



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

tidings

*Sharing God's Love
since 1830.*

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, December 7th

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

Monday, December 8th

1:00 pm STW
6:30 pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, December 9th

8:30 am Numbers Meeting
9:00 am Building Meeting
10:00 am Quilters
12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
12:00 pm Alpha Omega Set Up
6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 10th

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

Thursday, December 11th

1:00 pm Little Dresses

Saturday, December 13th

5:00 pm Christmas for Everyone
6:00 pm Christmas Parent's Night Out

Sunday, December 14th

8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am LCC Christmas concert set up
3:00 pm LCC Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 16th

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

Wednesday, December 17th

12:00 pm STW & Hot Meals
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm WOW Dinner
6:45 pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, December 18th

4:30 pm Adrian Majorettes Practice
5:30 pm Pub Theology



Dear friends,

Advent blessings to all. This is such a precious season of pausing, of waiting, of preparing, and of great expectation of Emmanuel, God comes near.

And, it is a time of hustle and bustle and frantic activity as we prepare for a secular holiday.

One of these things is part of our faith. One is part of our culture. Both matter to us, but hopefully one not than the other.

There are many activities at the church to engage in. You will read more about those in this Tidings.

I want to take this time to remind you of the vote on Brio PACE being able to use the West end of the building in a long term lease. The vote is for members and will be at 11am on Sunday, December 14th. As far as I can tell, you have no more need for conversations or questions at this time.

If you have questions remaining, please let me know.

Yours for the journey,
Alice

Giving Thanks

United Women in Faith have raised \$3,000 for the Adrian Community Preschool from the proceeds collected at the 2025 Holiday Auction. Thank you to everyone involved in setting up the event, and those who gave such generosity!



Events

Christmas for Everyone: 5pm-6pm Join us on December 13th at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a fun evening where we share a meal and get crafty! We will have several craft tables set up, come and make decorations to last seasons to come or make a beautiful gift for someone! We hope to see you there! We are still in need of volunteers for craft tables! Please reach out to Ms. Lainey if you would be available to run a table! No need to find a craft! We will have one provided!

Christmas Parent's Night Out: 6pm-8pm December 13th, After Christmas for Everyone, we will have games, snacks and more! More information to come, Please reach out to Ms. Lainey for more details on the event and volunteering opportunities.

Red Cross Blood Drive: 12pm-6pm December 9th, 2025. Come out a save a life! Remember make an appointment in order to donate. You can schedule online via the donation portal or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Giving Envelopes 2026: We have the giving envelopes in the Narthex by the Welcome Center for pick up. You can also pick up your envelopes from the office during the week!

Church Vote: December 14th, starting at 11am. We will be coming together to vote on the plans to move forward with the Brio PACE. This is a live, in person vote for members of the church only.

Church Directory Photoshoot: Come to the Fellowship Hall between 10:30am and 12:30pm after worship to get your photo taken for a Pictorial Church Directory.

All Church Advent Study: After worship, running for three weeks. The book for the study is "All the Good, A Wesleyan Way of Christmas" by Warner et al. and is available in the Church Office. Meet in Room 3, after church to join the discussion with Janet Salzwedel.

Nativity Craft Supplies: Our Sunday Discovery Class is in need of some craft supplies to build our Naivety scene for the Christmas Musical. We need paper towel tubes, buttons, yarn, and glitter! Please bring these supplies to the Church Office. If you have any questions about supplying items for the Nativity Scene, Please reach out to Ms. Lainey!



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AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN



ON THE MENU FOR
DECEMBER:
"REDUCE, REPURPOSE,
& DE-STRESS"



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 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

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 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.

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), 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, 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.

The Friends and Family of Tom Tarris, who came to everlasting peace on November 27th, 2025.

The Villarreal/Brewer Family for the passing of Barb Villarreal, whose rest came on December 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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Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K Ford, Senior Pastor