

Happy Birthday!

22 Savannah Homan	25 Cole Bonsma
23 Mike Johnson	Emma Hietbrink
Nicole Bonsma	26 Christopher Hill
Kelly Kluever	Clara Hietbrink
24 Robyn Silver	27 Kristine Tripp
Ron Vogel	28 Cheryl Matthies
Erin Nickel	Rick Honermann

Happy Anniversary!

25	Chris & Diane Dybevic
28	Roger & Patricia Grimmus
28	Dave & Myra Palmer

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.

Leola Weets
Rick & Kathy Wegner & family
Ben & Marlene Wieneke & family
Tim & Thelma Yager & family
Dave & Cindy Hokeness & family
Ray Hokeness
Willis & Rose Homan
Rick & Diane Honermann
Wayne & Sharon Jones
Timothy Kor
Linda Lang
Paul & Cheryl Matthies

**SIGN UP
NOW!**



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 John Lillie

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 22, 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	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Brenda DeSmith
FAMILY LIFE:	Gretchen O'Donnell	TECH TEAM:	Chad, Kristin, & Tyler Jaycox
ACCOMPANIST:	Carolyn Beerman	FINANCE MANAGER:	Sue Johnson
CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Jeanette Jensen	CUSTODIANS:	Sarah & Chad Nickel

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

- ♦ Church Office Phone >> **507.372.2939**
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- ♦ Office email >> **methodistoffice@gmail.com**

The 6th Sunday of EASTER

Sunday, May 22, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Those who devote their love to God
receive unending love and devotion.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORING SANDI MEAD

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

INSERT - *"Jesus Stand Among Us"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in his name.

Let us offer God our thanks.

The Holy Spirit dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

Let us offer God our praise.

God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

Let us offer God our worship.

✠ PRAISE

UMH #577 - *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving companion, you give your people visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings, and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.

Interested in 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!

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 to register!

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.

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.

Administrative Position @ First United Methodist Church:

First UMC has a part-time position open for someone willing to help the ministry of the congregation by tending to different office and administrative tasks. Duties include general office management, scheduling use of the facility, processing communications and working with social media. The position is posted as Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but those hours can be negotiated. Pay compensation is set beginning at around the \$18.00 per hour range, commensurate with experience level. If you know someone who may be interested in this opportunity, have them contact the church office (507.329.2939 or email: methodistoffice@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

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 June and July we will be collecting WOW items for boys and girls. A WOW item is a bigger gift that is added to box with the other items. Ideas for girls are a baby doll with accessories, Barbie doll, small musical instrument (recorder or harmonica), backpack, stuffed animal. Ideas for boys are a toy truck or car, soccer ball with pump, small musical instrument (recorder or harmonica), backpack, stuffed animal.

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.



Seeking
the Truth



Growing
in God's Wisdom



Serving
All Persons

Administrative Position @ First United Methodist Church:

WHAT: Part-time Administrative Assistant Job Opening

WHERE: First United Methodist Church Worthington MN

WHO: A qualified person willing to join our ministry team

WHEN: How quickly can you get here?

HOW: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. (24 hrs/wk)
Compensation: better than average/hour
Eternal benefits are great!

CONTACT: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck 507.372.2939 or
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CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Abby Hibma, Elly Hibma, Kory Nickel, MaKenna Nickel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAISE

"You Raise Me Up"
First UMC Chancel Choir

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:23-29

MESSAGE

"Spirit Care"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

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

✚ DOXOLOGY

INSERT - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE

UMH #593 - *"Here I Am, Lord"*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by John 14.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Psalm 67, Revelation 21, and John 14.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Acts 16 and John 14.
All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022",
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday		
IN PERSON FIRST	138	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	245
IN PERSON ADRIAN	22	TOTAL	405

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Advocate

John 14:23-29 - New International Version (NIV)

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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

This Week

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
MON	May 23
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
TUES	May 24
	Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud
9:30 am	Ladies Coffee Hour First UMC @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm	Worship Re-Broadcast on WGTN TV3
WED	May 24
	Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line
SUN	May 29 Memorial Sunday
9:00 am	Worship @ Adrian
10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship @ First
10:30 am	Worship @ First
12:30 pm	Cristo En Tu Ayuda Worship

Care Center Residents:

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.



