



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

Saturday, Sept 20th

11:00 am Artalicious

Sunday, Sept 21st

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet

9:30 am Worship

Monday, Sept 22nd

1:00 pm Connection Cafe

1:00 pm Congregational Care Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 23rd

10:00 am Quilters

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, Sept 24th

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sept 25th

1:00 pm Little Dresses

5:30 pm Pub Theology



Saturday, Sept 27th

1:00 pm Jean Pfister Birthday Party

5:00 pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, Sept 28th

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet

9:30 am Worship

Tuesday, Sept 30th

10:00 am Quilters

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, Oct 1st

7:00 am Men's Breakfast

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Meet



A Note from Pastor Alice, and Conner Raymond:

Hello Friends,

We are in the peak time of Harvest, where the months of preparation and when we, as a community get to enjoy the bounty found in Fellowship and Faith. We embrace to our Mission statement of "Welcome All, Love Deeply, Serve Boldly" so wholly and holy that it warrants thanks to everyone who has shown up to be workers in the field for God.

Thank you to Sandra Harsh, Jan Murley, Dawn Matzkows, and Bryan Bowers for directing the great abundance of food to our Migrant Food Ministry, our contributions to Share the Warmth, and WOW Dinners. They and their respective teams Welcome All and make sure none go away hungry.

Thank you to everyone in Adult and Youth education who are so full of love that they make it their weekly commitment to share it with others, fostering growth after Worship and during the week. Those leaders who guide Seekers, Adult Bible Studies, and Pentecost People, we thank you for your hearts and your minds settlement in fostering that growth in others. And to Rich and Char Wilkins, Sally Powers: Thank you for helping with the new Mural of our Mission Statement. Love is a thing seldom measured, but to describe it, I would say we have hearts that Love Deeply.

Thank you to The Wesley Chorale Choir, the Sunday Leadership team, Lainey Caldwell and Ally Szymanski for serving with profound purpose every Sunday. Thank you to our Building Team for leading our campus to grow stronger with the recent plaster work in the Sanctuary. Thank you to Janet Salzwedel and all of the Volunteers who have given their time to provide for the community through us with Fishes and Loaves. All deeds, great and small, tell how we, as church, as a community, and as a family, Serve Boldly.

Thank you all for holding this mission in your heart.

Warmly,
Rev. Alice K. Ford & Conner Raymond

The Jungle is No Place for a Boy!

Congratulations to Katherine Herr on being cast as the Panther Bagheera in the TYT Jungle Book ! The show opens at the TCA October 4th and 5th!

Thank you to everyone who provided side dishes at our All Church Picnic and came to play games for the Kickoff this past Sunday!



Events

Parents Night Out : September 27th, 5:00-8:00pm. We will be on the playground side of the building. Our theme is Luau, come ready to eat, enjoy games and crafts! We are looking for volunteers to help with activities and also a kitchen crew! If you are interested please contact Ms. Lainey. There are paper registration forms on the Welcome Desk or you can visit our website or Facebook page to find our online registration link.

Trick or Trunk.: October 26th 5:00-6:00pm. We will have a trunk sign up at the Welcome Desk. Save the Date!

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." Study Discussions will begin after Worship services at 11am,



FALL PREVENTION EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10TH, 12-1PM
WellWise Services
107 Chicago St., Brooklyn, MI

MONDAY, SEPT. 15TH, 1-2PM
Jackson Co. Department on Aging
1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 10-11AM
Clinton Senior Center - UCC Church
300 Tecumseh Rd., Clinton, MI

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17TH, 1-2 PM
Hillsdale County Senior Services Ctr.
320 W. Bacon St., Hillsdale, MI

MONDAY, SEPT. 22ND, 1-2 PM
Adrian First United Methodist Church
1245 W. Maple Ave., Adrian, MI



Stop in to learn!

FALL PREVENTION

Are you concerned about Falling?
Let us help your balance!

- ✓ Learn how to get up from a fall & how to fall with as little injury possible.
- ✓ Learn how to assist someone else who has balance challenges.
- ✓ See demonstrations by Physical Therapists on appropriately sizing and using your walker and cane
- ✓ Learn how to reduce fall risk through medication management and home safety measures you can take
- ✓ Free resources and consultations with Options Counselors for home safety recommendations, assistive technology, and other services to help you manage.

Receive recommendations to make adjustments to your cane or walker by a Physical Therapist

www.WellWiseServices.org
517-592-1974



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HENRY FORD HEALTH

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. "We will begin class on Sept. 7th. Any questions, please contact Jan Murley: janicemurley@gmail.com.

Pentecost People: transformed by the Holy Spirit is an 8-week Study created by the Bishops of the United Methodist Church. What is God calling us as congregations of The United Methodist Church to be at this time in history? Those interested in this study will meet in the Lounge, Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm, starting September 17. You can find the study materials at this website: <https://tinyurl.com/3kbckwnw> Printed versions of the readings and discussion questions will also be available. We will start each session with an 11-minute video of a Bishop introducing the theme of the week to be followed by discussion. This study will be facilitated by Janet Salzwedel who can be

AFUMC Outreach in Our Community

starting on September 14th. Reach out to Christy Mesaros-Winckles or Carl Harsh for more information.

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 Easter at 517-260-2745 or call the school at 517-263-8676 if you are interested.

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,

Prayer Requests & Updates

and bath towels/ washcloths. Please contact Heather at heather@stwlenawee.org or call 734-625-005.

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.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Gene Sell (brother in Law to George and Susan Davis), Lorenzo, Sara (friend of Kay Allingham), Latrice, Jayce & Zaniyah McKellar, Christopher Jackson, Jaime (Cheryll Leonard's Niece) Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rev. David Morton, 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) Yvonne Raleigh, Greg Dumars, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, Vonda Lemon, John Thurman, and Barb Villarreal.



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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.

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The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K Ford, Senior Pastor