



# tidings

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## Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

### The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

#### Sunday, March 15th

- 8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30pm Town Hall
- 10:45am Seekers

#### Monday, March 16th

- 1:00pm Congregational Care Meeting

#### Tuesday, March 17th

- 10:00am Quilters
- 4:30pm Adrian Majorettes Practice
- 6:00pm Leadership Board Meeting
- 6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 18th

- 12:00pm STW & Hot Meals
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 7:00pm LCC Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 19th

- 11:00am Commodities
- 6:45pm Wesley Bell Choir Meeting

#### Saturday, March 21st

- 4:00pm Brothers in Song Concert

#### Sunday, March 22nd

- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Meet
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Seekers

#### Monday, March 23rd

- 1:00pm Connection Cafe
- 6:30pm Handicrafters

#### Tuesday, March 24th

- 10:00am Quilters
- 6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 25th

- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 6:45pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm LCC Rehearsal



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lent invites us to pause and look honestly at our hearts, particularly at those places shaped by fear, weariness, and hope. This year we are focusing on the movement from scarcity toward the abundance of God's love. The world often tells us there is not enough: not enough time, security, or compassion. Yet again and again, God meets human need with generosity. This love is meant for each of us and for every neighbor we encounter. As we turn inward this season, we are also being formed to turn outward with courage and care.

We see this outward movement in the continued growth of the Fishes and Loaves food pantry. The Fishes and Loaves Steering Committee has hired Dawn Vogel as Pantry Manager through the joint partnership between Adrian First United Methodist Church and Neighbors of Hope. Dawn's leadership will help strengthen community relationships and expand our ministry of hospitality and service. Please stop by, welcome her, and explore how you can make a difference through volunteering, giving, and building relationships.

**This Sunday, we will hold a town hall meeting after worship.** We will hear an update on the current contract work with Brio, led by Dan Deline and Daryl Moore, and discuss next steps in planning room usage and preparing for the upcoming move. We will also listen together for where we sense the Spirit leading us as we discern the permanent location of Fishes and Loaves.

As Lent continues, may God renew us in trust, generosity, and hope, so that our shared ministry becomes a sign of grace for our community.

Yours for the journey,

Rev. Alice



## Grow a Row for the Pantry

Are you planning to plant vegetables this season? Please consider donating a portion of what you grow to the Food Pantry. Join the team at the Church who will plan, plant, and maintain a small vegetable garden. Let Conner in the Church office know of your interest and your contact information. See Janet Salzwedel for more details.

## Events

**Easter Egg Hunt:** April 4th at 10:00am! We will begin our morning with a pancake breakfast, an Easter story, crafts and finish with an egg hunt on the front lawn. To pull off such a big event we do need your help! How to you can help: we will be collecting Easter candy donations, plastic egg donations, acrylic paint markers, and fabric paint markers. Donations can be brought into to office, and dropped off on Sunday mornings to Ms. Lainey or dropped in the Easter Bunny box in the Narthex made by Sunday Discovery students. (Beginning next Sunday) On the day of, we would need kitchen help, egg hiders (middle and high schoolers we need YOU) craft table helpers, greeters. Please let Ms. Lainey know you are available for any of the day of volunteer spots!

**Carrie Newcomer Concert:** April 17th, starting at 7:30pm. Join us in this concert Carrie Newcomer, who is accompanied by pianist Gary Walters, in our Sanctuary. Come listen to the voice The Austin American-Statesman calls "Rich as Godiva Chocolate"! Cece Benz performs at 7pm, prior to the main concert event. Ticket Prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children. Children under the age of 12 years old have free entry. See our Church Website to purchase tickets.

**UWF Women's Retreat:** April 18th, 9am-noon in Fellowship Hall. The topic for this retreat is Mindfulness, and feature Dominican Sister Esther Kennedy, Op as the presenter for the Retreat. More information to come!

**REA Spelling Bee:** The Adrian Rea Literacy Center is hosting our first-ever fundraiser at 5:30 pm on April 16th, 2026 at the Adrian Armory Community Center. An Adult Spelling Bee! \$50 tickets include food, soft drinks, beer and wine. The Vibe: It's the school classic, evolved. Join us for a night of high-stakes spelling and low-pressure fun! Team Up: Grab 1 or 2 friends to form a spelling squad- or -Show Up: Sit back, enjoy the food and drinks, and judge from afar. Participation is optional—having fun is not!

**All Church Town Hall:** 3/15/2026. after Worship we will have a Town Hall Meeting in Fellowship Hall to discuss Brio. Come join

A BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING MALE CHORUSES

# Brothers in Song!

*Singing to Alleviate Hunger and Homelessness*

**Saturday**  
**March 21, 2026**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Adrian First United Methodist Church**  
1245 W. Maple Avenue  
Adrian, Michigan 49221

**Benefit Concert**  
*Singing to Alleviate Hunger and Homelessness*  
Freewill Donations Accepted



**Chiaroscuro**  
Adrian, Michigan  
Susan Matych-Hager, *Conductor*



**Langsford Men's Chorus**  
Birmingham, Michigan  
Steve SeGraves, *Conductor*



**Measure for Measure**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Steven Lorenz, *Conductor*

**Migrant Worker Sweater Collection Drive:** Our Church is collecting new or gently used sweaters or sweat shirts for the arriving migrant guest workers who will be coming to Lenawee County and Monroe to prepare our food and make ready for the summer season. We are looking for Adult sizes of S,M, and L. Support those who help provide food for our families and our community. There will be a giving spot located in the Foyer outside our Church Office and Fellowship for sweaters to be dropped off. Collection ends 3/23/2026.

## 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 an urgent need for: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Instant Oatmeal, Canned Fruit, White Minute Rice, Hamburger and Tuna Helper, Pancake Mix, Canned Chicken, Vegetable Oil, Maple Syrup, Spam, Ketchup, Spaghetti Sauce, Creamy Peanut Butter, Mayonnaise, Toothpaste, Grape and Strawberry Jelly, Ranch Dressing, and Toilet Paper and Paper Towels. Donations are welcome M-F 9 am to 4 pm in the foyer of Fellowship Hall or MWF 10 am to 3 pm in the pantry.

**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](mailto: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:

LoAnn Smith and her Family, Todd Clark, Martha Melcker, Karen Knisel, Jackie Freeman, Marcia Lengnick, Mary Kelly, Dave Perry, Howard Pennington, Tim Sauter, Lisa Cornwell, Jim Walsh, Tim Clark, Pastor Steve Palmer, Tony Lorenzi, Kay Rorsina, Sarah Feeney, Pamela Powers, Jim Caldwell, J.Jay Pechta, Gail Clow, Keshia, Blake, Benjamin Reid, Brett Reid, Gene Sell (brother in law to George and Susan Davis) Ed Linhart (brother of Pam Burg), Lorenzo, Russell Cowen, Latrice, Jayce & Zaniyah McKellar, The Soto Family, Christopher Jackson, Oliver (Cheryll Leonard's Nephew), Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rev. David Morton, The Grandson of Fred Smith, Lynn Wheelock, (sister-in-law of Marty Schoonover), Ralph Marsai (brother of Carolyn Siler), Yvonne Raleigh, Greg Dumars, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, John Thurman

Rev. Zack Dunlap and his family after and during the transition

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### Ongoing Ministries

**HANDICRAFTERS:** 6:30 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

**GARDENING :** 9:30am in the Memorial Garden Tuesdays  
(weather permitting)

**QUILTERS:** every Tuesday from 10am-2pm in the Lounge

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 7:00am first Wednesday of month at Family Kitchen

**W.O.W. (Wednesdays of Wonder):** 5:30pm -7:30pm weekly

**PRAYER GATHERING:** 10:00am first Thursdays in Room 3

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Every Wednesday at 6:45pm in Room 13

**LITTLE DRESSES:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3pm

**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

Bill Bachman

Gerry Burg

Shirley Ehnis, Lay Leader

Sandra Harsh, Lay Delegate

Matthew Herr, Chair

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Daryl Moore

Scott Morton

Janet Salzwedel

### Team Leads

Connie Benz, Congregational Care

Cheri Easler, Family Ministry

Sandra Harsh, Outreach

Dawn Matzkows, Kitchen Manager

Marty Schoonover, Hospitality

### Staff

Steve Antalek, Wesley Chorale Dir.

Bryan Bowers, Treasurer

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Family Ministries

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Kristina Kidney, Worship Video

Ministry

Laura Langley, Organist/

Keyboardist

Conner Raymond, Office/

Communications Manager

Howard Stukey, Dir. of Bell Choir

Dawn Vogel, Pantry Manager

Mike Zwolinski, Custodian

### Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Alice K Ford, Senior Pastor