



tidings

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The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, April 6th

- 8:00 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Family Ministry Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lenawee Community Chorus Concert

Monday, April 7th

- 8:30 am Numbers Meeting
- 9:00 am Building Meeting
- 10:30 am Fishes & Loaves Meeting
- 2:00 pm Matter of Balance

Tuesday, April 8th

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Quilters
- 6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 9th

- 9:30 am Alpha Omega
- 5:30 pm WOW Dinner
- 6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Meet

Thursday, April 10th

- 1:00 pm Little Dresses
- 2:00 pm Matter of Balance
- 6:00 pm Lenten Revival Series

Saturday, April 12th

- 8:00 am Cantata Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Eggstravaganza

Sunday, April 13th

- 8:00 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Worship with Cantata
- 10:45 am Family Ministry Meeting

Monday, April 14th

- 12:00 pm Share the Warmth
- 2:00 pm Matter of Balance

Tuesday, April 15th

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Quilters
- 6:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting
- 6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 16th

- 12:00 pm STW & Hot Meals
- 5:30 pm WOW Dinner
- 6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering
- 6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Meet



A Note from Pastor Alice:

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior,

As we continue in this precious season of Lent with our focus on miracles in our midst, we are reminded of all that we don't see happening in the world around us and how often we interpret things through modern day lenses rather than divinely-powerful lenses. "Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief!"

As someone who engages in the work and ministry of this body of Christ every day, I see so many miraculous events around us.

- Fishes and Loaves: Our steering committee is meeting; asking and answering important questions; sending out social media updates; and, planning on a start date in the building at the beginning of May.

-BRIO conversations continue and you will be brought back in shortly with a building tour and discussions on current building usage. Stay tuned for the date and time.

- Two updates on the MOM campaign:

- We have received over 50 pledges at the moment, with \$290,000 pledged and \$86,420 received. We are hoping to receive pledge cards from all of our members/attenders no matter the amount you feel led to contribute. Please help us get to 100 pledge cards received before Pentecost!

- Our first quarterly event to invite the community in for simply a time of sharing is scheduled for May 4th at 6:30pm. We will have Trudy McSorley bringing inspirational stories of the history of Adrian along with the string quartet from the Toledo Symphony Orchestra playing Haydn's "Lark." We will begin with high-end hors d'oeuvres and then move to the sanctuary for this candlelight event.

We intend to do events for the community routinely, just for the goodness of being with our neighbors. This is also your chance to bring others with you. Invite, invite, invite. Share, share, share. We are counting on all of you to make the biggest impact for this worshipping community that recognizes our Miracles on Maple.

Flyers and postcards will be given on Sunday. In the meantime, mark your calendars and start your invitation list.

In the name of our Lord, Jesus.
Rev. Alice

Celebrations in Our Day

This Sunday, April 6th, 2025 Avalynn and Audriana Caldwell will be Baptized during our Worship Services. Let us celebrate this moment in their lives !

United Women in Faith thanks all of you in the congregation who came out to support our fundraiser. On March 15th, We raised over \$700 for future projects and mission support.

Thank you to Sally Watson for providing the delicious lunch. The remaining books went to Goodwill, puzzles to the senior center and jewelry to another church for a project.



Events

Nerf Night

April 5th is our boys night out, Nerf Night. Sign up online following the link on Facebook, or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Make sure to bring your favorite Nerf with you! Contact Lainey with any questions. We are looking to collect large moving boxes in decent shape for our Nerf Night. Please bring them into the church office or you can drop them off to Lainey on Sunday.

Eggstravaganza

Join us for our Easter Eggstravaganza April 12th, at 10:00am. We will have a pancake breakfast, a Journey through Holy Week and end with an Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite all family, friends and neighbors to attend. We are looking for our middle schoolers and high schoolers to help in the morning to hide the eggs for our younger children. If you are available please let Ms. Lainey know. We also need candy donations, please drop off any candy you would like to donate to the Church Office during office hours, or drop off at Ms. Lainey's office.



Lenten Revival Series: join in worship via Zoom for a Lenten Revival Series organized by the Bethel AME Church, which began on March 20th. The service begins at 6PM and will occur every Thursday for 4 weeks, ending on April 10th. Meeting ID: 5172652924

Password: 517265

Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN



MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025
1:00-2:00PM
ADRIAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1245 W. MAPLE AVE., ADRIAN, MI 49221

CALL AHEAD TO RESERVE A SEAT:
AMANDA MARSH @ WELLWISE SERVICES 517-592-1974

Heritage District United Women in Faith

Join the Heritage District United Women in Faith Prayer Brunch, April 5, 2025 9am-12:30pm Saline UMC, 1200 N. Ann Arbor St, Saline, MI 48176 Guest Speaker: Rev Amy Triebwasser "Living Out Your Faith on Purpose" Mission Focus: Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti Please bring Baby Wipes, Diapers, all sizes (4&5 especially needed), and Laundry Soap Bring a Book/Take a Book Table REGISTRATION: \$15, check-in is at 8:30am.

(You may include an additional sheet with more names and multiple checks if necessary.) Check payable to MI Conf UW Faith and include Heritage District in the memo line.

