



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 15th

9:30 am Worship

### Monday, June 16th

9:00 am VBS

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:00 pm Adrian Jr. Majorette Practice

### Tuesday, June 17th

9:00 am VBS

10:00 am Quilters

6:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

### Wednesday, June 18th

9:00 am VBS

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering

### Thursday, June 19th

9:00 am VBS

### Friday, June 20th

9:00 am VBS

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

12:00 pm All Church Picnic

### Saturday, June 21st

1:00 pm Memorial Service of Megan Smith



### Sunday, June 22nd

9:30 am Worship

### Monday, June 23rd

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

1:00 pm Connection Cafe

5:00 pm Adrian Majorette Practice

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

### Tuesday, June 24th

9:00 am Staff Meeting

0:00 am Quilters

### Wednesday, June 25th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

## A Note from Pastor Alice:

Dear beloved in Christ,



As we turn the final pages of another program year, I am filled with gratitude for many things: for the laughter echoing through our hallways, the prayers whispered from pews, the meals shared, the lessons taught, and the love shown again and again in small and mighty ways.

This past year, we have done a lot. Sunday School classes grew in both number and noise. Choir robes were donned with joy. We confirmed young believers, welcomed new members, and even found the courage to fix that one leaking radiator (praise be!). We told stories that made us cry, sang hymns that made us brave, and passed the peace with cookies in our hands. You showed up. Again and again. Thank you.

And now—summer. The rhythm shifts, but the music continues. It's tempting to think of the church as a school with semesters and breaks, but I promise you: the Spirit doesn't follow a calendar. The work of God's kingdom is unceasing—and thankfully, it's work made for sandals, sunglasses, and picnic tables. The church never closes. The doors may swing a little easier in the breeze, but they stay open. The holy work continues—in ice cream lines, at outside barbecues, on playground swings, and yes, even in the sanctuary.

So rest, yes. Breathe. Let your soul stretch out a little in the sun. But don't disappear. We still need you here: your voice in worship, your presence in prayer, your hands in service, and your laughter in the hallway. Come as you are. Shorts and flip-flops welcome. Sunscreen optional, joy essential.

This summer, let's practice the sacred art of slower faith: unhurried, present, full of wonder.

See you Sunday (and maybe on the lake, too),

-Reverend Alice K. Ford

## Voices in Our Community

### Ministry Shares (formerly Apportionments)

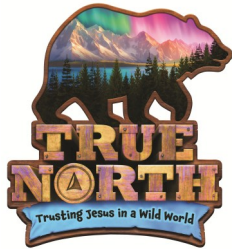
Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have paid 100% of our annual Ministry Shares to the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

At the recent Michigan Annual Conference (MAC) it was noted that through the first five months of the year, the MAC had only received 26% of the budgeted Ministry Shares contributions. Because of our parishioners tithing, we were able to send 100% of our \$39,820 budgeted Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares help pay for the operations of the Michigan Conference, as well as global outreach and ministry programs. Thanks to each of you for continuing to support the church, its' ministry and outreach – locally, nationally and globally!

-Bryan Bowers

## Events

### VBS



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!

### All Church Picnic:

June 20th, at Noon. After VBS, we will hold our All church Picnic! Bring a dish! Bring a friend! Please call or email the Church Office to designate what dish you are bringing to the picnic by June 16th.



ADRIAN FIRST UNITED  
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MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS

## THE DIXIE CUPS

Lenawee County's only Dixieland Band

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

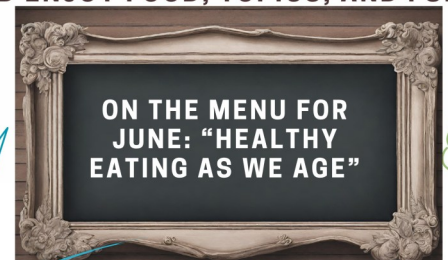
Join us for this free concert Wednesday, July 16th at 7 pm  
With free ice cream social following the performance!



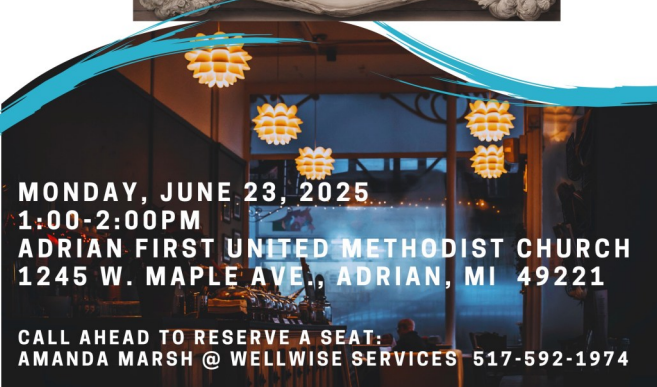
WellWise Services  
Area Agency on Aging

## Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE  
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN



ON THE MENU FOR  
JUNE: "HEALTHY  
EATING AS WE AGE"



MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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

### 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

## 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:

Christopher Jackson, Kay Salzwedel, Jaime (Cheryll Leonard's Niece) Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rhea Stephens, Aaron Reeves, Rev. David Morton, 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), 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 on the passing of their daughter, Megan Smith, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Mesaros-Winkles Family, for the passing of Joe Mesaros, on June 1st, 2025.

The Families Butchart & VanNieuwenhze, on the passing of Nancy VanNieuwenhze on May 31st, 2025.

Jim Leonard & his family on the passing of his sister, Linda Marvin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Barb Villarreal and her family for the passing of Frankie Villarreal on June 1st 2025.

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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

Kay Allingham

Bill Bachman

Gerry Burg

Barb Foor

Sandra Harsh, Lay Delegate

Matthew Herr, Chair

Christine MacNaughton

Christy Mesaros-Winckles

Scott Morton

Sally Powers, Lay Leader

Janet Salzwedel

#### Team Leads

Connie Benz, Congregational Care

Cheri Easler, Family Ministry

Sandra Harsh, Outreach

Dawn Matzkows, Kitchen Manager

Marty Schoonover, Hospitality

#### Staff

Steve Antalek, Wesley Chorale Dir.

Bryan Bowers, Treasurer

Lainey Caldwell, Dir. of Children & Family Ministries

Amy Deline, Financial Secretary

Rev. Linda Farley, Dir. of Children's Music

Kristina Kidney, Worship Video Ministry

Laura Langley, Organist/Keyboardist

Conner Raymond, Office/Communications Manager

Howard Stuke, Dir. of Bell Choir

Mike Zwolinski, Custodian

#### Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K. Ford, Senior Pastor