

Happy Birthday!

- 21 Cheryl Homan
 22 Savannah Homan
 23 Nicole Bonsma
 Mike Johnson
 Kelly Kluever
 24 Erin Nickel
 Robyn Silver
 Ron Vogel
 25 Cole Bonsma
 Emma Hietbrink
 26 Clara Hietbrink
 Christopher Hill
 27 Kristine Tripp

Happy Anniversary!

- 25 Chris & Diane Dybevic

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:

Bruce Lease Pat Huisenga
 Marlene Wieneke LaDee Grant
 Tom Vagt Janelle Johnson
 Steve Potts Tim Yager
 Ajulo Ochala
 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)
 George Dinsmore (Cheryl Dinsmore uncle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders Nancy Hyink
 Gerald Fisher Claribel Grussing
 Kristi Johnson John Clease
 Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg
 Steve Timmons Monica Veil
 Ken Bipes Phil Glembin
 Karen Schulz Ariana Lopez
 Aiden Remme Mike Miller

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Jim Vachuska
 (Jim is Doris Palmer's brother)

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 21, 2023
 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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Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

Jolene Kuhl

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Gretchen O'Donnell

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Brenda DeSmith

CUSTODIANS:

Sarah & Chad Nickel

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Brenda DeSmith

GREETERS:

Dave & Myra Palmer

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Deb & John Steinle

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

 Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

"Blessed Assurance"

First UMC Bell Choir - directed by Brenda DeSmith

CALL TO WORSHIP Led by Pastor Angel Franco

We will sing of the Lord's great love forever!

**With our mouths, we will make Your faithfulness
known through all generations.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

 PRAISE

UMH #117 - *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

 PRAYER of CELEBRATION Led by Pastor Angel Franco

Loving God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers. We are ever grateful for the signs of your presence in our congregation throughout these 150 years. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and help us to make our community an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.



Piano Recital

Everyone is invited to join with Elizabeth Bushard's piano students for their annual Recital, scheduled for Sunday, May 21st beginning at 3:30 p.m.. The students will each present two selections, pieces they have worked very diligently over the past year. Please join Elizabeth and her students for a time of musical celebration. A light reception is planned in the narthex right after the recital.

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30 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. The books are in and can be picked up from Gretchen at any time. Cost is \$24. We still have a few left if anyone wants to join us who has not yet signed up. 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!



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!

WORDS of GREETING: Bishop Lanette Plambeck

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

"Cadenas Romper (Break Every Chain)"

Cristo en to Ayuda Kids

PRAISE

"A Tus Pies (At Your Feet)"

Magda, Alma, Lourdes

WORDS of GREETING: District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf

PRAISE

"This Is the Place"

First UMC Chancel Choir

Directed by Jeanette Jenson - Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

We Hear God's Word

WORDS of GREETING: Rev. Gordon Orde

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

MESSAGE

"Honoring the Heritage, Honing the Harmony"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you enter or depart the sanctuary)

✚ DOXOLOGY

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

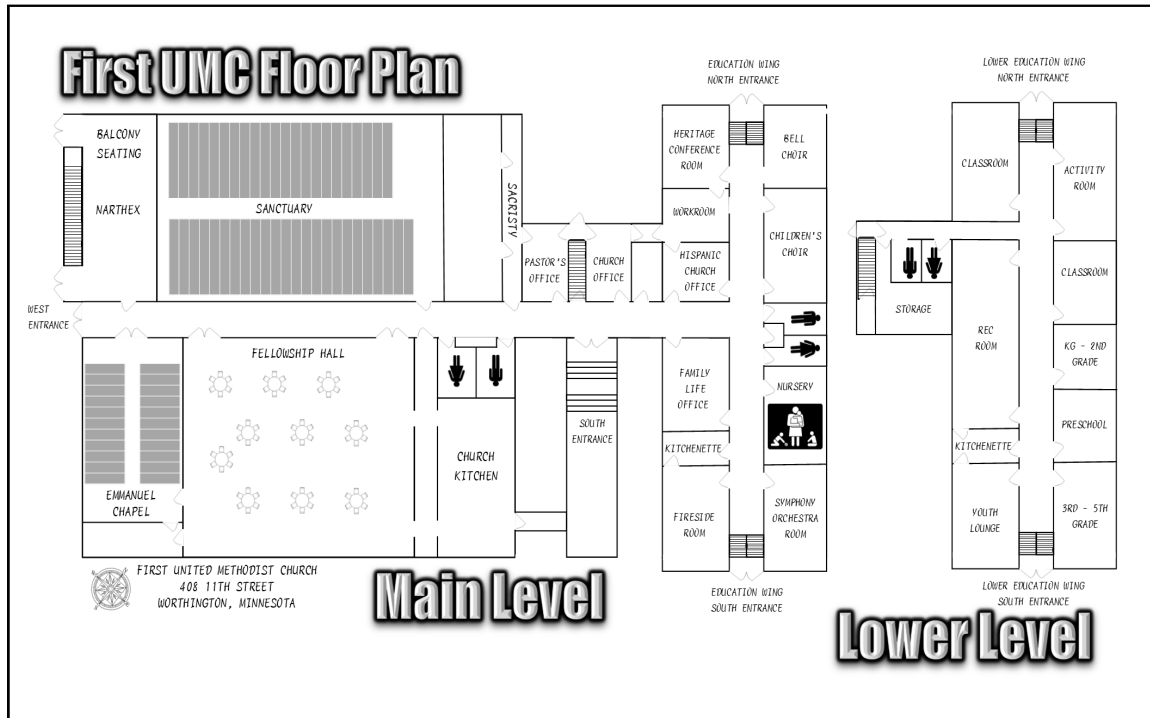
✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE

UMH #344 - *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE



Last Week's Offering \$ 5,576.00

Carry Over Revenue (2022): \$ 31,543.00

Revenue Year to Date: \$ 114,187.78

Expenses Year to Date: \$ 126,724.90

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	272
ADRIAN UMC	40	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	19
FIRST UMC	170	TOTAL	507

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.

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](#)

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[First UMC FaceBook](#)

This Week

SUN	May 21
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am	150 Celebration Fellowship (FH)
9:45 am	All Church Picture (Sanctuary)
10:30 am	150 Celebration Worship @ First
12:00 pm	150 Celebration Dinner / Program
3:30 pm	Piano Recital
MON	May 22
9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Fireside)
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	May 23
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:30 pm	Symphony Orchestra Concert (Memorial Auditorium)
WED	May 24
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
SAT	May 27
11:00 am	Tyler Jaycox Grad Party (Home)
11:00 am	Ivy Jenson Grad Party (FH)
4:00 pm	Jayden Maras Grad Party (FH)
4:00 pm	Jaden Nickel Grad Party (Forbidden Barrel)
SUN	May 28
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

Community Kids' Camp!

This is the last day for kids to register! We can still use a FEW VOLUNTEERS for Kids Camp! Please let Gretchen know if you can come for one evening or four! Several positions are available. Dates are June 5-8, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Apples, carrots, and cookies are needed for the first night of Kids' camp (June 5). Please let Gretchen know if you're willing to bring some. We really need to know ahead, to make sure we're covered.

THANK YOU for your help!!

