



tidings

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, May 10th

- 8:15 am Wesley Chorale Meet
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Seekers
- 10:45am Family Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, May 11th

- 1pm PEO Auction set up
- 1pm STW
- 6pm PEO Auction

6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, May 12th

- 8:30am Numbers Meeting
- 9am Building Meeting
- 10:00am Quilters
- 6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 13

- 9am Alpha Omega
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner

Thursday, May 14

- 1pm Stitch & Serve
- 6:45pm Wesley Bell Choir Meeting

Sunday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 19th

- 10:00am Quilters
- 1pm Connection Café
- 6pm Leadership Building
- 6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 20th

- 10am STW & Hot Meals
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 7:00pm LCC Rehearsal



As Easter people, we continue to live in the light of resurrection. Easter is not only one Sunday; it is a season of remembering that sin and death do not have the final word. Because Christ is risen, we continue the work of resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, just as we promise in our baptismal covenant. The world still needs people shaped by hope, courage, mercy, and love.

This month holds several joyful celebrations in the life of our church. On Mother's Day, we will give thanks for mothers, grandmothers, caregivers, mentors, and all who have helped nurture life and faith in others. We will also celebrate our graduates and recognize our College Scholars, Ethan and Jonah, with gratitude for their leadership, gifts, and faithful presence among us.

Please also remember the continued celebration of the organ renovation with the recital by Todd Wilson on May 24. What a gift it has been to hear the organ sing again with renewed strength and beauty. This project has been one more reminder of what can happen when people come together with generosity, vision, and shared purpose.

And on May 17, I have invited Pastor Zack to join me in leading worship for a joyful morning of imagining the way forward from here. There is good work ahead of us. God is not finished with this church. We continue to worship, serve, welcome, and grow together with hope for what comes next.

The future looks good!

Yours for the journey,

Rev. Alice

Giving Thanks

"We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards with uplifting notes, meals, biscotti, and the cozy prayer shawl. All of your support made the healing process bearable. It was so comforting being surrounded by a loving church community. Thank you again!"

-Jim & Von Walsh

Events

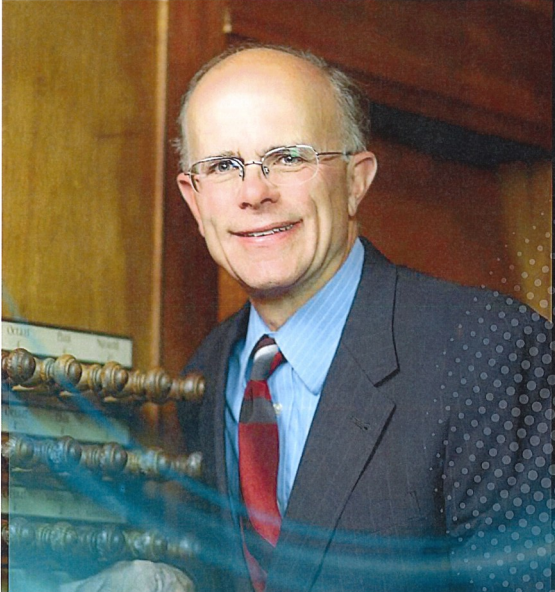
PEO Auction: May 11th, 6pm-8pm P.E.O. supports women's educational goals by offering scholarships, grants and loans. Chapter DK supports projects focusing on different stages of educational needs.

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.

Cookies for Coffee Hour: We are asking anyone to bring home made cookies for Coffee Hour after worship this Sunday, 5/10/2026. Please bring them in either Friday during office hours or Sunday Morning before Worship.

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



Fellowship Highlight: May 1st, 2026, longtime member Dick Barber conducted The Adrian Symphony Orchestra as seen here during their Celebrate America Concert

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:- Canned chicken, Ravioli, Cake mixes, Fresh eggs

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: Sue Rockwell, 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, Keshia, Blake, Benjamin Reid, Brett Reid, Michaelyn Reid, and Michelle Ann 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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Ministers

The Congregation!

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