

## Happy Birthday!

17 Nicolle Donovan      20 Miranda Tripp  
19 Amy Shirbroun      21 Cheryl Homan

## Happy Anniversary!

18 Chad & Sarah Nickel  
20 Kurt & Melissa Geertsema

## 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.

Timothy & Kristine Tripp & family  
Jenola Uden  
Tom & Diane Vagt  
Ron Vogel  
Larry & Jan Heidebrink  
Scott & Dana Heidebrink & family  
Ashley Hendel  
Timothy Kor  
Linda Lang  
Paul & Cheryl Matthies

*On behalf of my mother  
and our family, Sherry and I wish  
to thank you, our church family,  
for your tender love and care  
over these past few months.  
Your expressions of love  
mean a great deal to us.  
Bless all of you.  
- Galen & Sherry Benton*



## PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

David Hibma	Rhoda Flinck
Gary Hibma	Diane Yahnke
Bob Shore	Etta Schroeder

Persons impacted by COVID 19:

Mary Prins	COVID Long-haulers
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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
Nancy Hyink	John Clease
Claribel Grussing	Bruce Lease
Elaine Mess	Dianne Dalrymple
Henry Mess	Rick Dalrymple
Weston Erlandson	Steve Timmons
Monica Veil	Ken Bipes
Phil Glembin	Ajulo Ochala
Ariana Lopez	Casen Hotzler
Aiden Remme	Bill Carlberg
Mike Miller	David Carstensen
Emma Schnyders	Gerald Fisher

Giving thanks & praying for:

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

For those dealing with grief and loss...

The family of Geneva Drachenberg  
(Galen Benton's mother)...

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.



**Sunday, May 15th, 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/>)

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<b>FAMILY LIFE:</b>	<b>Gretchen O'Donnell</b>	<b>TECH TEAM:</b>	<b>Kari Meyer &amp; John Steidle</b>
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# The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER

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Sunday, May 15, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

*Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck*

*Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman*

*⤴ Please stand as you are able*

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

*Each morning we awake to a blank canvass.  
Our God makes all things new!*

## PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We Come to Worship God*

PRAISE *"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"*  
*Kylee Shirbourn*

PRAISE TFWS #2224 - *"Make Us One, Lord"*

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

*As the sun rises in the morning,*

**let all creation worship God.**

*From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,*

**let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,  
for God alone is worthy to be praised.**

*God alone makes all things new.*

**All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.**

⤴ PRAISE UMH #347 - *"Spirit Song"*

## ⤴ OPENING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>

**Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together  
from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ.  
In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see**

## *Graduation Sunday:*

We are so proud of our graduates! Kory & MaKenna Nickel and Abby & Elly Hibma will be graduating from Worthington HS and Ky Ruppert will be graduating from Adrian HS this spring. At First UMC, please join us as we celebrate their high school graduations on Sunday, May 22nd from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First Church. At Adrian, please join us as we celebrate Ky's graduation, right after church on Sunday, May 22nd for a reception at the Fellowship Hall at Adrian Church.



## *Baccalaureate:*

Led by graduating seniors, Baccalaureate is an opportunity for the Class of 2022 to reflect on their growth and achievements before graduation. This Christian send-off ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 25nd @ 7:30 p.m. at the Worthington High School gymnasium and will feature a Praise Band, Student Speakers and refreshments. This ceremony is free and open to the public. All seniors are asked to arrive by 7 pm and should wear their graduation gown and stoles.

## *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 are \$600.00 for the first year, \$800.00 for the 2nd year and \$1,000.00 for the third year. 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.

## *Vacation Bible School:*

Due to lack of volunteers, we will not have a Vacation Bible School program physically at our church this year. We are encouraging all of our youth to join in the program being offered at First Lutheran. We have partnered with them during this last year for Encounter and other events, so your children may already know some of their youth and some of our adults may be helping with the program as well. Here are the details:



The Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School is coming June 12-15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. We will start each evening with dinner and then have TONS of fun learning, singing, making and playing. Also, we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help out, with decoration, meals, stations, or shepherding kids, please contact: Mark at 507-376-6148. Go to [felcwgtm.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://felcwgtm.mycokesburyvbs.com) to register!



