

Happy Birthday!

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| 3 Larry Hyink | 6 Claire Meyer |
| Jeanette Jensen | Annika Hietbrink |
| 4 Camron Lenz | Gordon Moore III |
| 6 Melanie Steinle | 9 Brian Soderholm |

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Keith & Margaret Essman

Our Church Family

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.

Kevin Polson
Steve Potts
Ariel & Shelby Rivera
Mary Rydeen
Dale & Mary VanHorsen
Bruce Vortherms & Michelle Bulau & family
Jason & Julie Winselman & family
Linda Lang
Paul & Cheryl Matthies
Kristin Nielsen & Aryah Marsh

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list (on the back of the bulletin), or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office.



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:
Diane Yahnke Anita Carlson

Persons impacted by COVID 19:
Mary Prins
Persons who are long haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:
Glen Crowley
Bruce Boltjes (Gary's brother)
Connie Bramer (Betty Taarud's daughter)
Anthony Tate (Corky & Ginny's grandson)
Laurie Blume
Scott Klooster
Kristi Johnson (Dave/Linda Reese's daughter)
Sheryl (Thelma Yager's sister)...

Makenzie Gist (Nancy Galland's niece)...

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Marlene Wieneke	Tim Yager
Mary Rydeen	Nancy Hyink
Bob Shore	Claribel Grussing
Elaine Mess	Dianne Dalrymple
Henry Mess	Rick Dalrymple
Weston Erlandson	Shellie Williams
Henry Mess	Monica Veil
Phil Glembin	Ajulo Ochala
Ariana Lopez	Casen Hotzler
Aiden Remme	Bill Carlberg
Mike Miller	David Carstensen
Emma Schnyders	Gerald Fisher
Albert Matthiesen	Steve Timmons
Bruce Lease	Ken Bipes
John Clease	Le Ann Donovan

For those dealing with grief and loss...
The family of Arlene Bents
The family of Sally Ann Johnson
The family of Trina Broester
The family of James Krosch

Giving thanks for:

Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

Mistakes of the Past:

Pressing On



Sunday, April 3, 2022
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/>)

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
ACCOMPANIST: Jolene Kuhl
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jeanette Jensen

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Brenda DeSmith
TECH TEAM: Kari & Claire Meyer
CUSTODIANS: Sarah & Chad Nickel

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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Sunday, April 3, 2022
10:30 a.m.

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

⤴ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*All you who journey with Jesus through Lent,
trade your tears for joy, and your past for God's future.
Give your best gifts freely to those who long for God's peace.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2164 - "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter,
and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient, flowing streams.

Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

⤴ PRAISE

UMH #383 - "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

⤴ OPENING PRAYER ³

Walk with us, Spirit of Christ, on this Lenten journey. Show us what to bring with us and what to leave behind. Give us the courage to leave the past behind, that we may see the new things that lie ahead. Then let us pick up our very best gifts in order to give them to others in your name, that our

Easter Offering:

The Missions Team introduces this year's Easter Offering, hoping to distribute the proceeds from that offering equally with the three ministries listed below:

Local Mission - Sharing Seeds: Helping the local effort to feed youth in our local schools through a program hosted by the First Lutheran Church. The Sharing Seeds program packages food for youth to bring them through the weekend, helping families to stretch their dollars throughout the year.

National Mission - Emma Norton Services: a trauma-informed organization that promotes healing and recovery, operating at a scale that brings a full array of resources to women, individuals, and families who have experienced homelessness. Housing and services are exemplary, offered in collaboration with key community partners.

International Mission - English Language Institute of China: Christian based organization teaches Laotian teachers how to teach English in many rural communities in Laos. We will be supporting Linda Doeden, who has been connected to this mission for 24 years.

The joy of reaching out to these ministries with the message of hope and care reflects the hope and care that our beloved Savior has for each of us. Two years ago, your gifts were part of the \$4,355 raised, sending one third to each of the ministries in that year. Please prayerfully consider your special Easter gift this year.

