

Happy Birthday!

- 30 Laura Barrie
Daren Flinck
Katherine Willy
- 3 Susan Bents
- 4 Chelsea Homan
- 5 Matthew DeSmith
- 6 Martha Lursen
David Palmer

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Wayne & Sharon Jones
- 3 Tim & Thelma Yager

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:

Marlene Wieneke	LaDee Grant
Tom Vagt	Janelle Johnson
Steve Potts	Tim Yager
Ajulo Ochala	Pat Huisenga
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)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders	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
Aiden Remme	Gary Hibma
Bill Carlberg	Mike Miller

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 30, 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/>)

PASTOR:	Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck	ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:	Jolene Kuhl
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Lori Nienkerk	CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Jeanette Jensen
FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:	Brenda DeSmith
CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
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The 4th of Sunday of EASTER

Sunday, April 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

⋈ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

We have been blessed to receive the precious gift of God's loving grace.
With joy and thanksgiving, we are humbled to share
that expression of grace with others in a hurting world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2031 - "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

O come, let us sing to our God
and make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation.

**We lift our hearts and voices
in joy and thanksgiving
for being here together
in the presence of our beloved God.**

Come, let us worship this amazing God,
for we belong to God.

**We will listen for God's word
and live in the hope it inspires.**

⋈ PRAISE

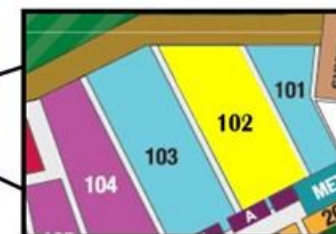
UMH #454 - "Open My Eyes, That I May See"



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)





First UMC, our nursery is open, but is not staffed at this time.
A baby changing station is available in the nursery and also in the women's restroom located in the education wing.

Worship activity bags for children are in the narthex.

A Note to Our Guests....

Thank you for taking the time to worship with us this Sunday!
We hope and pray that this worship experience will increase your faith and help you develop more resources for growing in Christ.

We welcome you to First Church!

OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving and caring God, we come this morning with joyful hope — hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and your grace. Open us to the possibilities of friendship - the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of sharing joy-filled grace with others in our everyday lives. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Gretchen O'Donnell
Family Life Coordinator

PRAISE

"Make Me a Blessing"

Duet: Brenda DeSmith & Linda Doeden
Accompanied by Jolene Kuhl

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:12-17

MESSAGE

"God's Grace from 20,000 Feet"

Dr. Linda Doeden, PHD
English Language Institute of China

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

TFWS #2162 - *"Grace Alone"*

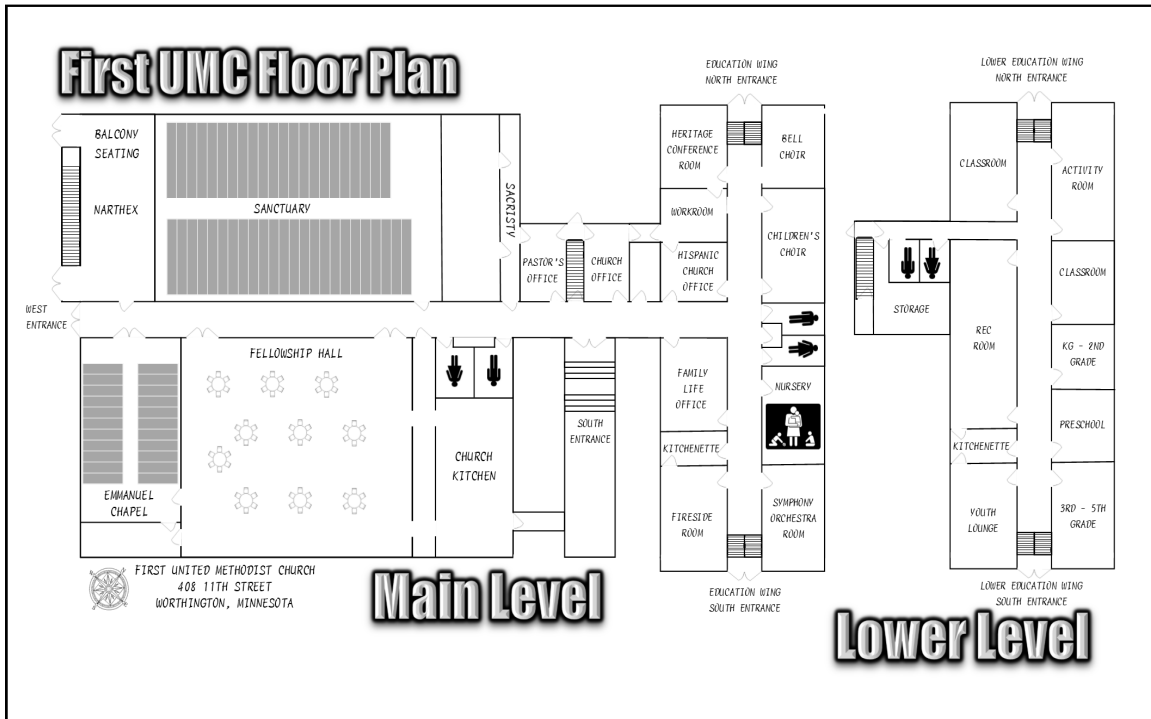
THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Romans 5.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 95 and Romans 5.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Exodus 17, Romans 5, and John 4.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",
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Last Week's Offering	\$ 4,678.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 98,365.84
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 112,860.78

