



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharing God's Love
since 1830.

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The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, Aug 24th

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

Monday, Aug 25th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry
1:00 pm Connection Cafe
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, Aug 26th

9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Quilters

Wednesday, Aug 27th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry
6:00 pm WOW Dinner

Thursday, Aug 28th

1:00 pm Little Dresses

Friday, Aug 29th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry



Sunday, Aug 31st

9:30 am Worship

Monday, Sept 1st

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

Tuesday, Sept 2nd

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

Wednesday, Sept 3rd

7:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry
5:30 pm WOW Dinner



A Note from Pastor Alice:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

The building is busy, humming with the sound of the Holy Spirit at work in and through the people of Adrian FUMC.

Four days of every week, our Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry is open and serving those in our community who live every day with food insecurities. We are grateful for Janet Salzwedel and the growing group of AFUMC volunteers who are stepping in to provide food, care and hospitality to our guests each week.

This past week, the Muller Organ Company was in the building carefully removing the pipes and console of the pipe organ. These parts of the organ have been taken back to their facility where they will be restored. In a few months time, they will come back and reinstall the organ, bringing solid state components as an enhanced and improved console, with all the requested parts working again. That's exciting news.



Also, this week, a group of smiling, loving, caring volunteers went to the migrant camp we are supporting. One Wednesday a month, it's our turn to bring the food, love and fellowship to the hard-working men who come for work and provide us with badly needed helping hands. Thank you to Sandra Harsh for her oversight to this work and all those who volunteer.

If you are not yet volunteering for any of our growing ministries, reach out to me or Sandra or Janet. We will love to help you find that place where your passion and joy meets the needs of our community.

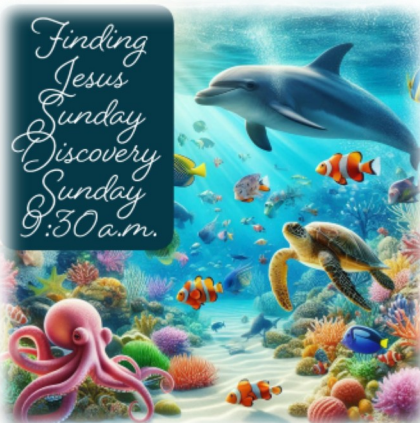
Blessings to all,

Rev. Alice Ford

Wesley Chorale Potluck

The Wesley Chorale is excited to begin the 2025-26 season! We will have a potluck on Saturday, September 6th at 5:30. Bring your significant other and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Steve will be grilling hamburgers, so please bring a dish to pass. Following dinner and socializing, we will rehearse a few musical selections to begin our fall season. If you love singing and would like to check this out, please join us. Please direct questions to Laura Langley at laura.langley71@gmail.com

Events



Sunday Discovery: With our summer winding down we will be finishing our Finding Jesus series as we venture into the fall. These have been such fun lessons using a different sea creature every week to tie into our Bible story and message. It has reminded a lot of the students of VBS and having a new Bible buddy every week.

We invite all children to join us every Sunday right after the Children's Message in Room 14!

Family Ministry Events: Our program year kick off is quickly approaching and the Family Ministry team has been hard at work to start up some of your favorite events of the school year! We will be hosting a sample of our Game Night during our All Church Picnic on September 14th right after worship. Once eating has ended we will have several outdoor activities set up in the lawn (Weather permitting) Parents Night Out is also back, September 27th, 5:00-8:00pm. We will be at the Children's Education end of the building over by the playground. We have a volunteer sign up, and paper registration form copies at the Welcome Desk. There is also an online registration form posted on our website and Facebook. Any questions please reach out to Ms. Lainey.

Save the date: Trick or Trunk, October 25th 5:00-6:00pm. We will have a trunk sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Adult Bible Study: Join us for a discussion-based class that uses the official UMC quarterly materials. This fall, our theme is "Struggle, Perseverance, and Hope." We will explore the lives of Hebrew women who faithfully followed God, the prophet Jeremiah's commitment to God's will, and the final New Testament epistles' advice on Christian living for the early church. Study Discussions will begin after Worship services at 11am, starting on September 14th. Reach out to Christy Mesaros-Winckles or Carl Harsh for more information.

WellWise Services
Area Agency on Aging

Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN

ON THE MENU FOR
AUGUST:
"SELF-DEFENSE &
SAFETY AWARENESS"

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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

Midwest Mission: Our Little Dresses group needs donations of flannel in 2 yard Increments, preferably with no camo or bug patterns, as these will be made into diapers, and layettes and then donated to the Midwest Mission, reaching children in impoverished countries the world over. Please drop off donations to the display near the Church Office or the Church office . See the Display!



Seekers: Classes will be exploring the book, "Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World". It is written by Rev. Jacqui Lewis, the first Black senior minister at the multicultural Middle Church in Manhattan founded in 1628. "With the goal of mending our inextricable human connection, Fierce Love is a manifesto for all generations: a big-hearted, healing antidote to our rancorous culture." Seekers meets every Sunday at 10:45 in the lounge. Enough time to grab a cup of coffee or tea, something sweet and bring it to class. You can purchase the book in hardcover or paperback format. We will begin class on Sept. 7th.

Any questions, please contact Jan Murley: janicemurley@gmail.com.

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.

Adrian Community Preschool is in need of volunteer cooks for breakfast and lunch for this school year. The cooks prepare simple, nutritious meals for the students and then clean up afterwards. It takes about an hour and a half once a month, or more often if you would like. Please contact Cheri Easler at 517-260-2745 or call the school at 517-263-8676 if you are interested.

Lenawee PRIDE: The Outreach Team will be passing out candy Hugs again this year. If you would like to join us, we are meeting at the Farmers Market Pavillion at 5 pm on Saturday, September 6th. We will walk around passing out the candy and share some love with the event participants. The event runs from 3-8pm if you would like to attend at an earlier time.

Artalicious: We are sponsoring a booth again at Non-Profit Row on Saturday, September 20th 11am- 7pm. We need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts to help children decorate a quilt square which will be assembled into a mural. A sign up sheet will be at the Welcome desk.

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. We are also seeking donations of empty Egg Cartons to store fresh farm eggs currently being donated to us at Fishes and Loaves by local farmers. A container with a sign has be set in the Church Office Foyer outside Fellowship Hall for this purpose.

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 16th 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 734-625-005.

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:

Lorenzo, Sara (friend of Kay Allingham) Ann Guldin, Latrice, Jayce & Zaniyah McKellar, Christopher Jackson, Jaime (Cheryll Leonard's Niece) Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, 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, Yvonne Raleigh, Greg Dumars, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, Vonda Lemmon, John Thurman, and Barb Villarreal.

The Gonser Family for the Passing on Dawn Elaine Stornant on July 30th, 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.

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The Congregation!

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