



Adrian First  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# tidings

Sharing God's Love  
since 1830.

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## The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

### Sunday, May 4th

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal  
9:30 am Worship  
7:00 pm Stories & Music by  
Candlelight

### Monday, May 5th

8:30 am Numbers Meeting  
9:00 am Building Meeting

### Tuesday, May 6th

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

### Wednesday, May 7th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast  
5:30 pm WOW Dinner  
6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering  
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 8th

1:00 pm Little Dresses

### Sunday, May 11th

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal  
Mother's Day Noisy Collection  
9:30 am Worship  
10:45 am Confirmation  
10:45 am Family Ministry Meeting

### Monday, May 12th

12:00 am STW  
6:00 pm PEO Annual Fundraiser

### Tuesday, May 13th

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:00 am Quilters  
5:00 pm Outreach Meeting  
6:00 pm Richlyn Manor Meeting  
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 14th

9:30 am Alpha Omega  
5:30 pm WOW Dinner  
6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering  
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

A Note from Pastor Alice:

Blessings, beloved in Christ,

As it's been said, "It takes a village..."

And indeed, it does. There is a vibrant buzz of activity in the church, and if you haven't yet been able to be part of that buzz, there's still and always plenty to do. I want to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude to all who have done and are doing so much. To God be the glory!

On your to-do list is to be sure you are able to be at the church for our Sunday evening event, "Stories and Music by Candlelight," bringing someone or some others with you. There will be inspiring historical stories of some of the well-known people of Adrian; those stories written by me and told by Trudy McSorley. There will be music by the Toledo Symphony string quartet, which includes our own Jillienne Bowers. All of this with one thousand candles. There will be hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Bryan. And Rev. Reese Sharai will be the program host. He and Susan should be on-site around 5pm.

This is, of course, an event for all to enjoy and from which you should feel inspired. Even more, though, it's an event that is geared toward you, all of you bringing others in. We have printed 350 program handbills and the sanctuary can hold 500 people. Invite away!

One other note: it's time to honor our graduates! Please let the office know the names of the class of 2025 grads from your family. Send a photo, the school from which they are graduating, their degree (if applicable) and what they hope to do next.  
Blessings to all,

With grace and peace,  
**Rev. Alice Ford**



## Celebrating Our Community

On April 17th, 2025, The Lenawee Community Foundation held it's annual Celebration at the Adrian Armory Events Center. As Car-ing hearts build strong communities, the foundation celebrated those with profound care, who dedicated their hearts, skills, as-sets and time to bettering the lives of the people around them. In this way, Dr. Stanley and Karen Caine were honored with the Stubnitz Award for demonstrating their exemplary commitment to Lenawee Cares, our community, and volunteerism in Lenawee County.



## Events

### STORIES AND MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT 7PM

HORS D'OEUVRES AT 6:30PM

STORYTELLING WITH TRUDY MCSORLEY  
HAYDN'S "THE LARK" PERFORMED BY THE  
TOLEDO SYMPHONY STRING QUARTET

#### Stories & Music by Candlelight

May 4th, Our doors will open at 5pm (Reese & Susan Sharai should be here then). We will serve hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm, and the program begins at 7pm. Be sure to invite and bring friends and family with you! Come and greet Rev. Reese Sharai, joining us our event host. Enjoy a night of music, history, community, and fellowship. Free to all.

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## United Women in Faith Retreat

Women's Spiritual Gathering "Finding Peace" with Celeste Jaimes, May 3, 2025, in Adrian First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm (doors open at 9:00am) Treat yourself to a morning of peace seeking through teaching, quiet time, ac-tivities, and spiritual fellowship under the leader-ship of Celeste Jaimes. Child care is provided. For questions regarding this event, please contact Sally Powers (517-264-6082)

## Outdoor Clean Up

May 3rd, 12:30-3:30pm Join us for fresh air, fellowship and accomplishment as we clean the outside areas around the church to prepare for our May 4th event.

## Parent's Night Out

May 10th from 5pm-8pm Drop the kiddos off for a night off! Enjoy a few hours of peace and quiet while the kids have dinner and play! We serve dinner around 6pm. We will have our Nerf obstacle set up, outdoor games, indoor games, bracelet making, crafts, and painting and/or coloring stations!



WellWise Services  
Area Agency on Aging

*Connection Café*  
COME MEET PEOPLE  
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN



TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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

## Acts of Fellowship in our Community

### Noisy Collection

On Mother's Day, we will be collecting coins(or paper money) to support Water for Life and our Annual Conference offering. We have jars in the narthex to help you collect your money, and then bring it back on May 11th to make some noise!

### Graduation

Please let the office know the names of the class of 2025 grads from your family. Send a photo, the school from which they are graduating, their degree (if applicable) and what they hope to do next.

## Opportunities to Give

**Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry-** We are seeking helpers for this new ministry of Adrian First. We need help with food items provided, stocking shelves, greeting clients, helping to bag food for clients. Please let the office know of your interest.

**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-** Please continue to bring cereal, eggs and cake kits for families to celebrate birthdays together. Also, we need clean plastic bags and egg cartons. Thanks for your continued support and generosity as the need is greater every day. In April, we served 150 families consisting of 436 individuals, among them 160 children. 22 new families came to our door asking for food.

**Share the Warmth-** Donations of items as well as volunteers are always 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 at [heather@stwlenawee.org](mailto:heather@stwlenawee.org) or call 734-625-0053.

**Pickleball & Pillowcases-** "This is a program started right here at FUMC 6 years ago. 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. 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:

Joe Mesaros, Kay Salzwedel, Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rhea Stephens, David 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) Lynn Wheelock, (sister-in-law of Marty Schoonover) Ingrid, (friend of Kay Allingham) Elisabeth Ross, (daughter of Barbara Ross), 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 Morton Family for the passing of Dolores Houston, aunt of Scott Morton, who passed away on April 17th, 2025.

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#### TIDINGS

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#### Ongoing Ministries

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

**GARDENING :** 930am n the Memorial Garden Tuesdays  
(weather permitting)

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

**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:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm

**PUB THEOLOGY:** 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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#### Staff

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#### Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K. Ford, Senior Pastor