Easter Lilies:

Now is the time to order your Easter Lily in honor of someone special or remembering loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office as soon as you can. Orders must be finalized by Palm Sunday, April 10th. The cost for an Easter Lily is once again \$10.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ In Memory of: _____

_____ # of Lilies @ \$10.00 each *** Amount Enclosed: \$_____

(Make check out to First UMC - Easter Lily in the memo line)

Operation Christmas Child:

We are collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes which will be packed in November. From now until October each month, we will highlight an area that we will be collecting items for that can be packed in the boxes. These items can be brought to the church and put in the collection box in the narthex.



The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls. You will still have the option to pack a box on your own if you wish.

For April, we will be collecting clothing and accessories for boys and girls. Suggestions would be shirts, dresses, flip flops, socks, hats, scarves, mittens or gloves, sunglasses, tote bags, purses, hair accessories (hair bows, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands), underwear and baseball caps. The age groups are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for boys and girls.

Monetary donations will also be accepted which will go toward purchasing additional items for the boxes and also to help with the postage to send the boxes overseas. The Missions Committee thanks you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Manna Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

Needed at Manna Food Pantry - "door greeters" & substitute distribution room volunteers. If interested, please contact Linda at: 507-329-1951.

Worthington Christian School Supper:

The Annual Worthington Christian School Hostess Supper will be on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the meal at 6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. If you would like to attend, please contact Natalie Mulder at 507-295-2995 or Traci Scheepstra at 507-360-6845 to reserve your spot.

lives may be complete, and our hearts may be made whole. In the Spirit and the joy of Christ, our friend, we pray. Amen.

PRAISE "Thy Will Be Done"
Pastor Daren Flinck (soloist), Elizabeth Bushard, Brenda DeSmith, Sally Hibma, Tom Vagt
Brenda DeSmith, Accompanist

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14

MESSAGE "Mistakes of the Past: Pressing On"

We Respond to God's Word

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

✚ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"


✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE UMH #399 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, and John 12.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 126.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, and John 12.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022",
edited by Mary J. Seifres and B.J.



Last Week's Offering:

\$11,842.36

Carry Over Revenue (2021):

\$32,515.90

Year-to-date Revenue:

\$116,184.78

Year-to-date Expenses:

\$73,570.35

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday		
IN PERSON FIRST	58	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	179
IN PERSON ADRIAN	28	TOTAL	265

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Pressing Toward the Goal

Philippians 3:4b-14
New International Version (NIV)

^{4b} If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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Family Life Coordinator Position Open at First Church:

First United Methodist Church is looking for a dynamic, faith-filled person to serve as the full-time Family Life Coordinator. The person will work in coordination with the pastor and the church leadership to meet the faith development needs of all ages and levels of our parishioners.

Specific responsibilities will focus on providing overall leadership for Children's Ministries, Christian growth and direction to team volunteers who are committed to discipling and shepherding children from birth – fifth grade. The Family Life Coordinator also provides overall leadership for Youth Ministry and provide Christian growth and direction to youth, staff, and team of volunteers who are committed to discipling and shepherding youth from sixth – twelve grade. In addition, the Family Life Coordinator provides leadership for family ministry events which include the above groups. Evening and weekend work required.

Previous ministry experience preferred. To fill out a job application and/or to submit a resume, contact the church office (507.372.2939 or email to methodistoffice@gmail.com). Contact James Jenson or Pastor Daren Flinck if you have any questions.

Youth News and Notes:

There will be no Encounter on the following dates: Easter Sunday, April 17 and Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8. Encounter will meet for the last time during this session on Sunday, May 22. This will be a special Encounter night as it takes a break until September.

The Sunday Night Encounter Youth are discussing plans for an event on Sunday, April 24. They are looking into going to Great Shots in Sioux Falls. They have also discussed possibly going on a camping trip this summer and/or to the RiseFest Concert.

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies:

The Night Lights Circle is sponsoring Sunday Afternoon at the Movies! On Sunday, April 3rd starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First UMC, the movie "American Underdog" will have its premiere showing. It's a movie of hope and encouragement for all ages. Come enjoy real movie theatre popcorn, pop/water and candy with friends. It's completely free - again for all age groups! If you need a ride, call Pat at 507-360-1400 and sign up.

