

## Happy Birthday!

- 8 Susanne Murphy  
Craig Soderholm
- 9 Hannah Barrie  
Madonna Carlson  
Naomi Hill
- 10 Violet Erlandson
- 11 Cameron Steinle
- 13 Gerald Langendorfer  
Lori Palaschak

## Happy Anniversary!

None to Celebrate this Week

## 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 Gary Hibma  
Bill Carlberg Mike Miller

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 7, 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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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	Lori Nienkerk	<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Jeanette Jensen
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# The 5th of Sunday of EASTER

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:  
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck  
Accompanist: Brenda DeSmith

⚓ Please stand as you are able

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

Christ, the living stone and cornerstone of our faith,  
is building us into spiritual houses and a holy priesthood.  
Let us open ourselves to the master builder.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

## PRAISE

UMH #99 - "My Tribute"

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

Once we were not a people.

**Now we are God's people.**

Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

**Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

⚓ PRAISE

UMH #529 - "How Firm a Foundation"

⚓ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."  
Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual



Saturday, July 8th @ 1:10 pm

C'mon Twins Fans - join with your friends and neighbors from First United Methodist Church in Worthington to watch the Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles. Game day is Saturday, July 8th at 1:10 pm. We are taking a charter bus to make the entire trip enjoyable (**the bus will leave from the front of the church at 8:00 a.m.**). Our reserved seats will be in Section 102 - down the right field line. The total cost for each ticket is \$44.00 per person (bus cost is being supported by the First UMC Foundation).



Sign up before June 1st!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$44.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO FIRST UMC - "TWINS GAME" IN THE MEMO LINE)





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.

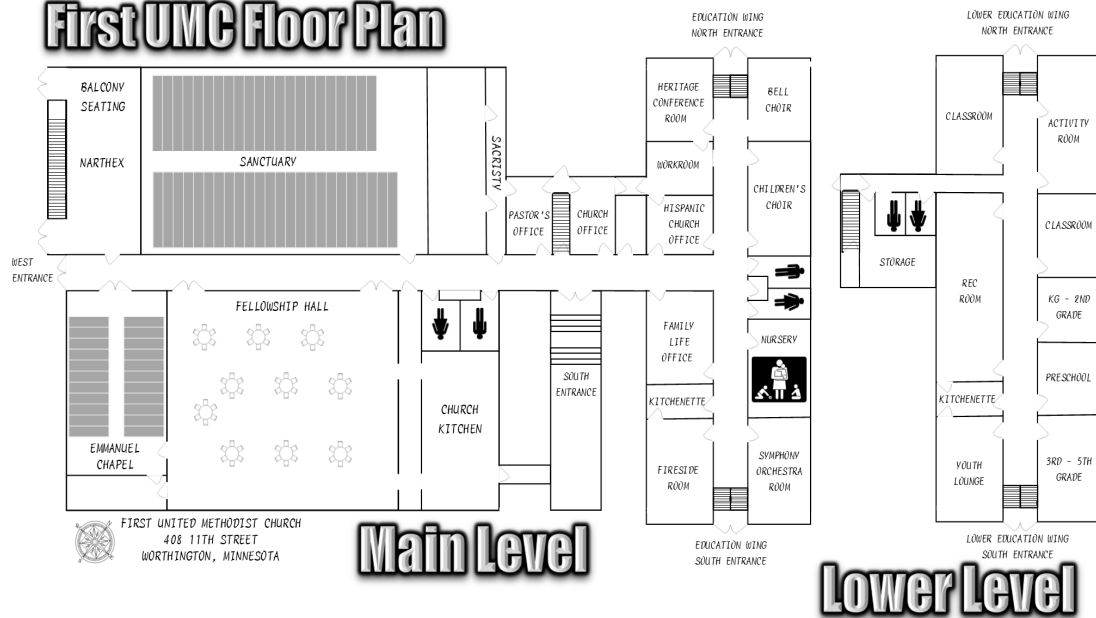
Worship activity bags for children are in the narthex.

### 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!

## First UMC Floor Plan



houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation of our faith. In the name of the master builder and the living stone, we pray. Amen.

### MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

#### PRAISE

*"O God Beyond All Praising"*

Brass Ensemble: Ivy Jenson, Kylie Shirbroun, Quinn Benz, Latton Welch, Jonathan Cristobal, Joechim Cristobal, Dillon Maras

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

We Hear God's Word

#### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

#### MESSAGE

*"Precious Stones"*

We Respond to God's Word

#### COMMUNION HYMN

TFWS #2254 - *"In Remembrance of Me"*

#### HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

When you come forward, please bring your offering and place it in the plates located near the railings.

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

UMH #559 - *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by 1 Peter 2.

<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by 1 Peter 2.

<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Psalm 31, 1 Peter 2 & John 14.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023",  
edited by Mary L. Scifres and B. J. Beu



Last Week's Offering \$ 2,865.00

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

Revenue Year to Date: \$ 101,316.84

Expenses Year to Date: \$ 112,862.70

Thank you for your faithful giving!

*Thank You*

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Field House event such a success! And to all who attended, we were so glad to have you be a part of our fun evening!

## 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!!**





**GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!**

*The Living Stone and a Chosen People*  
**1 Peter 2:2-10 NIV**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him — <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."


<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...**  
© 2003 C.T.A. **PROVERBS 3:5**



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	139
ADRIAN UMC	28	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	20
FIRST UMC	83	TOTAL	270

## 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 on 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).

## 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 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

## 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, 212 10th St., Worthington, MN.

## Baccalaureate for Worthington High School Seniors

The traditional service of Baccalaureate led by graduating high school seniors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at the Worthington High School Main Gymnasium. 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.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah (Ajulo Ochala's daughter) and Agwa (Sarah's cousin) who will graduate from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall on Saturday, May 6th.



# Calling All Cleaners!!!

Tuesday, May 9th starting at 9 a.m., come to the church and help spruce the place up!! Bring a few cleaning supplies if you want, and we'll dust, clean, sweep, mop, wash, and make it shine! A list has been started but if you have a specific issue or location you'd like to see addressed, write it down and bring it along and we'll do as much as we can. A light lunch will be provided. Come when you can and work as long as you can, any and all help appreciated!! We're so passionate about our church that the ladies are giving up their HyVee coffee time!! So guys, come show them you care too! Please come join in the work and the fun!! Everyone is welcome!! THANKS !!



## Prayer Time

Every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Emmanuel Chapel. Please join us if you'd be interested.

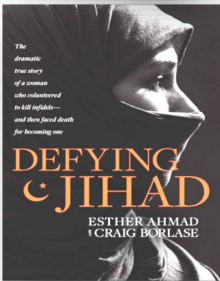
## Women's Summer Bible Study

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!



## 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.

## Care Center Residents:

### The Meadows Memory Care Unit

**First UMC:**  
Ron & 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

<b>SUN</b>	<b>May 7</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First
<b>MON</b>	<b>May 8</b>
9:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Fireside)
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>TUES</b>	<b>May 9</b>
9:00 am	First Church Clean Up Morning!
1:30 pm	Crossroads Worship
2:30 pm	South Shore Worship
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
<b>WED</b>	<b>May 10</b>
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
9:00 am	Stakeholders (Hispanic) on Zoom
11:30 am	Prayer Time (Chapel)
11:30 am	WACMA
5:45 pm	Bells Practice
<b>THURS</b>	<b>May 11</b>
7:00 pm	WASO practice
<b>SUN</b>	<b>May 14</b>
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:30 am	Worship @ First
1:00 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

## Finance Counters Needed

We are in need of counters for the weekly offering. If you are interested please contact the church office as soon as possible.