

Happy Birthday!

- 19 Amy Shirbroun
- 20 Miranda Tripp
- 21 Cheryl Homan
- 22 Savannah Homan
- 23 Nicole Bonsma
Mike Johnson
Kelly Kluever

Happy Anniversary!

- 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.

- Chad & Sarah Nickel & family
- Jim Nickel
- Tina Nickel & family
- Trevor & Erin Nickel & family
- Danny & Amber Nielsen & family
- Kristen Nielsen
- Dana & Amy Oberloh & Taya
- Jonah & Heather Oberloh & family
- Ajulo Ochala & family
- Dave & Myra Palmer

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Margaret Loger, 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
 Lourdes Franco Chris Nelson
 Rod Behrends Virgil Buck
 Kristin (Dalrymple) Amundson
 Julie (Ginny Tate's sister)
 Sally Hibma
 Margaret Loger

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.)

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

For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:
 Our farmers during this planting season
 Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
 Our teachers, administrators, students...
 Front line health care workers...
 Law enforcement & emergency workers...
 Service women & men and their families...
 Galen & Sherri Benton's granddaughter

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



Congratulations!

Senior Recognition
 May 17th during worship

Jayse Geertsema
 Hannah Hill
 Judah Luevanos
 Alex Romero
 Dylan Schuett
 James Spartz



Sunday, May 17th, 2026
 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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CUSTODIANS:	<i>Sarah & Chad Nickel</i>	GREETERS:	<i>Amber, Tucker, & Ellie Nielsen</i>

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Risefest

Did you know that Risefest is one of the largest Christian music festivals in the nation? And it's only a half hour away! This year's event will take place June 12-13 in Sheldon, Iowa. We will play a video during the service on May 17 today with more information and motivation.

COMMUNITY KIDS' CAMP

CREATE!

June 8-11

(Location: American Lutheran Church)

5-5:45pm Meal ✦ 5:45-8pm Activities



TO REGISTER:
SCAN THE QR CODE (BY MAY 26)
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



For children age 3 (& potty trained) through completed grade 5.

Suggested donation: \$5/child

NEW!
Adult Engagement
(6:15pm-7:45pm)
REGISTER USING THE QR CODE.



PRAYER HYMN

UMH#451 - "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jayse Geertsema, Hannan Hill, Judah Luevanos,
Alex Romero, Dylan Schuett, James Spartz

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY

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

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:21-31

SERMON

"JUST HANGING ON"

Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #672- "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media

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

RENEWING YOUR MIND, BODY & SOUL

Resurface

A Women's Conference

Saturday, October 24, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

First Methodist Church, Worthington

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

The Shores

LaDee Grant
Larry Doeden

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

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.

FH = Fellowship Hall

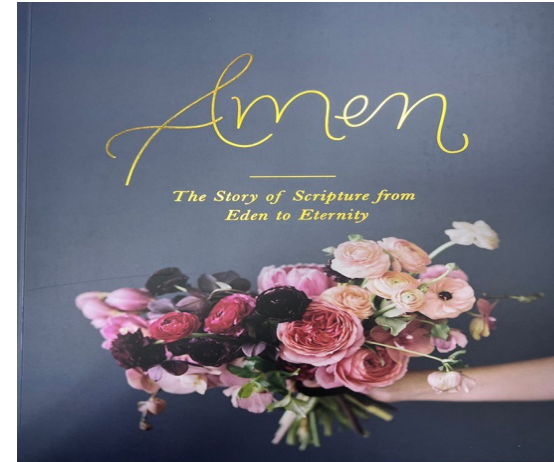
FR = Fireside Room

This Week

SUN	May 17
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship with the Graduates @ FUMC -FH
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda
MON	May 18
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	May 19
9:30 am	Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
1:00 pm	PSPRC Meeting
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
WED	May 20
12:00 pm	Finance Meeting
THURS	May 21
4:30 pm	Missions Meeting
5:30 pm	First Council Meeting
SUN	May 24
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian/Linda Doeden speaking
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda

Piano Recital

Elizabeth Bushard invites you to attend her Annual Piano Student Recital Sunday, May 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First UMC. Each year Elizabeth's students share their progress with the public at First Church - everyone is welcome to attend!



Ladies' Summer Bible Study

Join us each Monday in June at 9:00a.m. in the Fireside Room! Pick up your book ahead as we will discuss the first week at our first meeting. Cost of books is \$10.00.

FMC Foundation College Scholarships

The FUMC Foundation is again awarding college scholarships to qualified candidates planning to pursue post-secondary education in the upcoming academic year, 2026-2027. Members of Adrian United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Worthington are eligible to apply.

The scholarship program has now been expanded to provide up to four years of financial support. Candidates must re-apply each year to qualify for the annual scholarship of \$1,000.

Past scholarship winners that have completed their three years of \$1,200 annual scholarships prior to the 2024-2025 academic year are no longer eligible for this scholarship. Applications are available in the FUMC office and must be submitted no later than June 30, 2026.

Thank you

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Mary Monthei for making the beautiful and yummy cupcakes for Confirmation last Sunday. They made the table look so special. Many people were asking who made them, and we were glad to give Mary full credit. Everyone was very impressed. THANK YOU MARY!!