

## Happy Birthday!

- 14 Linda Reese  
17 Nicolle (Donovan) DeRocher  
19 Amy Shirbroun  
20 Miranda Tripp

## Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Dave & Lorraine Carstenson  
18 Chad & Sarah Nickel  
20 Kurt & Melissa Geertsema

## 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.

Carol Krosch  
Wilma Kruse  
Burdell & Jolene Kuhl  
Linda Lang  
Gerald & Cindy Langendorfer  
Micah Langendorfer  
Thomas & Marcia LaVelle  
Ron & Karen Lawrence & family  
Steve & Anita Leach & family  
Bruce Lease  
Scott & Stacy Lee & family  
Margaret Loger

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 Mike Miller  
Bill Carlberg

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, May 14, 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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# The 6th of Sunday of EASTER

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Sunday, May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

⋈ Please stand as you are able

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

God is the creator of all, not just those who claim to be the people of God. God calls and welcomes all of humanity into community.

We, who claim our love for Christ, are invited to extend extravagant welcome in both word and action to all of God's children everywhere.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

## PRAISE

Insert - "In This Very Room"

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

From the north and south, from the east and west . . .

**all are welcome here.**

With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering . . .

**we come to worship God.**

With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering . . . .

**we draw near to God, near to each other,  
and near to Christ, the Word of God.**

⋈ PRAISE

UMH #152 - "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

⋈ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

**God of all nations, for creating us uniquely and with precious love, you call us together in our common humanity. We offer you our thanks and praise. Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth. Reveal to us your loving presence, and guide us to display your loving Spirit in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

## Baccalaureate for Worthington

The traditional service of Baccalaureate led by graduating high school seniors is scheduled for 7:30 pm Wednesday, May 24th at the Worthington High School Main Gym. Everyone is invited to attend.



## 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 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.

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## Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 1-1:30 a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel. Please join us if you are interested.

## Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

The Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra invites you to their annual Spring Concert, scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium. Under the leadership of Dr. Christopher Stanichar, the orchestra will be combining their efforts with the Community Chorus, featuring singers from the Worthington Area. The orchestra and the chorus will perform Poulenc's Gloria. The orchestra will also perform Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony, which has some very familiar religious themes. All tickets are for reserved seating and sold at the Auditorium Box Office - Adults \$15, Students \$5.

## 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!



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!

## MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Tyler Jaycox, Ivy Jenson, Jayden Maras  
Jaden Nickel, Riley Nickel, and Taya Oberloh

### PRAISE

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

First UMC Chancel Choir  
Cellists: Emma Hietbrink, Beth Habicht, M.J. Wester, Ivy Jenson  
Directed by Jeanette Jenson, Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

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

We Hear God's Word

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

### MESSAGE

*"20/20 Faith Vision"*

We Respond to God's Word

### RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

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

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

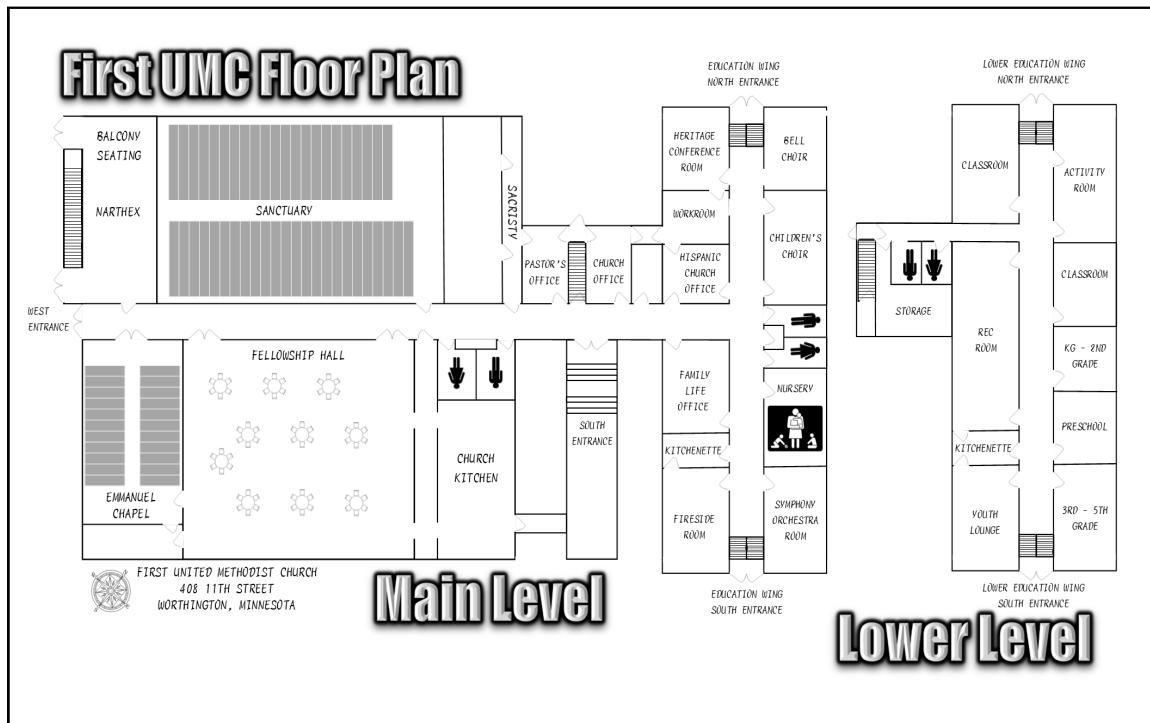
✚ PRAISE UMH #364 - *"Because He Lives"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup>The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Acts 17.

