



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharing God's Love
since 1830.

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, July 19th

9:30am Worship

Monday, July 20th

5pm Adrian Majorettes

6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 21st

10am Quilters

6pm Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 22nd

1pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 23rd

7:30am Asist Training Program

1pm Stitch & Serve

Friday, July 24th

7:30am Asist Training Program

Sunday, July 26th

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Family Ministry Meeting

Monday, July 27th

1pm Connection Cafe

5pm Adrian Majorettes

6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, July 28th

10am Quilters

Wednesday, July 29th

1pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 30th

1pm Tidings



Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the joy of meeting and praying with thirty-nine couples, families, and individuals here at Adrian First. Thank you for taking the time to get to know me! I am deeply encouraged by the gifts, passion, generosity, and wisdom that God has planted within this congregation.

Please mark your calendars for August 30, when my wife Rachael and I would like to invite all the people of Adrian First to our home – your parsonage – for an open house from 1:00-4:00pm. We look forward to getting to know you better as we journey together into all God has in store. (You can also hear Rachael and I discuss our stories of call this Sunday, July 19, around 8:30am on WLEN 103.9 as part of the Embrace the Journey podcast.)

On Sundays, we will continue exploring the holy and weird call of God on people's lives – learning from Gideon's story in the Old Testament and Peter's story in the New. Gideon's response to God's call was reluctant at best, and when his work began bearing fruit, God interceded in a most unexpected way. As for Peter: even after walking with Jesus and continuing Christ's work post-resurrection and ascension, Peter still had much to learn. A vision from God woke Peter up to the reality of who is included at God's family table. I'm excited to see how Gideon's tiny army and Peter's strange vision might inform our shared work together.

On the organizational front, our staff team met this week to map out major calendar items from now through Christmas, your Leadership Board gathers on July 21 to solidify our goals for this season, and, most importantly, each and every one of us – yourself included – continues to discern and live into God's call on our lives.

May God guide our steps – that we would not get out ahead of where God is calling us or linger and stumble when God invites us forward. Rather, may we keep in step with the Holy Spirit as we welcome all, love deeply, and serve boldly.

Yours in Christ,
Zack

Youth Ministry

We will have our Youth Ministry Brainstorm Meeting August 9th after Worship. Students in grades six through twelve, along with their parents are invited to discuss plans and goals for this program from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

We will meet in rooms 1 & 2 that day.

Events

Migrant Meals

Our church will be serving meals to Migrant Workers in Blissfield this summer. We have a few more volunteer spots available! Please sign up at Adrianfumc.org, or scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Harsh at (517) 265-9284. We hope that you will consider joining us in this important ministry.



Parents Night Out

We're back! Join us August 8th 5:00-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall for a Luau full of games and fun! Please use the link on our Facebook page to register or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex! Interested in volunteering? Please see Ms. Lainey any Sunday morning! It is also on our website and accessible in the QR code below.



Greening of the Church Task Force

Calling all decorators and Christmas decor enthusiasts. We are looking to establish a group to manage, oversee and execute the Christmas decorating of our beautiful church. If this is something you feel called to, please contact the office or sign up in the Narthex!

Altar Flowers

We are opening an opportunity for members of the church to share flowers from our gardens and homes to be provided as Altar Flowers for worship services during the summer and fall. Call Sally Glasser at 517-263-7128 to schedule.

FALL KICK-OFF PICNIC SEPTEMBER 13TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR A FUN
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP,
SHARING FOOD, AND
PLAYING GAMES.



Fall Kick-Off Picnic

Join us for our Fall Kick Off picnic and potluck on Sunday September 13th. Right after worship we will head to the pavilion to play games, provided by the Family Ministry Team. Euchre sign up will be in the Narthex! We will plan to begin eating at 11:30! We are looking forward to kicking off fall with a delicious meal and fellowship!

WellWise Services
Area Agency on Aging

Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN

"Healthy Recovery
vs. Frailty"
with
Dr. Joel Bender

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026
1:00-2:00PM

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CALL AHEAD TO RESERVE A SEAT:
AMANDA MARSH@WELLWISESERVICE 517-592-1974

Adrian First 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.

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. 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.

We are in need of: Tuna, Spam, Gravy, Cereal, Jelly, Canned vegetables, Hamburger Helper, Paper towel, Egg Noodles.

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 Mondays and Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm

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

The Church office collects information for events, prayer concerns and publications daily, and often prints for Worship on Wednesdays, Tidings on Thursdays. If you have news to share or updates to add, please send them to the office by Wednesday during the week. Prayer list requests will be removed after three weeks unless otherwise noted. Please know that prayer is our foundation and everything we do is surrounded in prayer.



Current Prayer Concerns:

Red Jacobs, Jeff Rockwell, Cindy Rockwell, Casey Durley, Larry Bilkey, Mike Keifer, Doug & Kathy Williams, Cythia Reddiy, Sue Rockwell, Michaelyn Mankel, Abigail Romanelli, Suzanne Kruse, Briar Alan Maerkle (Great Nephew of Judy Plotner) and his parents, Nick Whited, Carol Hoag, LoAnn Smith and her Family, Todd Clark, Martha Melcher, Karen Knisel, Jackie Freeman, Mary Kelly, Dave Perry, Howard Pennington, Tim Sauter, Lisa Cornwell, Tim Clark, Pastor Steve Palmer, Kay Rorsina, Sarah Feeney, Pamela Powers, Jim Caldwell, J.Jay Pechta, Kesha, Blake, Benjamin Reid, Brett Mankel and his wife Autumn, 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

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Ongoing Ministries

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

GARDENING : 9:30am-11am, and 4pm to 5:30pm 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 every 3rd Wednesday

STITCH AND SERVE: 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3pm

PUB THEOLOGY: 4th Thursday of each month at Red Lobster@ 5:30pm, beginning in September

Please check the online calendar for all information & current updates.

Leadership Board

Kay Allingham

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Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Zack Dunlap, Senior Pastor