



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, November 2nd

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am Missionary Brunch Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 4th

10:00 am Quilters
6:00 pm Adrian Cross Country Banquet
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 5th

7:00 am Men's Breakfast
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm WOW Dinner
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6th

10:00 am Prayer Gathering
6:00 pm Catherine Cobb Heroes
Celebration



Sunday, November 9th

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Family Ministry Team Meeting
11:00 am Town Hall

Monday, November 10th

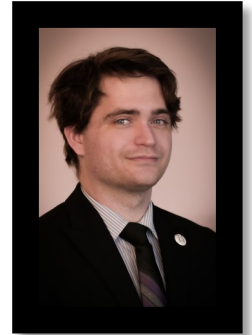
1:00 pm STW
6:30 pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, November 11th (OFFICE CLOSED)

10:00 am Quilters
5:00 pm First Presbyterian Elders
and Deacons Retreat
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 12th

9:00 am Alpha Omega
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm WOW Dinner
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm LCC Rehearsal



Hello Friends,

The leaves have changed their colors, and at long last, fall is here with us. It has been a busy time in our Church. My thanks goes to Sandra Harsh and Mitsy Mentzer for the coordination and dedication we have from our Outreach group while hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive. We had 23 donors who came in and provided 25 units of blood. Our community, our actions as hosts have made impacts that saves lives. I thank both Sandra and Mitsy again for the hosting and organizing of the United Way Health Check, in which we had more than 100 people visit us for health screenings and bloodwork, this again improves the lives of the people around us, and making a difference in the beautiful way Serving Boldly does, with service only possible with our Outreach Team, our volunteers, and the love in our hearts.

Our Community and Children's events have been booming with joy and contagious laughter! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered with the recent Family Fun Night, Halloween Parent's Night Out, and Trick or Trunk. Bryan, Lainey, and Ally organized events that have only been possible through the Deep Love of everyone who volunteered their time, effort and candy bags to making sure our children and our neighbors children have a Halloween full of fun and apple cider!

Looking forward, we have a bustling calendar for the rest of the year. The United Women In Faith Holiday Auction, the Cinderella Matinee, and the Harvest Festival, just to name a few before we settle in for Thanksgiving.

With all this fresh in our eyes, let us carry it into our hearts: We've made strides to serve our community, we open our arms and with our fellowship, we continue to Welcome All, Serve Deeply, and Love Boldly. Let the mission invite you, call to you, to lead in services where you can, and join our love together to stay warm as the world grows a little colder.

-Conner L.W Raymond

Food Ministries at Adrian First

Over the past five years, Adrian First has had a growing Food Ministry that provides cooked meals for a variety of different groups and raw food products for those with food insecurities. These are our Food Ministry programs offered in 2025 in the order they were started at Adrian First.

Homebound Frozen Meal Program – we produce frozen meals for our homebound parishioners, as well as some people referred to us by other care organizations in the area and then deliver them to their homes. When we started the W.O.W. meals, we added the delivery of a complete hot meal once a month in addition to the freezer meals provided. The Quiche Project was begun to help fund this program so it would not impact on the church's general budget.

W.O.W. Dinner – we hold a fellowship dinner experience every Wednesday at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall that includes an entrée, starch, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage for \$7.00 per person. Leftovers from these meals are used to produce freezer meals, as well as occasionally providing food to the Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Center residents.

Share the Warmth Monthly Meals – Adrian First supplies two meals for 70 people twice a month. One of the monthly meals is coordinated with the W.O.W. Dinner and the other is produced exclusively for the residents of the Share the Warmth shelter

Migrant Farm Worker Meal – joining with St. Mary's Church, Adrian First provides one meal per month during the late summer and fall for approximately 75 migrant workers as a part of our out-reach program.

Missionary Fund Raising Event: November 2nd, United Women of Faith and the Outreach Team are hosting a brunch after church. We will be accepting donations to support missionary Princess M Jusu. She is serving in Liberia as an instructor at the United Methodist Women's Leadership Training Center. Here she teaches skills such as tailoring, tie-dying, how to knit, and home economics to women and girls who have dropped out of school for various reasons. Please join us for a delicious brunch and help support her important mission.

Broadway Book Club Youth Edition: Around the World with Cinderella: Today November 2nd, at 2:30pm, in Farver's at the Croswell. Featuring a fairytale snack table, everyone will enjoy this fun afternoon! We'll hear two Cinderella stories from around the world, plus welcome a special guest reader from the Croswell's cast of Cinderella. Every child who attends will get a new book to take home! Tickets are \$15 per person.

Cinderella Family Night: We have sold out all of our tickets for the matinee performance of Cinderella on November 22nd at 2:30pm!

United Women In Faith Holiday Fundraiser: The annual United Women of Faith Holiday Auction will be held Monday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a Silent Auction, Live Auction and Buy It Now items. Funds raised will be donated to support Adrian Community Preschool. We need your help! We are looking for donations of handmade items, themed baskets, new seasonal items, antiques, and event tickets such as plays, concerts or sporting events. We also need seasonal goodies for the bake sale. Items that don't sell well are garage sale items or used items. We must have all donations brought to the church office by Friday, November 14. Holiday goodies can be brought to the office by noon on Monday, November 17.

Cutlery Sale Begins Sunday: November 2nd, The United Methodist Women in Faith is sponsoring a Rada Cutlery Sale during the month of November. Check out the sale table in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will support our Missionary.

Events

Highlights from Trick or Trunk last Sunday!



AFUMC Outreach in Our Community

Our Outreach Team has several activities planned. 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.



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 been 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– Open:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We can use a variety of cereals, fresh produce from your garden, fresh eggs and cake kits for families to celebrate birthdays together.

St. Mary's is an emergency food pantry. We appreciate your continued support and generosity, which helps us to purchase fresh produce, bread, milk and any items we can't find at the Foodbank.

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:

Evie Gonser, Dave Leightner. (friend of Barbara Foor) Jackie Freeman, Dick & Robin Curtis, and Mary Kelly Tony Lorenzi, (Papa to Elli, Savannah, and Katherine Herr) Dean Killam (Son-In-Law to Jo Wakefield) 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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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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