Happy Birthday!

25 Ben Wieneke

26 Craig Carlson

27 Denise Schlichte

28 Logan Kluever

30 Steve Leach

Happy Anniversary!

29 Dale & Mary VanHorsen

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.

Holly (Bushard) Ailts

Sharon Algood

Carolyn Beerman

Rod & Eunice Behrends

Merle Belz

Scott & Susan Belz

Galen & Sherry Benton

Eldon & Susan Bents

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!

Prayer Corner

See updated prayer list in the Narthex

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Billi (friend of Kari & Claire Meyer)

Melodic Tate (daughter-in-law of Corky & Ginny Tate)

For those dealing with grief and loss…

Giving thanks & praying for:

- Our farmers during this harvest 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…

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

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

let's LOVE one another

First UMC Worthington

Sunday, October 25th, 2026
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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First UMC Worthington

Sunday, October 25th, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mitchem
Song Leader: Elizabeth Bushard
Accompanist: Jolene Kuhl

We are a church where Jesus is known. All are loved, and neighbors are served. The Vision of First UMC Church is to be biblically centered, welcoming to everyone, vibrantly praying, worshiping, serving, and caring for our neighbors.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

TIME OF FOCUS

We Come to Worship God

OPENING HYMN UMH #140 - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The day is winding down, our energy is low, and the wilderness of life feels vast and demanding. We look at the heavy needs of the world, and then we look at ourselves, whispering, "Lord, send them away; we have nothing left to give."

Yet Jesus does not turn the crowds away. He looks upon our empty hands and our tired hearts with perfect, unending compassion.

We bring our small offerings-our meager five loaves of patience and our two small fish of energy. We worry it will never be enough to meet the deep hunger of our families, our neighbors, or our own souls.

But Christ takes what is small, looks up to heaven, and blesses it. In His hands, our scarcity is transformed into a holy feast.

Sermon Notes:



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Packing Party

We will be packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes on Sunday, November 8th at 9:00 A.M. Please plan to join us. Everyone is welcome.

Items for the boxes will be collected through Friday, November 6th. Monetary donations can be given through Sunday, November 15th.

Boxes are available in the narthex if you would like to pack on your own. Please have them returned to the church by Sunday, November 8th so they can be blessed and taken to the collection site.

Thank you for your generosity with this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Come to the table where everyone is invited to sit, rest, and be filled. Come to the sanctuary where broken things are multiplied by grace, and there is always more than enough left over.

We are no longer empty, and we are no longer alone. Let us worship the Lord who sustains us, satisfies us, and overflows in our lives!

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER HYMN #399 - "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(website http;//www.firstumcworthington, com/give)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" Bell Choir
(directed by Brenda DeSmith)

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:10-17 (p.1518)

SERMON "Kindness Campaign –The Power of Multiplication"
Pastor John

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN UMH #569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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:

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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.

Mission Haiti Sunday - November 15

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LOVE JESUS. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

This Week

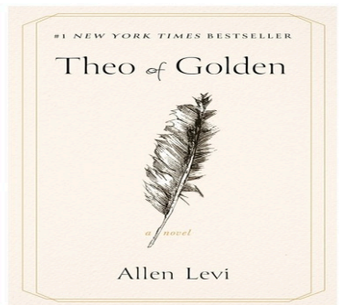
SUN	**October 25**
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @Adrian
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School No Adult Sunday School
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship @First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
MON	**October 26**
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
TUES	**October 27**
9:30 am	Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
7:00 pm	Chamber practice
WED	**October 28**
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast @Blue Line
5:15 pm	Connect Dinner
5:45 pm	Worship
6:00 pm	Programs for all ages
7:00 pm	Bell Practice
THURS	**October 29**
7:00 pm	Waso practice
SUN	**November 1 All Saints Sunday**
6:30 am	Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
9:00 am	Worship @Adrian
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School-Fireside Room
9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship @First
10:30 am	Worship @ First



FIRESIDE BOOK CLUB

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:00P.M. FIRESIDE ROOM.



Friendship Supper

One of everyone's favorite projects is hosting the Friendship Supper for the challenged with Pizza and Bingo on Nov 10th.
So we need Bingo Prizes !! Please start looking for Christmas items, caps, Theatre size candy, stuffed animals, greeting cards, coloring books, gloves, scarves, anything they might enjoy. We serve close to 80 and want them all to be excited about receiving numerous gifts, so please help. Items can be brought to the office or given to Gretchen before Nov. 8th. THANK YOU!!