Registrations should be sent to Shirley Carpenter, 8228 Bothwell, Morenci MI 49256, 517-458-7367

email: carps Shirley3@gmail.com Further Information will be distributed in early February. Any questions, please contact Judy Christie at 517-294-3321

Acts of Fellowship in our Community

Outreach Opportunity

As part of our partnership with Lincoln and Michener Elementary Schools, we will be providing lunch for Science Day volunteers on April 3rd and 17th. If you would be willing to provide some of the food for either day, please text or call Nancy Southerland at 517-442-2455.

Communion Opportunity- The Congregational Care committee is offering communion to those members unable to come to church. People who would like to serve as communion stewards, let us know your willingness to bring this sacred gift to them. Please call Connie Benz at 517-442-2959, or email her at scbenz730@aol.com.

Opportunities to Give

Little Food Pantry- Drop off in the Red Box outside of the nursery/ preschool rooms, or in the office. Take what you need and add as you are able.

St. Mary's Food Pantry- This past September, St. Mary's helped 163 families, and 456 individual persons. 174 of those individual people were children. The Pantry also provides toiletries and utility assistance with shut off notices. The needs is great and growing greater by the day, but know that by donating food and supporting St. Mary's, we impact the lives of those in need. Current needs:

Peanut butter, ravioli, cereals for kids, mashed potatoes, eggs and cake kits for families to celebrate birthdays together.

Share the Warmth- Donations of goods as well as volunteers are needed. Top needs are disinfectant, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, printer paper, eggs, whole milk, breakfast bars, coffee, sugar, creamer, non-perishable food items, cereal, bottled paper, frozen meat, Advil/ Tylenol, cold/flu meds, blankets, pillows, twin sheet sheets, and bath towels/ washcloths. Please contact Heather if you able to help with any events at heather@stwlenawee.org or call 734-625-0053.

Pickleball & Pillowcases- "This is a program started right here at FUMC 6 years ago. It came about by accident. my friend who works for the health department received a donation of pillows, I suggested I make some pillowcases for them. The pillows would be handed out during Project Connect, a yearly program that provides resources for low income and homeless adults in Lenawee County. The pillowcases are made mostly here at church by our wonderful sewing group. We are running very low on fabric. We are holding a fabric drive, there is a donation box located in the lobby by the offices. 1 yard of fabric makes one pillowcase, we accept new material or extra you may have in your stash. It should be 100% cotton and this is an adult

program, men and women. We will not turn away Children's fabric but this is a adult program. Monetary donations can be given as well. Thank you so much for your continued support."

-Susan Deemer & Becky Selenko

Prayer Requests & Updates

Please contact the church office with your prayer requests by phone, email or note on your connection card. Prayer requests will be shared with the congregation through the bulletins and Tidings. If the prayer request is private, please note at the time of request.

We also invite you to share your joys and celebrations. Just email the church office. Please know that prayer is our foundation and everything we do is surrounded in prayer.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rhea Stephens, David Morton, Dolores Morton, Carol Houston (Aunt of Scott Morton.) Pat Dunlap, The Great Nephew of Daryl & Carol Moore, Jason Gray (Nephew to Lora Crombez) and Anna Gray (Jason's Daughter) Tom Tarris, The Grandson of Fred Smith, Lenora, "Leni" Green, (friend of David Guldin) Diane Diehm, (cousin of Marty Schoonover) Lynn Wheelock, (sister-in-law of Marty Schoonover) Ingrid, (friend of Kay Allingham) Elisabeth Ross, (daughter of Barbara Ross), Linda Calhoun, Heather (George and Susan Davis), Rose Boyd (sister in law of Tom Odell), Ralph Marsai (brother of Carolyn Siler), Sue Workman, Pamela Powers, Yvonne Raleigh, Greg Dumars, Ruth Barber, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, Vonda Lemon, John Perez (son of former members Joanne and Joe Perez), John Thurman, and Barb Villarreal.

The Hathaway family for the passing of Nancy Hathaway on March 27th, 2025.

Bryan Bowers and his family for the death of his father, Richard Bowers, whose passing was on March 27th, 2025.

The Family of Tom Odell, for the loss of his son, Tom E. Odell, who passed away on March 16th, 2025.

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Ongoing Ministries

HANDICRAFTERS: 6:30 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

GARDENING in the Memorial Garden Tuesdays (weather permitting)
at 9:30 am

QUILTERS: Meet every Tuesday in the Lounge from 10 am - 2 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 7:00 am first Wednesday of month at Family Kitchen

W.O.W. (Wednesdays of Wonder): 5:30 pm -7:30 pm weekly

PRAYER GATHERING: 10:00 am first Thursdays in Room 3

HANDBELL CHOIR: Every Wednesday at 6:45 pm in Room 13

LITTLE DRESSES: Meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm

PUB THEOLOGY: The 4th Thursday of each month at Aubree's @ 5:30pm.

CHORALE: Every Sunday at 8:15 am in Room 18

Please check the online calendar for all information & current updates.

Leadership Board

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The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K. Ford, Senior Pastor