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 May, we will be collecting games, activities, and crafts for boys and girls. Suggestions are: coloring books and crayons, picture books, watercolor paint sets, play doh (with cutters and etc), stickers, jump ropes, markers, travel-size games, puzzles (small boxes), chalkboard and chalk, binoculars, craft kits, compasses, gardening kits (with gloves and garden trowel), playing cards, building blocks, tools set (with small tools), fishing kits, sewing kits, kaleidoscopes, marbles. 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.

We Need Celebration of Life Volunteer Coordinators:

One of the most meaningful ministry areas we participate in is this: providing a safe and comforting space for families who have lost loved ones. Celebration of Life coordinators provide a huge sense of comfort and peace of mind for grieving families during their time of loss. These volunteer coordinators work with the family and the funeral home to provide a comforting meal for the family and friends immediately following the service for the celebration of life for their loved one.

We have six persons who are currently helping in this volunteer role - they are doing a fabulous job when called upon. We could use another six to work in pairs with these persons just two months out of each year. Perhaps you may feel called to reach out to families who have lost a loved one by helping in this way. If so, please contact Nancy Galland to volunteer or to ask questions. As Jesus shows us what it means to be a servant, we are called to follow his example by serving others, especially in their time of need.

your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAISE

“Lullaby Prayer”  
First UMC Chancel Choir

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD’S PRAYER

We Hear God’s Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6 & John 13:31-35

MESSAGE

“Search for Tomorrow”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION #33

Peyton Nickel, Sadie Nickel, Spenser Nickel, Kylee Shirkbourn

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

( please place your offering in the plates in the narthex as you depart worship)



DOXOLOGY

UMH #95 - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God



PRAISE

TFWS #2284 - “Joy in the Morning”



THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup> The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Revelation 21.

<sup>2</sup> The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 148 and Revelation 21.

<sup>3</sup> The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 11 and Psalm 148.

All are based on [or taken from] “The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022”, edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu



Last Week’s Offering:	\$1,211.00
Carry Over Revenue (2021):	\$32,515.90
Year-to-date Revenue:	\$142,707.51
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$124,336.31

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday		
IN PERSON FIRST	104	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	227
IN PERSON ADRIAN	18	TOTAL	349



## GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

### *A New Heaven and a New Earth*

Revelation 21:1-6 - New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

### *Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial*

John 13:31-35 - New International Version (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...  
PROVERBS 3:5

## This Week

### SUN

May 15

#### Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am Worship @ Adrian  
9:15 am Confirmation Reception @ First  
10:30 am Worship @ First  
12:30 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda Worship

### MON

May 16

3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast  
on WGTN TV3

### TUES

May 17

9:30 am Ladies Coffee Hour  
First UMC @ Hy-Vee  
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast  
on WGTN TV3  
5:00 pm PSPRC @ First UMC  
7:00 pm Adrian Council on Zoom

### WED

May 18

7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line  
12:00 pm Finance @ First  
4:30 pm Missions @ First  
5:30 pm Youth @ First  
6:15 pm First Council @ First  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### SUN

May 22

#### Graduation Sunday

9:00 am Worship @ Adrian  
9:15 am Graduation Reception @ First  
9:45 am Graduation Reception @ Adrian  
10:30 am Worship @ First  
12:30 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda Worship

### Care Center Residents:

#### Golden Horizons

##### First UMC:

Bob Shore & Etta Schroeder

#### South Shore Care Center

##### First UMC:

Lois Carlberg

#### Good Samaritan 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. For questions about our broadcasts, please contact the church office.

### *Sunday Coffee Fellowship:*

Come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings before church to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and a roll along with some fellowship; we begin at 10:00 A.M. We are looking for persons to help serve on a rotating basis. Please contact Pam Soderholm if you are willing to help.