



Adrian First  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# tidings

Sharing God's Love  
since 1830.

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## The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

### Sunday, June 1st

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal  
9:30 am Worship

### Monday, June 2nd

8:30 am Numbers Team  
9:00 am Building Team  
10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

### Tuesday, June 3rd

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

### Wednesday, June 4th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast  
10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry  
5:30 pm WOW Dinner  
6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering  
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Rehearsal

### Friday, June 6th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

### Saturday, June 7th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

### Sunday, June 8th-Pentecost

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal  
9:30 am Worship  
10:45 am Confirmation  
10:45 am Family Ministry Meeting

### Monday, June 9th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry  
12:00 pm STW  
5:00 pm Adrian Majorette Practice

### Tuesday, June 10th

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

### Wednesday, June 11th

9:30 am Alpha Omega  
10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry  
5:30 pm WOW Dinner  
6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering  
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

## A Note from Pastor Alice:

Dear friends in Christ,

We are known in the world by what we do. No matter how good we are in heart and spirit, the world is not inspired by who we are internally. Rather, the world is inspired by the actions we take -- which are based on who we are internally.

As we become bolder with the things we do, we will be able to have more impact on our neighbors and friends. They will see and experience the goodness of God through the things we do.

Your generous spirits continue to lead you toward what church leaders like to call "Holy Boldness." Your generous spirits are, indeed, bold and inspiring!

In 5 months time, you have reached 2/3 of our campaign amount, \$350,000 out of \$500,000. That's quite amazing and inspiring. You have agreed to bring in Fishes and Loaves as part of our ministry and people are being fed from the doors of the church 4 days a week. There are many things to put on this list, but let me just highlight one you may not be aware of.

Because we are living in a time of financial abundance, your leadership teams decided last fall to give more to the annual conference for our Mission Shares than they asked for. The leaders chose to do so because we know that there are many churches operating under scarcity, and we wished to help hold them up when they do not have enough.

Here is the thank you card we recently received from our bishop, Bishop David Bard:

Dear Pastor Alice and friends in Christ  
at First United Methodist Church of  
Adrian,  
Thank you for your abundant  
generosity in paying over your 2024  
requested ministry share amount. Your  
kindness and faithfulness are  
amazing and I am deeply grateful.  
Grace and Peace, Bishop David Bard

Stay bold, stay in love with the Lord, keep growing into the inspiration you are meant to be!

-Reverend Alice K. Ford



## Voices in Our Community

Paul DeLespinasse

### HOW TO CONTINUE TO READ MY COLUMNS

The Adrian Telegram, which has run my commentaries for about 50 years, just told me that they will no longer run them. And they refused to even print an announcement telling readers how to continue reading my columns, which are still coming out in several national publications. If you would like to get a weekly link to my latest column, just email me at [pdeles@proaxis.com](mailto:pdeles@proaxis.com).

Hello Friends. For the past week I have been reviewing the physical recordings of the past Worship services. Between roughly 2007 until 2023, we had made DVD's and CD's of our services and concerts. Thursday, June 5th, I will be setting out the current video archive of services available in Fellowship Hall for anyone to take home. Any discs left in the Hall by the end of the day Friday will be recollected and stored in the library.

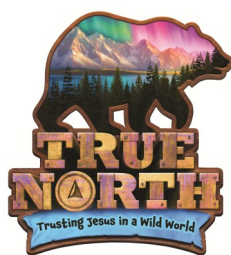
-Conner L.W Raymond

## Events

### Grad Honors

June 8th, 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.

### VBS



Please join us for a VBS planning meeting June 4th at 6:00pm in the Library. If you are interested in helping out at VBS please reach out to Ms. Lainey! We would love to have you! VBS dates are June 16th-June 20th 9:00am-12:00pm. Join us for our True North youth Vacation Bible School! We have sign up for Campers and Volunteers at the Welcome Center. Registration is open now through June 14th! Ask Ms. Lainey if you have any questions or our website for more information!

### Graduation Party

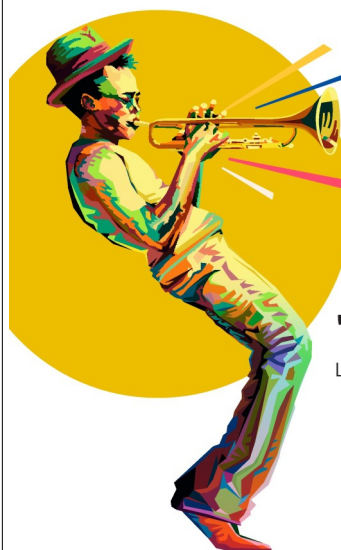
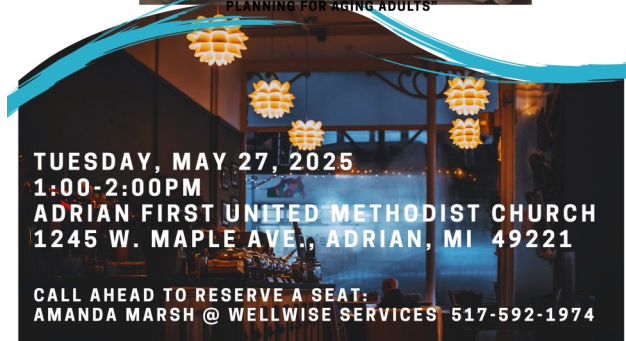
The church family is invited to Will Winckle's High School Graduation Party May 31st, 1-4 p.m. at 817 Lincoln Ave, Adrian, MI 49221. Snacks and dessert will be served. Join us to celebrate William's graduation!



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## THE DIXIE CUPS

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Outdoor summer family  
fun at this concert of  
original jazz music from  
the turn of the 20th  
century.

Join us for this free concert Wednesday, July 16th at 7 pm  
With free ice cream social following the performance!

## Acts of Fellowship in our Community

### Outreach Opportunity

The Adrian Jr Majorettes will be practicing at our church again this summer. The Church provides water and a packaged snack at these practices. We are in need of 2 or 3 more people to be in the rotation of setting up the snack, and providing some hospitality. They practice on Mondays from June 9th until August 25th. Volunteers need to be there from 5:15 until 6:30. If you can help with this ministry, please call or text Sandra Harsh at 517-265-9284.

## 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. We are also seeking donation of a couple of refrigerators.

**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.

**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

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:

Frankie Villarreal, Joe Mesaros, Kay Salz-wedel, 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 Al-lingham) 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.

Melody and Scott Fanslau and their family for the passing of their daughter, Megan Fanslau, who left us on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Prayer Requests & Updates

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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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Sandra Harsh, Outreach

Dawn Matzkows, Kitchen Manager

Marty Schoonover, Hospitality

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Mike Zwolinski, Custodian

#### Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K. Ford, Senior Pastor