Easter Morning at First UMC:

The Night Light Circle will be serving donuts and fresh fruit on Easter Sunday morning, April 17, 2022. Serving will be from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.. All are welcome to join us! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

UMCOR: Helping the Ukraine People...

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Cristo En Tu Ayuda Sunday Bible Study...

Pastor Angel Franco announces that the Hispanic New Church Start is sponsoring a new Hispanic Bible Study, each Sunday at 12:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Chapel at First Church. Of course all are welcome - but it will help if participants can speak Spanish. Many blessings in this early stage of Pastor Angel's ministry to begin a new Hispanic Church in this area! *(Note: Cristo En Tu Ayuda means "Christ at Your Aid")*

Ladies Coffee @ HyVee...

Ladies CoffeeTime meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Hy-Vee. We discuss everything under the sun, updates on concerns and celebrations, and the best recipes are shared. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast Group...

The Men's Breakfast group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Blue Line Cafe. The men discuss shared concerns, solve the problems of the world, pray for one another and make sure the rain gauges are up to speed. All guys are welcome to join us each week!



This Week

SUN

9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:30 am Sunday School @ First
10:30 am Worship @ First
12:30 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda Bible Study
1:30 pm Sunday at the Movies
@ First UMC Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Encounter Youth at Hy-Vee

MON

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast
on WGTN TV3

TUES

9:30 am Ladies Coffee Hour
First UMC @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast
on WGTN TV3

WED

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
5:00 pm Confirmation @ First
5:30 pm Youth @ First
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:15 pm G1 @ Adrian
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

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April 3

April 4

April 5

April 6

April 10 - PALM SUNDAY

Care Center Residents:

South Shore Care Center

First UMC:

Lois Carlberg
Anita Carlson

Good Samaritan Care Center

Windom

First UMC:

LaDee Grant

Mary Jane Brown Center

Adrian UMC:

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Adrian UMC:

Margaret Loger

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. If you have any questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.



Media Tech Ministry Reaches Out:

The ministry of our live stream broadcast has grown into a rather huge deal. A couple from New Mexico contacted us last week, wanting to know how they could give to support the church. Their church had closed and they found our live stream broadcast. As a result, we are their church for the time being. Friends, we could use your help. Our media tech volunteers are stretched to the limit. One or two persons or families would make a huge difference. If you can volunteer and are willing to be trained to take a turn in the monthly rotation, please contact the church office. We are reaching more people than ever before!



First UMC, our nursery has been temporarily closed.
A baby changing station is available in 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!

Our Church App:

Download our free app on your smartphone or iPad. You can see the upcoming church schedule, interact by listening to or watching any previous Sunday messages. We also have our monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins for viewing on the app. You can even give online - it's that easy and secure. You will find the app in the App Store - search for "First United Methodist Church Worthington".

RightNow Media Library:

RightNow Media Library is an online video resource that you can utilize at home right from your computer. Over 10,000 Christian growth and learning videos are available to you - right now! First UMC provides this service at no cost to all of its members and friends to use in their Christian growth and learning. It's like Netflix for Christians. There are sections for every member of the family, including over 3,000 videos for kids - all with a Christian theme and message! Set up your personal account today at no charge! Contact Pastor Daren at the church office - he can help you set up your account to get started!

Online Directory...

First and Adrian Churches have an online church directory, which still has all the features of a printed directory. The directory is accessible to members on computer or other smart devices. The digital version is just like a printed one, with links to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and pictures. The online site allows updating to be done by each member to their own profile! It also has a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. We can easily (and cost-effectively) print an up-to-date directory with all of the normal activity pages we desire. Lastly, it is updatable - almost instantly!

The online directory is safe and secure (all the available protections and practices to safeguard our data). However, you may not be comfortable with having your information in such an online setting, but are okay with having that information printed in a normal church directory. If this is the case, please contact the church office to have your information removed from the online directory.

A handy companion app is available for smartphones or iPads. Phone numbers link directly to immediate dial, addresses link to maps, in addition to many other features we haven't even thought about yet. You can access your version of the online directory today - as stated above, you will need an active email address which has already been connected to your online information. Contact Pastor Daren in the church office for more details or if you are in need of assistance to get connected!

