UMC students may apply each year. Applications may be picked up in the church office or emailed to the student upon request. The deadline for applications is July 31st.

faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others. Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

First UMC Bell Choir - Directed by Brenda DeSmith

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

"Solving the Mystery"

We Respond to God's Word

THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - UMH #39

Lennox Harold Hietbrink - son of Micah & Alyssa

Sisters: Emma, Annika, Clara, Raeya, Kyla and brother Eagan

Paternal Grandparents: Harold and Diane Chapa

Maternal Grandparents: John and Pam Soderholm

Godparents: Alesha Gregg, Brian Soderholm, Craig Soderholm, Deron Soderholm

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 #310 - *"He Lives"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by 1 Peter 1.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by 1 Peter 1 and John 20.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 2 and 1 Peter 1.

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GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Jesus Appears to His Disciples & Thomas

John 20:19-31 NIV

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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	\$ 3,162.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 87,762.48
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 99,074.38

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	229
ADRIAN UMC	57	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	19
FIRST UMC	172	TOTAL	477

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.

Congratulations, Sherry!!

This article was located on the Worthington Public School's Facebook page:

Congratulations to our friend and long-time volunteer in many different areas, Sherry Benton! Sherry is a tireless advocate of making reading a life-long love, leading by example what a leader is for an organization to the K-Kids group, how being a cheerleader/advocate shows kindness each time you see them, fantastic hugger and caregiver, and many more assets. Sherry was awarded the Community Pride Award Tuesday, April 11th at First State Bank Southwest, and we just couldn't be happier about Sherry being showered with appreciation, thanks, well wishes and more - she so richly deserves them. Thank you, Sherry for always being an amazing inspiration to our students. We appreciate all you do for our District 518 students! Bravo!

At First UMC, we couldn't have said it any better! Thanks for all you do, Sherry!



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.

Online Directory

The official church directory is accessible to members from First on computer or other smart devices. The digital version is just like a printed one, with links to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and pictures. The online site allows updating to be done by each member to their own profile. We also have a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store. The only thing you will need is your email address. It will need to be listed in the church directory under your profile. Contact Pastor Daren for more details.

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

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

6:30 pm

MON

9:00 am

3:00 pm

5:30 pm

TUES

9:30 am

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6:30 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

6:30 pm

April 16

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Sunday School @ First

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Encounter @ HyVee

April 17

Women's Bible Study (Fireside)

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Trustees Meeting

April 18

Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Ransom Township (Fireside)

Family Life Committee

PSPRC (Heritage Room)

April 19

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line

Craft Night

Fellowship Meal

Confirmation Pictures

G1 in Adrian

Youth

Chancel Choir Practice

April 20

First Missions (Heritage Room)

First Council (Heritage Room)

WASO practice

April 23

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Sunday School @ First

Reception for Confirmands (FH)

Confirmation Sunday@ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Encounter @ HyVee