



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 29th

9:30 am Worship

### Monday, June 30th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:00 pm Adrian Jr. Majorette Practice

### Tuesday, July 1st

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Quilters

### Wednesday, July 2nd

7:00 am Men's Breakfast

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

6:15 pm Communal Prayer Gathering

### Thursday, July 3rd

Church Office Closed

10:00 am Prayer Gathering

### Friday, July 4th -Independence Day

Church Office Closed

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry



### Sunday, July 6th

9:30 am Worship

### Monday, July 7th

8:30 am Numbers Team

9:00 am Building Team

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:00 pm Adrian Majorette Practice

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

### Tuesday, July 8th

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Quilters

### Wednesday, July 9th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

## A Note from Pastor Alice:



Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We give thanks and glory to God for the wonderful VBS program held last week under the superb direction of Ms. Lainey Caldwell! As always, children help us to see with beginner eyes and hearts, which is always the best way to approach the Lord.

Whatever is going on in your life this day or this season, may you join in the refrain: "Trust Jesus!"

As we move into other faithful activities for the summer, please spend time reviewing the opportunities being offered by our capable Outreach Team, led by Ms. Sandra Harsh. These activities are open to people of all ages!

As the Fourth of July approaches, many of us will take a moment to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy—the freedom to speak, to gather, to worship. These are real and precious gifts. But as people of faith, we're reminded that freedom, while important, is not the finish line. It's the starting point.

Paul writes in Galatians 5:13, "You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants of one another." In other words, our freedom isn't meant to lead us into isolation or self-interest—it's meant to open us up. To draw us deeper into love, into connection, into the kind of life that reflects the heart of Christ.

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22:36–40). That's the real calling. So while we celebrate our national freedoms, let's remember what our freedom is for: to heal, to serve, to build bridges, to make space at the table for someone else.

See you at church!

Blessings,  
Rev. Alice

## Helping Hands and Lifelong Memories

VBS wrapped up on Friday with a delicious potluck picnic! I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make VBS such a success! From donations, to volunteers, to our youth stepping into volunteer roles. We could never pull off VBS without each and every one of you! As we wrap up another year of VBS, we look ahead to next year. We will be adventuring to the rainforest with Rainforest Falls! See you in June.

-Lainey Caldwell

## Events



ADRIAN FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
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!

We will have WOW Dinner at 6pm that night, with  
ice cream being served before the concert as well!



WellWise Services  
Area Agency on Aging

## Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE  
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN

ON THE MENU FOR  
JULY:  
"EXPLORING ART"



MONDAY, JULY 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



**Nursery Opportunity:** We are seeking assistance  
with our Nursery during Worship services through  
August into September. If you are interested,  
please reach out to Lainey Caldwell at 517-215-  
2507.

## AFUMC Outreach in Our Community

Our Outreach Team has several activities planned for the month of July, and we would love for more members of the congregation to join us! If you are interested, please either call or text Sandra Harsh at 517-265-9284. These are great opportunities to grow in your faith while serving others.

**July 4th Downtown Fireworks:** We will be meeting in front of the Armory at 9 pm to distribute glow wands to kids. They will have a message from our church attached to each wand. After distribution, you can stay to enjoy the fireworks display.

**Cass Community Social Services:** We are going to Cass for a day long service trip on Wednesday, July 30th. We will meet at 7:30 am at church and then carpool to Detroit. We will return at approximately 5:30 pm. Our group will likely be assigned to two project areas and it promises to be a rewarding and educational experience for all!

**Migrant Dinners:** Along with St. Mary's outreach program, we will be providing 3 meals this summer on Wednesdays 7/16, 8/20, and 9/17. We will meet at our church at 6:30 to pick up the food, carpool over to St Mary's, and then out to the farm in Deerfield. These will likely be late nights, but a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with our migrant workers. These are great opportunities to grow in your faith while serving others.

**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.

## 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-** We will be participating again with Meijer Simply Give Program running from Sunday June 29 to Saturday September 27. The cards will be available at the parish office and front and back of the church and at Meijer check out. Our Double match days are Saturday August 13 and Saturday September 13. Your purchase of \$10 card will be matched by Meijer and returned to us as \$30 donation on those 2 days. Otherwise, \$20 donation for the rest of the days. Please support St Mary's Food Pantry. Thanks for all who participate and for your support and generosity.

**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 or call 734-625-0053.

## 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, Rev. David Morton, Jason Gray (Nephew to Lora Crombez) and Anna Gray (Jason's Daughter) Tom Tarris, The Grandson of Fred Smith, Lynn Wheelock, (sister-in-law of Marty Schoonover), 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 Thurman, and Barb Villarreal.

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

Barbara Ross & her Family on the passing of Elisabeth Ross, her daughter, on June 21st, 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

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#### Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K. Ford, Senior Pastor