

## Happy Birthday!

- 17 Derek Lee
- 18 Tim Blume
- 19 Taylor Nickel
- 20 Brielle Bullerman  
David Reese
- 22 Dave Carstensen

## Happy Anniversary!

- 16 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
- 20 Tim & Kris Tripp
- 22 Steve & Terry Johnson

## 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.

Jim & Amy Stefferud  
John & Deb Steinle  
Norma Swenson  
Betty Taarud  
Randy & Marjo Taarud  
Corky & Ginny Tate  
Tim & Kris Tripp

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, Norma Swenson. Joyce Gravon, Katherine Willey, Larry Doeden

One visit goes a long way!

## PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:  
Logan Waldner Ron Husenga  
Chris Nelson Virgil Buck  
Rod Behrends  
Kristin (Dalrymple) Amundson  
Julie (Ginny Tate's sister)  
Carol Oberloh  
Rylie Olson's grandpa Susan Bents  
Kari & Claire Meyer's father/grandfather, Kenny  
Joyce Gravon Galen Benton

Prayers for those dealing with cancer  
Shellie Williams  
Christopher Allen Brown  
Marian Reitsma (friend of Jolene Kuhl)  
Stacy White Mike Miller  
Jeff Wachell (friend of Deb Steinle)  
Nicole Bonsma (mother of Dennis & Cheryl  
Bonsma's grandsons.)  
Diana (Sharon Algood's friend)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:  
Nancy Hyink Alden Remme  
Bill Carlberg Emma Schnyders  
Ariana Lopez Larry Doeden  
Pat Huisenga Corky Tate  
Dianne Dalrymple

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:

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methodistoffice@gmail.com



Sunday, August 16th, 2026  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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The Boxcast TV Channel  
First UMC YouTube Channel  
First UMC FaceBook Channel  
First UMC Website  
(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| PASTOR:                   | Pastor John Mitchem | ORGANIST      | Jolene Kuhl            |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: | Lori Nienkerk       | BELL DIRECTOR | Brenda DeSmith         |
| FAMILY LIFE:              | Gretchen O'Donnell  | TECH TEAM:    | Deb & John Steinle     |
| CUSTODIANS:               | Chad & Sarah Nickel | GREETERS:     | Dennis & Cheryl Bonsma |

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - TUESDAY through Friday - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Sermon Notes:

# OCC Sewing Day

August 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4  
August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 4 with  
lunch provided  
August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-1

We will be putting together take-home sewing kits for skirts and drawstring backpacks, making tic-tac-toe bags, braiding jump ropes and making bead kits. No sewing experience needed.

Come in and help out as you can.

Any questions, call Myra Palmer at 507-360-0881.

## SENIOR SADDLES

Come visit  
the horses!

**Tuesday, September 1st at 1:00 pm**

Seniors over 55 only • Carpool available

Limit of 15 people • Cost \$5 per person

**Please sign up by Sunday, August 30**

Rock Ranch, located in Hills, MN, offers the chance to experience the joys of horsemanship in a natural, Christ-filled setting. The Senior Saddles program provides opportunities for seniors to participate in a tour of the facility, spend time with the horses, enjoy coffee and cookies and socialize. You will be able to interact with the animals but riding is not required.

We will meet at 11:45a.m. at the front of the church to carpool over to Rock Ranch. If you'd like to be picked up at your home, let us know.

### MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

#### PRAYER HYMN

UMH #474 - "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*"

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### GENEROSITY MOMENT

(website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Savior Like a Shepherd leads Us"*

Jolene Kuhl

#### DOXOLOGY

UMH #94- "*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*"

We Hear God's Word

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

#### SERMON

*"At the Movies- Inside Out"*

Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

#### THE BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING HYMN

UMH #261 - "*Lord of the Dance*"

Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

## Care Center Residents:

### First UMC:

**The Shores**  
LaDee Grant

**Sibley Specialty Care Center**  
Norma Swenson

### Adrian UMC:

**Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)**  
Mary Prins

### **Adrian Country Living Cottage**

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[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed even after the service is over.

For questions, please contact the church office.

## Sound/Media Help Needed



We are in need of more people to help on Sunday mornings with this. If interested, please contact the office or Pastor John to get more information.

# This Week

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>August 16</b>                 |
| 6:30 am      | Worship Re-Broadcast on TV       |
| 9:00 am      | Worship @ Adrian                 |
| 9:45 am      | Coffee Fellowship @First         |
| 10:30 am     | Worship @ First                  |
| <b>MON</b>   | <b>August 17</b>                 |
| 2:00 pm      | The Banquet                      |
| 3:00 pm      | Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3      |
| <b>TUES</b>  | <b>August 18</b>                 |
| 9:30 am      | Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee          |
| 3:00 pm      | Worship Re-Broadcast on TV       |
| 6:30 pm      | Ladies by the Lake-Judy Schmidts |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>August 19</b>                 |
| 8:00 am      | Men's Breakfast @Blue Line       |
| 12:00 pm     | Finance Meeting                  |
| 1:00 pm      | OCC Sewing Days -FH              |
| <b>THURS</b> | <b>August 20</b>                 |
| 10:00 am     | OCC Sewing Days -FH              |
| 5:30 pm      | Fist Council Meeting             |
| <b>FRI</b>   | <b>August 21</b>                 |
| 10:00 am     | OCC Sewing Days -FH              |
| <b>SAT</b>   | <b>August 22</b>                 |
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>August 23</b>                 |
| 6:30 am      | Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3      |
| 8:15 am      | Adrian Informational Meeting     |
| 9:00 am      | Worship @Adrian                  |
| 9:45 am      | Coffee Fellowship @First         |
| 10:30 am     | Worship @ First                  |



We will be serving at The Banquet in downtown Sioux Falls on Monday, August 17th. We will need 6 people to help prepare the food from 2:00-5:00 pm and 30 people to help serve and cleanup 5:15-8:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. We will be accepting monetary donations to help pay for the meal. Please make your check out to First UMC and put The Banquet on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration of helping with this mission project.



**BACKPACK BLESSING**

**STUDENTS,  
BRING YOUR  
BACKPACKS TO  
CHURCH ON  
SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>!**