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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 May we will be collecting games, activities and crafts for boys and girls. Suggestions are: small coloring books, watercolor paint sets, play doh (with cutters), stickers, travel-size games, puzzle (small boxes) binoculars, compasses, gardening kit, playing cards, building blocks, tool set (with small tools), kaleidoscopes, marbles.

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

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.

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

Please bring your kids to our Community Kids Camp June 5-8 from 5:30 — 8:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Ages 3 — completed 5th Grade. Suggested cost \$5. Please register your kids today!

Community Kids Camp Volunteers Needed

Not all jobs require you to stay the entire time. Some prep work can be done during the day. Anyone 6th grade and up is invited to lend a hand.

Trail Guides — stay with the kids throughout the evening

Kitchen Leaders — oversees the kitchen nightly — does not cook

Cooks — for one night only (each church will take a turn)

Game leaders and game assistants — preferred to be same person each night

Craft leaders and craft assistants — preferred to be same person each night

We also need donations of cookies (not bars) apples and carrots on June 5th.



To sign up for volunteering or to register, please see Gretchen O'Donnell or Pat Grimmus or use the QR code on the side of this page or posters in the narthex or on the doors.

THANK YOU for your help!!

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Grace Overflowing to Many
Romans 5:12-17 NIV

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned — ¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
 PROVERBS 3:5

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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	112
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	29
FIRST UMC	152	TOTAL	317

Card of Thanks

We're celebrating our Sunday School Teachers today, Sunday, April 30th.

Thank you to:
 Lisa Gerdes, Amber Nielsen,
 Amy Shirbroun, Randy Shirbroun and subs
 Missy Geertsema and John Steinle

If you see any of these sweet people ,
 PLEASE "Thank" them for the
 wonderful dedication and devotion they have for our youth.

THANK YOU so much!

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.



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).

Preston Vortherms, Jayden Winselman, and Scott Zebe will be graduating from Adrian HS this spring.

Taya's Graduation Party

We would like to invite our church family to Taya Oberloh's graduation party. Our Worthington United Methodist Church has been a big part of her life growing up. We are so thankful for you all. Everyone is invited! Saturday, May 20th , 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Phileos Coffee House, 212 10th St., Worthington, MN.

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.

Linda Doeden at First Church

Linda Doeden will be with us today, 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 later today, 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!

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. Let Gretchen know as soon as you can if you'd like to participate so she can order books. Price for the books is \$24 and 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!

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 Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Sunday School @ First
9:00 am Linda Doeden Presentation (FH)
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
5:00 pm Fun Night @ JB Field House

MON

9:00 am Women's Bible Study (Fireside)
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES

9:30 am Ladies Coffee Hour @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
5:45 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm 507 Youth @ American Lutheran
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURS

7:00 pm WASO practice

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May 4

WASO practice

May 7

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

Finance Counters Needed

We are in need of counters for the weekly offering. If you are interested please contact the church office as soon as possible.