Last Week's Offering:	\$3,490.00
Carry Over Revenue (2021):	\$32,515.90
Year-to-date Revenue:	\$146,348.51
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$125,402.46

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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. Set up your personal account today at no charge! Contact Susan at the church office - she can help you set up your account to get started.

Online Directory...

The official church directory is accessible to members from First and Adrian 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.

We also have a printable option for persons who do not use the internet. We can easily print an up-to-date directory with all of the normal activity pages we desire. You can download this digital Church Directory from the App Store. The only thing you will need is that your email address is already stored in the church directory under your profile.

Contact Pastor Daren for more details or if you'd like a printed copy.

On the Internet...

First UMC has a number of places you can access for information about our church. Our website is found at <http://firstumcworthington.com/>. You can watch each Sunday service as it is streamed online, or take a look at previous Sunday services. You may access the church newsletter or the Sunday bulletins. You can make your financial gift online if you desire. Or you can simply learn more about First UMC.

Check out our FaceBook page, where you can learn about upcoming events and watch the Sunday services live via live stream or catch up on any previous worship services or celebration of life services you may have missed.

Our YouTube Channel also stores the previous live streamed events, including each Sunday's live stream service.

You can also access the same information on our church app (see below), downloadable to your iPhone or iPad from the App Store. The app has all the features of our website in the palm of your hand.

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. 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.



First UMC, our nursery has been temporarily closed.

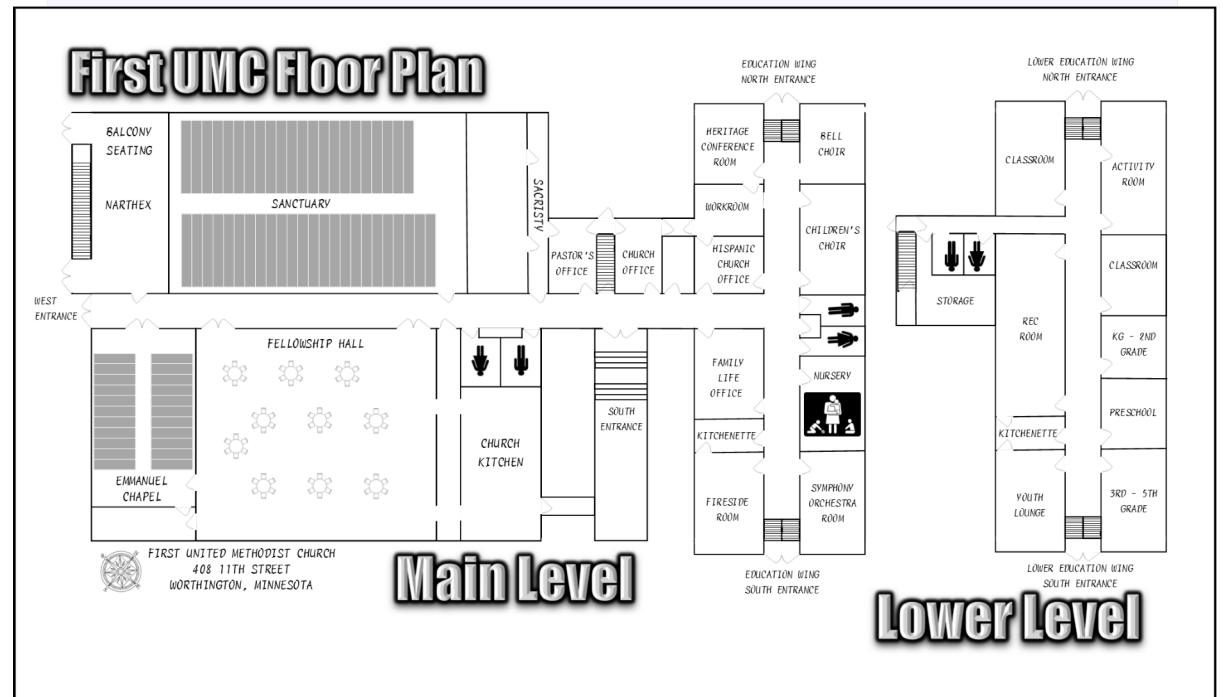
A baby changing station is available in women's restroom located in the education wing.

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!