<sup>2</sup>The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Acts 17.

<sup>3</sup>The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 17 and John 14.  
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",  
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



Last Week's Offering	\$ 2,545.00
Carry Over Revenue (2022):	\$ 31,543.00
Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 106,634.57
Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 126,718.07

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

First UMC will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church on Sunday, May 21st, 2023. We look forward to sharing this special with current members and friends, former members and clergy. Here is the schedule for that Sunday:

**9:00 a.m. - Celebration Fellowship:** come and share with your friends from the present and the past. A slide show depicting events from the past will be playing in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall (coffee fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall).

**9:45 a.m. - All Church Picture:** many celebrations in our past history have always had a church picture of the many members of the church. Please come and be a part of history!

**10:30 a.m. - Celebration Worship:** we gather in the sanctuary to worship the Lord. We will be joined by our new Bishop Lanette Plambeck, our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, former Pastor Gordon Orde and Cristo En Tu Ayuda Pastor Angel Franco. We will have special music from our Bell Choir, our Chancel Choir and our Hispanic Church.

**11:45 a.m. - Celebration Dinner and Program:** we gather in the Fellowship Hall once more to have a meal together and share reflections from the past. Our neighbors from the Westminster Presbyterian Church will be serving us (in September, we will reciprocate by serving at their 150 Year Celebration). Please sign up for the dinner in advance so we can gain an accurate number. A light program of sharing will follow the dinner.

Help us celebrate a memorable 150 years of ministry to the Worthington area!

## Community Kids Camp - Register & Volunteers

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!

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.

Game leaders and game assistants: preferred to be same person each night  
Craft leaders and craft assistants: preferred to be same person each night  
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)

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!!**



# In This Very Room

Words and Music by  
Ron Harris and Carol Harris

## VERSE



1. In this ver-y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough love \_\_\_\_\_ for one like me. And  
2. In this ver-y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough love \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us. And  
3. In this ver-y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough love \_\_\_\_\_ for all the world. And



in this ver - y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough joy \_\_\_\_\_ for one like me. And there's  
in this ver - y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough joy \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us. And there's  
in this ver - y room \_\_\_\_\_ there's quite e-nough joy \_\_\_\_\_ for all the world. And there's



quite e-nough hope, and quite e-nough pow-er to chase a-way an - y gloom. For  
quite e-nough hope, and quite e-nough pow-er to share wher-ev - er we go. For  
quite e-nough hope, and quite e-nough pow-er to reach to all of the earth. For



Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_  
Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_  
Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ is in this ver - y room. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is in this ver - y room. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 today, 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).



## 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 in Worthington.

## Riley's Graduation Party

Riley Nickel invites you to join with her and her family at a Graduation Party on Saturday, May 20th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the First UMC Fellowship Hall.

## Ivy's Graduation Party

Celebrate with Ivy Jenson, senior at Worthington High School. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Ivy's Open House at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

## Tyler's Graduation Party

Tyler Jaycox invites you to join with his family for a Graduation Open House celebration at their home (730 Lake Court, Worthington) on Saturday, May 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

## Jayden's Graduation Party

Jayden Maras invites you to join with him at a Graduation Open House, Saturday, May 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church.

## Jaden's Graduation Party

Jaden Nickel invites you to join with her and her family at a Graduation Open House, Saturday, May 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Forbidden Barrel in the Okabena Room in Worthington.



# GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

## We Are God's Children

### Acts 17:22-31 - NIV

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship - and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone - an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

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

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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	139
ADRIAN UMC	20	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	22
FIRST UMC	72	TOTAL	253

## Care Center Residents:

### The Meadows Memory Care Unit First UMC:

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

### May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
 9:00 am Worship @ Adrian  
 9:30 am Graduation Reception (FH)  
 10:30 am Worship @ First  
 1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

## MON

### May 15

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

## TUES

### May 16

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
 5:00 pm PSPRC (Heritage)  
 7:00 pm Adrian Council (Adrian FH)

## WED

### May 17

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line  
 11:30 am Prayer Time (Chapel)  
 12:00 pm Finance Team Meeting (Heritage)  
 5:45 pm Bell practice  
 7:00 pm Choir practice

## THURS

### May 18

4:30 pm Missions Team (Heritage)  
 5:30 pm Covenant Council (Heritage)  
 7:00 pm WASO practice (Memorial)

## SAT

### May 20

10:00 am Taya Oberloh Grad Party (Phileo's)  
 1:00 pm Riley Nickel Grad Party (FH)

## SUN

### May 21

6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3  
 9:00 am Worship @ Adrian  
 9:00 am Celebration Fellowship (FH)  
 9:45 am All Church Picture (Sanctuary)  
 10:30 am 150 Celebration Worship @ First