

Happy Birthday!

- 23 Phoenix Erlandson
26 Rick Dalrymple
28 Terry Miller

Happy Anniversary!

- 23 Randy & Marjo Taarud
25 Dan & Amber Nielsen

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!



See updated prayer list in the Narthex

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Galen Benton
Preston Smith (friend of Pastor John's)

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:

507.372.2939
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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



Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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

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

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Sermon Notes:



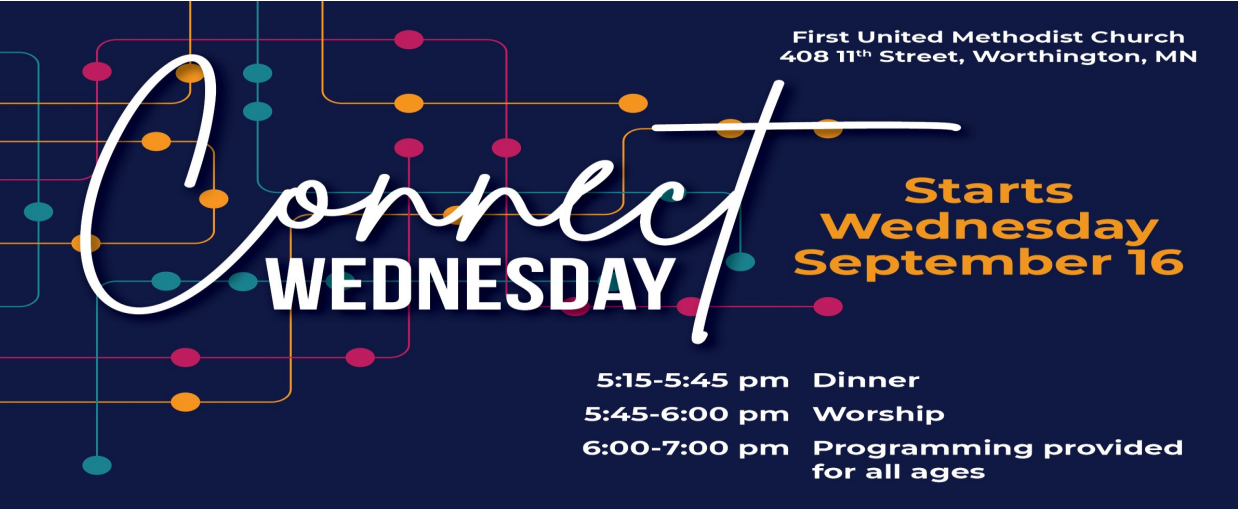
Minnesota's top family magician!

GREG THE GREAT!

Sunday, September 13
9:00 am
This event is for all ages and everyone is welcome!

Worship to follow at 10:30 am

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Connect

WEDNESDAY

Starts
Wednesday
September 16

5:15-5:45 pm Dinner
5:45-6:00 pm Worship
6:00-7:00 pm Programming provided for all ages



Be a part of our Resurface Prayer Team!

Please join us in person or on your own to be praying for our fall Resurface conference!

Thursdays at 9:00a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel

August 27th through October 22nd

have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

ALL: Open our eyes to the neighbors on our porch.
Open our hearts to the community You have provided.
Let us lay down our heavy burdens,
And step together into the adventure of Your love.
Let us worship God!

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GENEROSITY MOMENT

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

DOXOLOGY

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

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

SERMON

"At the Movies- Up"
Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #557 - *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

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 web-sites:

[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.



*Sign up sheets are in the
narthex to sign up for
bringing a meal for Connect*

This Week

SUN August 23
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
8:15 am Adrian Informational Meeting
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship @First
10:30 am Worship @ First

MON August 24
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES August 25
9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV

WED August 26
8:00 am Men's Breakfast @Blue Line

SUN August 30
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am Worship @Adrian
Backpack Blessing Sunday
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship @First
10:30 am Worship @ First
Backpack Blessing Sunday

Pastor on vacation August 24-September 7



BACKPACK BLESSING

**STUDENTS,
BRING YOUR
BACKPACKS TO
CHURCH ON
SUNDAY,
AUGUST 30TH!**

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.

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