



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharing God's Love
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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, October 11th

- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Youth Group
- 10:45am Seekers
- 12pm Charge Conference 2026
- 4pm Mom's and Dad's Groups

Monday, October 12th

- 1pm Share the Warmth
- 6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, October 13th

- 8:30am Numbers Meeting
- 9am Building Meeting
- 10am Quilters
- 4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsals
- 5pm Adrian Majorettes Practice

Wednesday, October 14th

- 6:30pm Bible 101
- 7pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15th

- 7pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17th

- 9:30am Roling Meadows Homeowners
- 11am Indivisible Voices of Lenawee Rehearsal
- 1pm Visitation for Joan Poling
- 2pm Memorial Service of Joan Poling

Sunday, October 18th

- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Seekers
- 10:45am Youth Group
- 1pm Adrian Majorettes Can Drive

Tuesday, October 20th

- 9am Staff Meeting
- 10am Quilters
- 4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsals

Wednesday, October 21st

- 6:30pm Bible 101
- 7pm LCC Rehearsal

God is up to good things, friends! This past Sunday, we had the joy of celebrating the baptism of Brandon Miller and welcoming six new members into the fold at Adrian First: Kelly Camp-Solmonson, Joe and Red Jacobs, Brandon Miller, Rebecca Richards, and Mary Warfield. Each of these people has their own amazing story, and I look forward to the ways that they will collaborate with those already here in welcoming all, loving deeply, and serving boldly.

Bible 101 began this past Wednesday, Moms and Dads groups are gathering October 11 at 4:00pm, and our Lay Leader, Shirley Ehnis, has prepared a questionnaire to get your input on the creation of new small groups and educational opportunities. You can fill out a questionnaire Sunday after worship or email me for a copy at pastor@adrianfumc.org.

Estimate of Giving cards for 2027 were distributed October 4 in worship, and you will be receiving a copy in the mail this week along with your 2026 year-to-date giving statements. Rooted in our vows of membership, this Estimate of Giving is more than a financial ask; it includes ways to support our shared work through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to invest in the mission and ministry of Adrian First for 2027, fill out that card, and get it back to us. You can drop it in the offering plate any Sunday in October, or return it to the church office in-person or by mail. Your faithful response helps us plan and prepare for the coming year, empowering the church to engage in wise stewardship of what God – and you – have entrusted to our care.

Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, the Son of God painted a picture of God's reign of justice, love, and peace. Some of Jesus' most compelling stories are visions of a different kind of kingdom than the ones people were used to. Over the next five weeks, my sermons will explore these "kingdom parables." As we are inundated with political ads leading up to the November midterm elections, let us immerse ourselves in Jesus' teaching, examining from the Master what it means to live into a different kind of kingdom. And then, empowered by the Spirit, let's make God's reign of justice, love, and peace a reality.

Yours in Christ,
Zack



Giving Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers for Oliver this past year. I'm Happy to let you know that after 375 days in the NICU at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital, he has been released to home. He and his family still have many challenges ahead, so prayers are always welcome but we can finally take Oliver's name off our "official" prayer list.

-Jim & Cheryll Leonard

United Women In Faith

United Women in Faith wish to thank the congregation for all the donations we received for our book, puzzle, jewelry and Christmas decorations sale. The sale was a success and raised \$575. These funds were designated for McCurdy Ministries, an Engaged Methodist Ministry. The check will be delivered personally by Jan Murley and Kay Allingham. We look forward to hearing about McCurdy Ministries when they return.

Events

Mom & Dad Groups- 10/11/2026 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.



TRICK OR TREAT

LOTS OF TREATS • CREATIVE COSTUMES • FUN GAMES

25TH OCT | 1245 W. MAPLE AVE. ADRIAN MI | **5:00 PM**

COME TRICK OR TREAT MANY DECORATED TRUNKS, ENJOY CIDER AND DOUGHNUT HOLES AFTER YOU FINISH TRICK OR TREATING. PLEASE START LINE AT THE PAVILLION END!

ADRIAN JR MAJORETTES
COMPETITION TEAM

Can Drive Fundraiser

SAVE YOUR CANS/BOTTLES!!

We're raising funds to support our competitive baton twirlers and pom dancers!

DROP OFF INFORMATION:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
1PM-3PM**

**ADRIAN FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1245 W Maple Ave, Adrian**

Charge Conference: - 10/11/2026, at 12pm. All are welcome to attend this annual business meeting of the church.

Bible 101 -Every Wednesdays, 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!

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: 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, 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:

Beckie Miller, Dick Barber, Sharon Lane, Jim Bretz, Karen Knisel, Don and Martha Odell, Ed Salazar, Tim Sauter, brother of Mary Barber, Huntleigh Leonard, Latrice, Joyce, and Zariyah 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 Reddi, Michaelyn Mankel, Abigail Romanelli, Briar Alan Maerkle (Great Nephew of Judy Plotner) and his parents, 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, John Thurman

The Antalek Family for the passing of Mary Joan Antalek, whose peace became everlasting on September 13th, 2026.

The Family of Joan Poling, as she joined her Lord and Shepherd on September 28th, 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