



tidings

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, July 5th

9:30am Worship
10:45am Seekers

Monday, July 6th

5pm Adrian Majorettes
6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 7th

10am Quilters

Wednesday, July 8th

1pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 9th

1pm Stitch & Serve

Sunday, July 12th

9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Family Ministry Meeting
10:45am Seekers

Monday, July 13th

5pm Adrian Majorettes
6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal
6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, July 14th

8:30am Numbers Meeting
9am Building Meeting
10am Quilters
11am Fall Program Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th

12pm STW & Hot Meals
1pm Staff Meeting
2:30pm Migrant Meals
5:30pm WOW Dinner

Thursday, July 16th

11am Commodities
1pm Tidings



It is a joy to officially be on site as your newly appointed pastor! I am deeply grateful for the good work that Rev. Alice accomplished with you in this church community, and for all that God is doing, has done, and is yet to do. Thank you also for creating a beautiful house for our family to call home, and for extending such warm hospitality to us as we take up residence among you. God is up to good things!

In addition to being my first Sunday with you, this Fourth of July weekend represents the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Grateful for the freedoms that we enjoy in these United States, in worship we will also explore a more perfect union that we are invited into through Jesus Christ. In John 17, Jesus prayed for you. He prayed that you and I – along with all who would believe in him through the message of the earliest disciples – might be one.

July 5th is also Communion Sunday. In Communion, we add our prayers to Jesus' plea for Christian unity, asking that God might make us one in Christ, one with each other, and one ministry to all the world. I look forward to breaking bread together. By remembering Christ's sacrifice, we find sustenance for the work ahead.

Beginning July 12th in worship, we will examine the ways that we are invited into holy weirdness. Whether it is building an ark, winnowing down an army, or witnessing strange visions, the call of God can sometimes arrive unanticipated. In addition to being countercultural in every culture, sometimes the holy work that we are called to is just plain weird. Together, we will discern what these stories from Genesis, Judges, and Acts have to teach us today.

If you haven't already, I encourage you and your family to sign up to meet and pray with me. The time to strategize and plan for ministry will come; these 20-minute sessions are simply a time to meet me, introduce yourself, and share in prayer together. Scan the QR code below, follow the link to the digital copy of the Tidings, or call the Church Office to schedule a session.

I look forward to getting to know your names and your stories as we begin together this next chapter of Adrian First United Methodist Church. The God who has been our help in ages past continues to be our hope for years to come. This same God meets us here and now, inviting us to create, discern, lead, and love – together.

Yours in Christ,
Zack



Giving Thanks

Thank you to everyone involved in planning, providing and supporting VBS This year! The kids loved it!



Events

Migrant Meals : Our church will be serving meals to Migrant Workers in Blissfield this summer. Last year we found this to be a very meaningful ministry and we are excited to be doing it again this year! Our dates to serve are Wednesdays July 15, August 19, and September 16. These coincide with WOW and preparing Share The Warmth meals. We are in need of volunteers for meal prep in the afternoon (2:30-5 pm) and food transportation and serving in the evening (6:30- 9:30/10 pm). Please sign up to volunteer using the link for Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Harsh (517) 265-9284. We hope that you will consider joining us in this important ministry.

Church Garden: We have raised our Giving Garden! Food grown here will 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 Giving Garden and Grow a Row, please reach out to Janet Salzwedel.



SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendar • Set a reminder • Tell a friend

🗓️ Turn \$10 Into \$30 for Local Families!

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry is excited to once again partner with Meijer through the **Simply Give Program** to help feed our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

🗓️ **Campaign Dates:** June 28, 2026 – September 26, 2026

Participating Store, Meijer #45 – Adrian, 217 East US Highway 223, Adrian, MI 49221

How You Can Help

Purchase a **\$10 Simply Give donation card** at the checkout register or online at Meijer.com. Every donation helps Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry keep our shelves stocked.

★ Double Match Days

Be sure to shop on these special dates:

🗓️ **Saturday, August 15, 2026**

🗓️ **Saturday, September 12, 2026**

On Double Match Days, your generosity goes even further!

For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased, Meijer will contribute an additional \$20, turning your \$10 donation into a \$30 gift to support local hunger relief.

About Simply Give

The Simply Give program is the cornerstone of Meijer's hunger relief efforts and has helped local food pantries keep their shelves stocked since 2008. Through the generosity of Meijer customers and matching contributions from this program helps us provide nutritious food to individuals and families throughout Lenawee County.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families throughout our community.

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.

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:

Jeff Rockwell, Cindy Rockwell, Casey Durley, Larry Bilkey, Mike Keifer, Doug & Kathy Williams, Cythia Reddy, Sue Rockwell, Michaelyn Mankel, Abigail Romanelli, Suzanne Kruse, Briar Alan Maerke (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.

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

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