Adrian First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Saturday, October 24th
5pm Halloween Parents Night Out

Sunday, October 25th
8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Youth Group
10:45am Seekers
5pm Trick or Trunk

Monday, October 26th
1pm Connection Cafe
6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, October 27th
9am Staff Meeting
10am Quilters
12pm Red Cross Blood Drive
4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal
5pm Adrian Majorettes Practice

Wednesday, October 28th
6:30pm Bible 101
7pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29th
7pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1st
8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Seekers
10:45am Youth Group
4pm All Church Hay Ride and Bonfire

Tuesday, November 3rd
9am Staff Meeting
10am Quilters
4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal
5pm Adrian Majorettes Practice

Wednesday, November 4th
7am Men's Breakfast
6:30pm Bible 101
7pm LCC Rehearsal



One of my favorite modern worship songs acknowledges that the One who is "Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness" is not off in some otherworldly realm, but "here, moving in our midst." Indeed, God is here, moving in our midst, working to bring about His good, pleasing, and perfect purposes.

You and I get to be a part of that work – part of the unfolding of the Kingdom. We see it in the faces of little children as they scurry forward for the Children's Message. We hold it in hands clasped in prayer and feel it in the caring hug of a good friend. We sense the movement of the Spirit in small groups and the way the sunlight dances on changing leaves.

God is here, friends, moving in our midst. And, as we have been unpacking in worship, God's Kingdom is both a present and future reality – here and near, now and not quite yet. This Sunday, we will continue to explore Jesus' parables of the Kingdom by examining the work of harvesters and fishermen among weeds and nets.

Estimate of Giving cards have started coming in for 2027. Thank you to all who have pledged! Please continue to be in prayer for this congregation as we live into all that God has in store for the coming year and beyond. If you have yet to return your 2027 Estimate of Giving Card, please prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to invest in our shared work together, and get that back to the church office at your convenience.

We have had fourteen participants in Bible 101 so far, and it's been a joy to have Pub Theology back in action. Our revamped Youth Group gathers with approximately eight students each Sunday, and had eighteen Middle and High School students at our first U-Nite event. Many thanks to an anonymous donor who has provided funding for youth events and trips. Our Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is scheduled for August 1-6, 2027. If you'd like to be part of that trip, please let me know at pastor@adrianfumc.org.

On a personal note, I am so grateful for the ways that Adrian First and the wider Adrian community have grafted my family in. My daughter Sophia has an after-school job at Kohl's and is thriving with the Natural Resources program at LISD. My middle schoolers John and Jed just wrapped up the Springbrook Middle School play where they made some great connections. Sam is gearing up for the Fall play at Adrian High School. And, as ever, God is up to good things!

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Zack

Growing Thanks

As the leaves begin to change colors and the season cool into a more Autumn hue, the Memorial Garden group would like to thank everyone who was involved in caring for our Memorial Garden. We have prepared the Garden for the coming winter season, and will stop meeting on Tuesdays until the return of spring!

Events

Mom & Dad Groups- 11/8/2026 at 4pm. A support group for Mothers will be meeting in the Lounge, led by Miss Lainey, and at the same time, Pastor Zack will led a group for fathers in Room 5. Nursery Care is available during these meetings. Connect with Pastor Zack or Miss Lainey for more details.



Bible 101 -Every Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Room 4, until November 11th. This group is focused on approaching the Bible in a comprehensive, easy-to-understand format. Please reach out to Pastor Zack (734-272-5667) for more details!

Halloween Parent's Night Out—10/24/2026, 5pm to 7:30pm. Halloween will be here before we know it! Join in the fun and sign up today at the welcome center or online. Please reach out to Ms. Lainey (517-215-2507) for more information!

Trick or Trunk- 10/25/2026, 5pm to 6pm. Come join in the fun as we fill our car trunks and hand out candy to the spookiest Trick or Treaters! We will enjoy Apple Cider and donuts afterward. Sign up at the welcome center!

United Women of Faith Holiday Auction-Monday, November 16th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is a great time to do some holiday shopping and support the Adrian Community Nursery. There will be a silent auction followed by a live auction. Plan on attending this fun evening!

We are still looking for donations of themed gift baskets, handmade items, holiday decorations, quality antiques and homemade baked goods. Please bring all donations to the church no later than Friday, November 13th. Baked goods can be delivered on Monday morning, November 16th.

American Red Cross Blood Drive– 10/27/2026, 12pm-6pm. We will be Hosting a blood drive in Fellowship Hall with the American Red Cross. Come and donation if physically able and help save lives!

Harvest Dinner– 11/8/2026, 12:30pm We will host a Fall Dinner with our friends from Bethel AME. Come join us in breaking bread and enjoying the harvest in Fellowship Hall!

Quiche Sale– Back to support our food Ministries, we are offering Housemade Deep Dish Quiche, made to order at $20 each. We have the follow flavors available to order: Ham, Bacon & Cheddar, Spinach & Mushroom, Chicken & Broccoli. Orders must be received with payment by November 15th, and can be picked up on November 22nd. Forms are available in the Office and the Welcome Center!

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.

Join the Outreach Team for Bingo at Share The Warmth! On November 9th, the Outreach Team is preparing and serving dinner at Share The Warmth. Then we will be playing Bingo after dinner. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to prepare and serve the meal, and another group to come after dinner to play Bingo. This is a great opportunity to see the shelter, learn more about how it operates, and share a fun activity with the guests. If you have any questions, you can contact Jan Murley at 517-748-3583 or Sandra Harsh. To sign up, please scan the QR code, or call the office.

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: Mac and cheese, corn muffin, beef stew, fresh produce from your garden and cake kits for families to celebrate birthdays together. Thanks for your continued support and generosity. August was a busy month at St Mary's Food Pantry. We assisted 208 families, among them 648 individuals, 219 children and 130 seniors. 26 new families came to our door to get some food in August. We couldn't do it without you!

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, 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:

Sally Glasser, Chuck Chase, Dave Bauman, Beckie Miller, Sharon Lane, Jim Bretz, Karen Knisel, Don and Martha Odell, Ed Salazar, Tim Sauter, brother of Mary Barber, Huntleigh Leonard, Latrice, Jayce, and Zaniya McKellar (Adoptive family of Rev. John and Fran Kottke), Gini Tuttle, Rev. David Morton, Robin Curtes, Red Jacobs, Megan Rockwell, Jeff Rockwell, Cindy Rockwell, Sue Rockwell, Doug & Kathy Williams, Cythia Reddiy, Michaelyn Mankel, Abigail Romanelli, Briar Alan Maerkle (Great Nephew of Judy Plotner) and his parents, Mark Reid, Benjamin Reid, Brett Mankel and his wife Aumim, Michaelyn Reid, and Michelle Ann Reid, Nick Whited, Todd Clark, Pamela Powers, Jim Caldwell, Ralph Marsai (brother of Carolyn Siler), Yvonne Raleigh, Pat Dunlap, Fred Kruse

Tom Odell and his family, as they mourn the passing of Martha Odell, who started her rest eternal on October 9th, 2026

Jeanne Thurman and her family for the passing of her husband John Thurman, who entered peace forevermore on October 18th, 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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