



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, November 16th

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

Monday, November 17th

7:00 pm UWF Holiday Auction

Tuesday, November 18th

10:00 am Quilters
6:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 19th

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 20th

11:00 am Commodities
5:30 pm Pub Theology



Saturday, November 22nd

2:30 pm Cinderella Youth Ministry Trip
5:00 pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, November 23rd

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
9:30 am Worship
12:30 pm Harvest Festival
3:00 pm Church Game Night

Monday, November 24th

1:00 pm Connection Cafe
6:30 pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, November 25th

10:00 am Quilters
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 26th

1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm WOW Dinner
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal



Dear friends in Christ,

It is a good season in the life of the church, for which we give all thanks and praise to our Lord. Indeed, God works through your generous spirits: through the time you share, the talents you freely share, your prayers, your sharing about Jesus and the church in the world, and your financial generosity. All of this comes together in a combination of energy and positive hearts that is contagious to others as well as inviting to others. You are living into the mission statement:

Welcome all! Love deeply! Serve boldly!

I give thanks to God everyday for you and for your impact in the world. As we continue to move forward, you are invited to commit your planned giving for 2026 through the stewardship letters that went out this week. Your planning and commitment create the path forward, enabling the church to be good stewards of the ministry opportunities before us. We ask you to not plan your giving lightly, but to take it to God in prayer and feel inspired by what you feel called to give. Indeed, you make such a difference with all you do.

Thank you to those who participated in the straw poll vote for Brio PACE. That email was only sent to members and those who are currently part of the active ministries of the church. If you didn't receive that poll and would like to be included, please let the office know. We value everyone's input and seek the will of the Holy Spirit in our decision-making.

Yours for the journey,

Rev. Alice Ford

2026 Offering Booklets

Hello Friends! We now have our 2026 Offering Envelopes available! We will have them set out at the welcome center during Worship on November 16th. After that Sunday, we will have them available for pick up in the Church Office! If you have any questions about your Envelopes please reach out to Amy Deline or Conner Raymond for more information!



Events

New Members: November 23rd, we will be accepting new members during worship! If you are interested in joining our family in vow and mission, please let the Church Office know before next Sunday!

Parent's Night Out: Saturday November 22nd from 5:00-8:00pm. We will have dinner, games, crafts, and lots of fun! Our theme for this month is Thanksgiving! Please bring a jacket just in case the weather is nice enough for us to go outside! The cost of P.N.O. is \$10 for the first child of the family and \$5 for each child after.

Harvest Festival: Sunday, November 23rd 12:30pm-3pm. Partnered Bethel AME, we will have a Harvest Festival Dinner after Worship, and before the All Church Game night! Our Extravagant Giving should be shared with our Community! Open your arms and hearts to anyone in need of good food and fellowship beyond measure.

All Church Game Night: November 23rd 3pm, please join us! Any age, any game. Popcorn and fun will be provided! We always have Euchre tables, UNO, and now Skittles! If you haven't been to a Game Night yet please let this be your invitation to join us. Sign Up for our Euchre tables at the Welcome Desk!

United Women In Faith Holiday Fundraiser: The annual United Women of Faith Holiday Auction will be held Monday, November 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00 pm – 7:00 - Shop for "Buy it Now" and Silent Auction Items and peruse Live Auction Items

7:00 pm – Live Auction Begins

We need your help to create a successful event to raise funds to support the Adrian Community Preschool. We are looking for donations of hand-made items, themed baskets, new seasonal items, antiques, and event tickets such as plays, sporting events, etc. Seasonal goodies for the bake sale are appreciated as well. All donations must be brought to the church office by Friday, November 14th. Baked goods can be brought to the office by noon on Monday, November 17th.

Quiche Sale
to support the outreach of our Food Ministries

Ham, Bacon & Cheddar
Spinach & Mushroom
Chicken & Broccoli

Housemade quiche are \$20 each. Orders must be received, with payment, by Nov. 16th, with pickup on Nov. 24th. Order forms are available on the website, narthex and at the office.

Great for holiday breakfast or brunch.....makes a great gift!

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 Easter 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 have need of: Apple Juice, Barbeque sauce, Gravy of the beef, chicken and turkey variety, Strawberry Jelly, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Instant White Rice, Miracle Whip Canned Pineapple Chunks, Salsa, Frosted Flakes Cereal, Coco Puffs Cereal, Alfredo Sauce, Canned Mushrooms, Beets of the pickled and canned variety, Sauerkraut, Corned beef, corned beef hash, and cake mixes of all kinds. Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, paper towels, and laundry detergent.

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 mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans and variety of soups.

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.



A reminder for everyone who has reserved tickets for the Cinderella Youth Trip on November 22nd, that you should collect your tickets from Conner Raymond at Croswell Box Office prior to the show starting at 2:30pm. We'll see you there!

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:

Linda Baldwin, Brett Reid, Ed Linhart (brother of Pam Burg) Jack Elliot (friend of Dave & Ann Guldin) 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) 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.

The Gonser family for the passing of Evie Gonser, who went to rest on November 3rd, 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

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Conner Raymond, Office/Communications Manager

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Ally Szymanski, Dir. of Youth Ministries

Mike Zwolinski, Custodian

Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K Ford, Senior Pastor