



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, August 16th

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Seekers

Monday, August 17th

6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 18th

10am Quilters

6pm Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th

12pm STW & Hot Meals

1pm Staff Meeting

2:30pm Migrant Meals

5:30pm WOW Dinner

Sunday, August 23rd

9:30am Worship Service

10:45am Blessing of the Backpacks

10:45am Seekers

Monday, August 24th

1pm Connection Cafe

6:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, August 25th

10am Quilters

4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal



God continually calls us into deeper relationship with himself and one another, and into more compassionate service to this world which God created and called "good." It's easy to see the goodness of God at work within Adrian First, where so many loving, caring, generous people join their hearts and talents in service to God and neighbor. Together, we empower our little corner of the world to better reflect God's good intentions for creation.

As students, parents, educators, and administrators prepare for the coming school year, please keep all of them in prayer. The transition from summer to fall is filled with joys, hopes, anxieties, and new opportunities. May we, along with all who are continuing their education, make the most of every opportunity to trust God, learn well, and embrace the journey.

In worship at Adrian First, we continue examining God's promises for us with a look at forgiveness and freedom. God does not promise to give us everything that we want, but God does promise to supply our needs as He lovingly guides us toward hope and a future.

This Sunday, August 16th, we have the joy of welcoming Jillienne Bowers to offer a violin prelude. Next Sunday, August 23rd, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship for a special blessing. Teachers, feel free to bring your bags and backpacks as well!

Mark your calendars for our Fall Kick Off picnic and potluck following worship on September 13th. Later that afternoon, the Greater Detroit District of The United Methodist Church – of which we are a part – will be offering training for congregational leaders at Troy First. If you would like more information on the workshops being offered, or are interested in carpooling to Troy, email me at pastor@adrianfumc.org.

I am also happy to share my cell phone number with each of you: 734-272-5667. You can always email, text, or call if you would like to meet or if there is a need for pastoral care.

On the subject of care, our wonderful Congregational Care Team is updating its list of members that we visit, support, and send cards to. If you or someone you know should be on our Care Team list, please email Conner at adrianfumc@adrianfumc.org.

Grateful to share the love of Christ alongside you,
Zack

Wesley Chorale Potluck

The Wesley Chorale is excited to begin the 2026-27 season! We will have a potluck on Saturday, September 13th at 5:30. Bring your significant other and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided, so please bring a dish to pass. Following dinner and socializing, we will rehearse a few musical selections to begin our fall season. If you love singing and would like to check this out, please join us. Please direct questions to Laura Langley at laura.langley71@gmail.com

Events

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Join Bethel Adrian during our anniversary month as we thank God for 168 years of ministry in the community!

This August we have 3 more ways to connect with Congregation & Community!



ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
AUGUST 2
3PM @ BETHEL

GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR LYNN JACKSON

FAITH & FILM FEST
EVENT
AUGUST 15
12PM @ BETHEL
"THE COLOR OF LAW"



PRAISING IN THE PARK
AUGUST 23
2PM @ ISLAND PARK



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 and Potluck

Come join us September 13th after Worship! We will begin the potluck at 11:30am and run until 1pm. We will have good food, drinks and fun for all ages as we celebrate the beginning of our Fall Programming Season! If you would like to provide a dish for the Celebration, please scan the QR code here.



FALL KICK-OFF PICNIC SEPTEMBER 13TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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



UWF Donation Drive: United Women in Faith is looking for donations of books, jewelry, puzzles and Christmas decoration for a fundraiser to be held on Friday, 9/11 from 9am-1pm, and Saturday, 9/12 from 9am-1pm. Please bring your donations to room 4 by Thursday, 9/10. Proceeds to benefit McCurdy Ministries Community Center in New Mexico, which provides after school care, preschool, mental health counseling, summer camps, adult education and GED programs.

Parsonage Open House: August 30th, 1pm-4pm. Pastor Zack and his wife Pastor Rachael would like to invite all the people of Adrian First to their home – your parsonage – for an open house. We look forward to getting to know you better as we journey together into all God has in store.

WellWise Services
Area Agency on Aging

Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN

"Exploring Art,
Part 2"

MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2026
1:00-2:00PM
ADRIAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1245 W. MAPLE AVE., ADRIAN, MI 49221
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.

School Supplies

In conjunction with Blessing of the Backpacks, we will be collecting school and classroom supplies for Lincoln and Adrian Community Preschool. Items that they have requested are: markers, glue sticks, construction paper, kleenex, band aids, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and peanut free snacks. Please bring your donations to the narthex of the church by Sunday, August 23rd.

Opportunities to Give

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry- 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: jelly, fruit cans, mashed or diced potatoes, baked and refried beans and cake kits for families to celebrate birthdays together. In July, we assisted 125 families, 403 individuals among them 145 children and 74 seniors. 18 new families came to our door in need of food. Many thanks to the volunteers for their time and dedication.

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:

Marie Pink, Robin Curtes, Red Jacobs, Jeff Rockwell, Cindy Rockwell, Casey Durfey, Larry Bilkey, Mike Keifer, Doug & Kathy Williams, Cythia Reddiy, Sue Rockwell, Michaelyn Mankel, 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, Pamela Powers, Jim Caldwell, J.Jay Pechta, Kesha, Blake, Benjamin Reid, Brett Mankel and his wife Autumn, Michaelyn Reid, and Michelle Ann Reid, The Soto Family, Christopher Jackson, Oliver (Cheryll Leonard's Nephew), Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rev. David Morton, 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

The Antalek Family as they mourn the passing of Francis Antalek, who came to rest August 7th 2026.

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TIDINGS

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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

Bill Bachman

Gerry Burg

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Sandra Harsh, Outreach

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Steve Antalek, Wesley Chorale Dir.

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Dawn Vogel, Pantry Manager

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Ministers

The Congregation!

Rev. Zack Dunlap, Senior Pastor