Here are the highlights from the First UMC Council meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th

Celebrations:

We celebrate the hiring of our new Financial Manager, Sue Johnson. Sue brings a great deal of financial experience to our church and this ten hour a week position. In addition, we are excited to have Gretchen O'Donnell as our Family Life Coordinator. Gretchen's training and experience are well suited for this new position in our church. Gretchen will begin this role by working twenty hours a week. A special "Thank you!" goes out to LeAnn Donovan, Mary Monthei, and Pat Grimmus for getting Gretchen's office all set up (her office is now in the old library). We are also grateful for the trustees who came in and help move some furniture and bookshelves. Lastly, we are truly blessed to have had Lavonne Wolf guiding our financial process for the past three months. Goodness only knows where we would be without her presence. Thank you, LaVonne!

Katherine Gallagher reports that Mobile Meals has concluded. She and Sally Hibma are grateful for everyone who volunteered. Our next turn will be in January.

Confirmation Sunday will be held on the 15th of May. First UMC will welcome Peyton Nickel, Sadie Nickel, Spenser Nickel and Kylee Shirbroun as new members. It has been a joy to meet with them in the past year, says Pastor Daren. In addition, we are extremely grateful for Sherry Benton, who has mentored the group this past year. Thanks, Sherry, for the dedication and love you have shared with this group!

Pastor Angel and Lourdes continue to grow the Hispanic Church. Pastor Angel has been picking up people to bring them to worship on Sunday. Both Lourdes and Angel have been meeting people in the community, connecting through Love INC for persons who might need more assistance.

The Sunday school year is over. The children sang for their mothers on Mother's Day. We honored the teachers who have really been helpful in teaching the kids during this past year. We are also very grateful for each of the musical leaders - Jeanette Jenson (Choir), Brenda (Bell Choir, Choir Accompanist, and Sunday accompanist), Jolene Kuhl (organist) and Carolyn Beerman (Sunday accompanist). We are very fortunate to have had Kari Meyer and her volunteer role of recording our music in this past year. Also a huge "Thanks" to Kari for helping out with Encounter.

The Missions Team reported that the Easter Offering sent \$1906.00 each to Emma Norton ministry, supporting Linda Doeden, and for the Sharing Seeds food share program.

Sunday coffee fellowship has been well received. Thanks to Pam Soderholm for organizing volunteers for this gathering.

Challenges:

Foundation and the trustees report their market funds are taking a hit. The Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee (PSPRC) is seeking a part-time administrative assistant to work in the office Tuesday - Friday for 24 hours a week. If you know someone who might be looking for a part time job, please contact the church office. We are also looking at ways to increase levels of participation on Sunday mornings.

Current Focus:

We are taking Sunday, May 22 to honor our graduates: Abby and Elly Hibma and Kory and MaKenna Nickel will be graduating from Worthington HS and Ky Ruppert will be graduating from Adrian. We have no idea when the new church bus will show up. On Sunday, May 22, we plan on celebrating Sandi Mead's many years of working with our youth. We remind families that this year's VBS (vacation bible school) is being held in conjunction with First Lutheran Church. Missions Team reports that they are looking at the possibilities of donating to The Banquet, missionaries, and the Annual Conference Love Offering. They are also reviewing hosting a Taco Salad Lunch in July, continuing to working on Operation Christmas Child, and participation in the Every Meal ministry.

John Nordell will install an LAN and telephone line in the new Family Life office. Pastor Daren reports that the parsonage bathroom receptacles have been repaired (main bathroom stool has been replaced). We will be working toward September to examine a renewed Wednesday night ministry. Gretchen will make contacts in the church to gather ideas for what people might want to see happen with respect to family ministry. The 150 Year Anniversary Team will be meeting on June 16th @ 10:00 a.m. to discuss ways to celebrate First UMC's 150 year birthday next year. Anyone who is interested can join this meeting at the church. In response to a question about financial audits, Mike Johnson shared that doing an audit would cost the church about \$12,000 range. The finance team felt that we have enough safeguards in place that a full blown audit is not necessary. The council may have someone do a review at the end of the year to see how we are doing.

Cutting Edge Issues:

Item #1: 2021 Year End Financial Update

Ellen reported that while we are in solid financial ground, the heating bill was a huge increase over last year - mainly due to increased natural gas resources. The finance team expressed deep appreciation for everyone's financial dedication to our budget at First Church.

The next council meeting is set for

Wednesday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck