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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, April 26th

- 8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Seekers
- 10:45am Church Town Hall
- 4:00pm LCC Spring Concert

Monday, April 27th

- 1pm Connection Cafe
- 6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, April 28th

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

Wednesday, April 29th

- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 7:00pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30th

- 6:45pm Wesley Bell Choir Meeting

Sunday, May 3rd

- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Meet
- 9:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Seekers
- 3:00pm River Raisin Ragtime Review

Tuesday, May 5th

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

Wednesday, May 6th

- 7:00am Men's Breakfast
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 7:00pm LCC Rehearsal



We are still in the season of Easter! Hallelujah!

Easter is a day we begin celebrating on Easter Sunday, which then moves into a season that shapes how we live. We are Easter people. That means we don't ignore hardship or pretend life is easy. We know struggle is real.

We accept this with grace, and we move forward in hope. We lean into love. We trust that God is still at work, even when it's hard to see.

You're seeing that mindset take shape in our life together, in the many activities taking place; and especially in the music series we now host throughout the year.

A question was recently asked: Why are we doing these music programs?

The short answer: to glorify God.

We are sharing the gifts of this congregation with the wider community. Music is one of the ways you identify your gifts and strengths. Once we identify a gift, we share it forward.

The longer answer connects to the work of our Leadership Board. Over the past months, they have been discerning, through prayer and much conversation, our mission, vision, values, purpose, and now, specific goals. This work is helping us know where we are and where God is leading us.

Our first goal is clear: Welcome All People
Christ welcomes all to the table, and so do we. We are committed to active, intentional welcome, especially for those who feel disconnected, unfamiliar with church, or unsure where they belong. To welcome all means doing things to which "all" want to be welcomed. It is something we practice.

Every interaction, every event, every gathering is an opportunity to help someone feel seen and received. Which includes our music series.

When people come through our doors for a concert or recital, they are not just attending an event, they are experiencing a church that is open, engaged, and alive. This is how churches grow, both in numbers, and in faithfulness. We reflect the hospitality of Christ by showing up, inviting others, and making space.

This is what Easter people do.

We don't pull back. We don't sit idle. We move forward: with hope, with love, and with purpose.

Come to the townhall after church on Sunday to hear more about the goals prepared by the Leadership Board.

Yours for the journey.
Alice

Honoring our Shepherds

At the Neighbors of Hope annual banquet on April 18th, it was our pleasure to honor Janet Salzwedel. Since our shared mission with NOH, she has been instrumental in keeping the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry running smoothly. Her personal mission is to treat each shopper with dignity and respect, as she works to alleviate hunger in our community. Thank you Janet!

-Fishes and Loaves Steering Committee

Events

LCC Crossroads Spring Concert: April 26th, at 4pm. Through tunes you'll recognize, from Bob Dylan to Mr. Rogers, and some that will be new, we will explore themes of generations, decisions, and transitions. Tickets are \$15 for adults, free for children and students, and are available for purchase online at lenaweechorus.org or at the box office when doors open at 3:30pm.

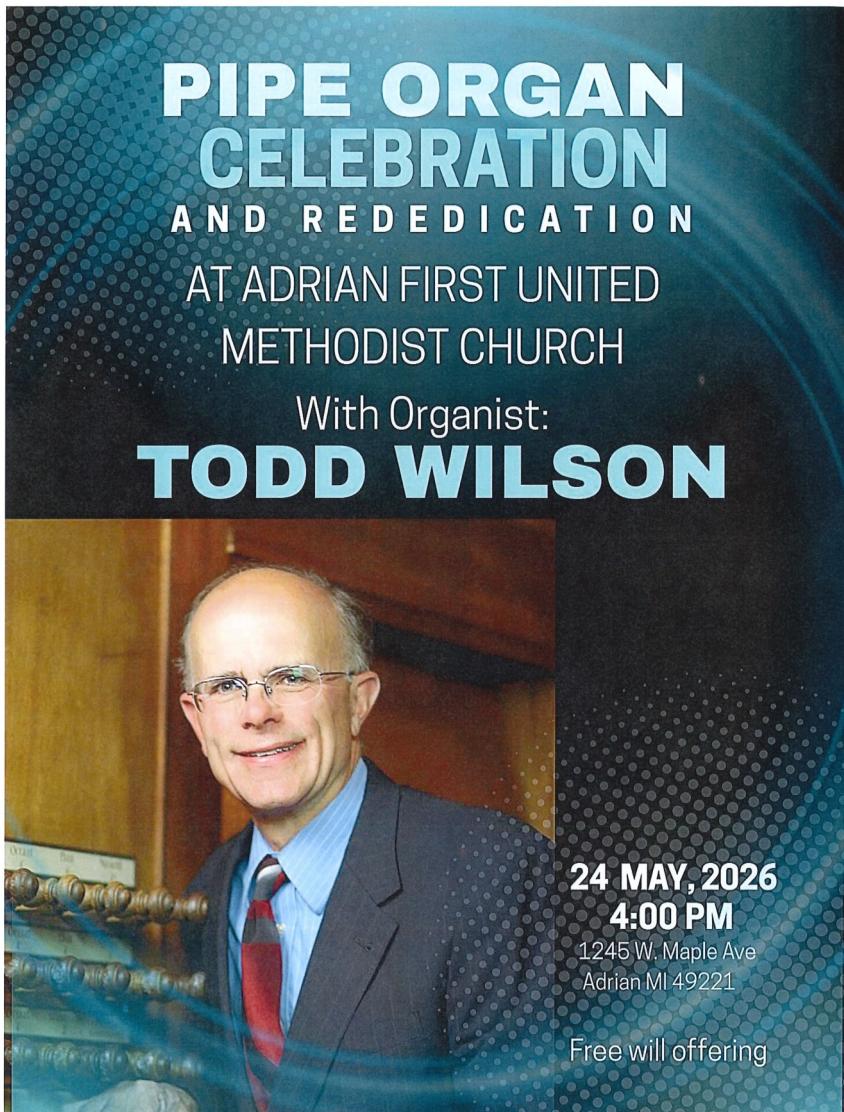
River Raisin Ragtime Review: May 3rd, 3pm. R4 play historic popular music from Lenawee County greats! It's going to be a great afternoon! Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door for \$20 each; students and anyone under 18 are free!

Town Hall: April 26th, right after Worship Services. Join the Conversation!

PEO Auction: May 11th, 6pm-8pm P.E.O. supports women's educational goals by offering scholarships, grants and loans. Chapter DK supports projects focusing on different stages of educational needs.

Church Garden: We will be setting up a raised bed Garden on the Church grounds, which will feature a 6 foot deer fence. There will be more information to come, so stay tuned! Food grown here would be donated to Fishes and Loaves Pantry, which also encourages you to grow vegetables at home where able, and to donate them to our Fishes and Loaves Pantry as part of their "Grow a Row" event. For more information on the upcoming Garden and Grow a Row, please reach out to Janet Salzwedel.

Fishes and Loaves Food Drive: May 22nd, 3pm-5pm. Our food pantry will be in the Front lawn area collecting food in a drive in, drop off format. Kathy Williams of WLEN will be present to interview those dropping off donations.



**PIPE ORGAN
CELEBRATION
AND REDEDICATION**
AT ADRIAN FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
With Organist:
TODD WILSON

**24 MAY, 2026
4:00 PM**
1245 W. Maple Ave
Adrian MI 49221

Free will offering

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.

Outreach at Lincoln School

The Outreach Team is helping at Lincoln Elementary School this Spring, and we hope you can join us! The dates are April 30th for their Science Day either a half or full day. The other event is their family fun day on May 22nd in the morning. Please contact Sandra Harsh for more information.

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 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:

Prayer Concerns: Suzanne Kruse, Briar Alan Maerkle (Great Nephew of Judy Plotner) and his parents, Tom Gilbert, Nick Whited, Carol Hoag, LoAnn Smith and her Family, Todd Clark, Martha Melcher, 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, Kesha, Blake, Benjamin Reid, Brett Reid, 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, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, John Thurman

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

Rev. Alice K. Ford during and after 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

HANDBELL CHOIR: Every Thursday at 6:45pm in Room 13

Stitch and Serve: 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3pm

PUB THEOLOGY: 4th Thursday of each month at Red Lobster@ 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