



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 30th

9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Seekers
1pm Parsonage Open House

Tuesday, September 1st

10am Quilters
4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 2nd

7am Men's Breakfast
1pm Staff Meeting

Friday, September 4th

-Office Closes at noon-

Sunday, September 6th

9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Seekers

Monday, September 7th

-Labor Day-
-Office Closed-

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30am Numbers Meeting
9am Building Meeting
10am Quilters
4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 9th

8am UWF Gathering
1pm Staff Meeting
7pm LCC Rehearsal



This past Sunday, fifteen children and youth came forward for Blessing of the Backpacks. Each student received a gift bag, including a backpack tag with this prayer:

"Dear Lord, please bless this backpack and the child who carries it. May it be filled not just with books, but with kindness, courage, and love. Help them grow and make new friends. Keep them safe wherever they go. Give them peace when they are anxious, and strength when they are tired. Bless their school year with joy, new discoveries, and faith. Amen."

I invite you to keep those words before you as you continue to lift up students, parents, educators, and administrators this school year. Thanks to an introduction from Rev. Alice Ford, I am joining the ranks of instructors as an Adjunct for a Western Civilization course at Adrian College Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:15 p.m. I look forward to this opportunity to connect with students and faculty on the Adrian College campus.

Here at Adrian First, the Miracles on Maple Capital Campaign has already funded organ renovations, concrete in the Memorial Garden, air conditioning in the kitchen, and new windows – with more projects yet to come. Thank you for your generosity and faithful stewardship!

On the staffing front, I am excited to announce that Lainey Caldwell will officially be taking on more responsibility with students as Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministries. Lainey and I will co-lead weekly Youth Group meetings during the Sunday School hour from 10:45-11:45 a.m. following worship, and we look forward to monthly "U-Nite" youth events, which will alternate between service-oriented projects and fun events to invite friends to.

Due to having two adult Sunday School classes and Youth Group following worship, our next Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. With the move to a Wednesday night for this Town Hall, we figured we might entice you to come out with some ice cream. It's worth a shot, right?!

Don't forget: this Sunday, August 30, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., my family and I invite you and yours to an Open House at our home – your parsonage – at 4580 S Clubview Drive, Adrian, MI 49221. It is just north of Hospice of Lenawee off Wolf Creek Highway. We hope to see you there!

Your leadership, witness, and service continue to make a bold impact!

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Zack



(The Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship on 8/23/2026. Photo provided by Marty Schoonover.)

Church Directory Photo Opportunities

Following Worship Services September 13th, 20th, and 27th, we will be setting up a backdrop in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall and taking photos for our Church Directory. We will continue the practice of having forms for you to fill out should you have moved, change phone numbers or have a new way you would prefer the Church Staff and Leadership contact you. Say Cheese!

Events

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.

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. The address of our parsonage is 4580 S. Clubview Drive Adrian MI 49221. We look forward to getting to know you better as we journey together into all God has in store.

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.

Wesley Chorale Potluck

The Wesley Chorale is excited to begin the 2026-27 season! We will have a potluck on Saturday, September 12th 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.

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.





2026 FALL PREVENTION EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16TH, 1-2PM
Hillsdale County Senior Services Ctr.
320 W. Bacon St., Hillsdale, MI

MONDAY, SEPT. 21st, 1-2PM
Jackson Co. Department on Aging
1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH, 12-1 PM
WellWise Services
107 Chicago St., Brooklyn, MI

MONDAY, SEPT. 28th, 1-2 PM
Adrian First United Methodist Church
1245 W. Maple Ave., Adrian, MI



Stop in to learn!

FALL PREVENTION

*Are you concerned about Falling?
Let us help your balance!*

- ✓ Learn how to get up from a fall & how to fall with as little injury possible.
- ✓ Learn how to assist someone else who has balance challenges.
- ✓ See demonstrations by Physical Therapists on appropriately sizing and use of your walker and cane
- ✓ Learn how to reduce fall risk through medication management and home safety measures you can take
- ✓ Free resources and consultations with Options Counselors for home safety recommendations, assistive technology, and other services to help you manage.

Receive recommendations to make adjustments to your cane or walker by a Physical Therapist

www.WellWiseServices.org
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– 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:

Jim Sauter, Huntleigh Leonard, Latrice, Joyce, and Zariyah McKellar (Adoptive family of Rev. John and Fran Kottke), Gini Tuttle, Marie Pink, Dolores Morton, Julie Morton, Rev. David Morton, Robin Curtes, Red Jacobs, Oliver (Cheryll Leonard's Nephew), Megan Rockwell, Jeff Rockwell, Cindy Rockwell, Doug & Kathy Williams, Cythia Reddi, Sue Rockwell, Michaelyn Mankel, Abigail Romanelli, Briar Alan Maerkle (Great Nephew of Judy Plotner) and his parents, Benjamin Reid, Brett Mankel and his wife Autumn, Michaelyn Reid, and Michelle Ann Reid, Nick Whited, Todd Clark, Pamela Powers, Jim Caldwell, Kesha, Blake, The Soto Family, Ralph Marsai (brother of Carolyn Siler), Yvonne Raleigh, Pat Dunlap, Fred Kruse, John Thurman

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

The Family of Charlotte Graves Simmons, who found her Lord's embrace on August 8th, 2026.

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TIDINGS

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Ongoing Ministries

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

GARDENING : 9:30am-11am, 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.**

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The Congregation!

Rev. Zack Dunlap, Senior Pastor