Adrian First United Methodist Church

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Welcome All Love Deeply Serve Boldly

The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, November 8th
- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Youth Group
- 10:45am Seekers
- 12:30pm Harvest Dinner
- 4pm Mom & Dads Groups

Monday, November 9th
- 6pm Cross Country Event Meeting
- 6:30pm Handicrafters

Tuesday, November 10th
- 8:30am Numbers Meeting
- 9am Building Meeting
- 10am Quilters
- 4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal
- 5pm Adrian Majorettes Practice

Wednesday, November 11th
- 5pm AHS Cross Country Dinner
- 6:30pm Bible 101
- 7pm LCC Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12th
- 1pm Stitch and Serve
- 7pm Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15th
- 8:15am Wesley Chorale Rehearsal
- 9:30am Worship Service
- 10:45am Seekers
- 10:45am Youth Group

Tuesday, November 17th
- 9am Staff Meeting
- 10am Quilters
- 4:30pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal
- 5pm Adrian Majorettes Practice
- 6pm Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th
- 12pm STW & Hot Meals
- 5:30pm WOW Dinner
- 7pm LCC Rehearsal



Friends in Christ, there has never been a moment when God was not with you – never a moment when God abandoned you to suffer or struggle or rejoice alone. God has been with you through it all, and God will be with you through whatever you are experiencing today.

Are you elated by the "blue wave" that swept elections this week? God is with you. Let us hold both incoming and long-term politicians accountable to work for the people they represent, remembering God's call to care especially for the vulnerable and oppressed.

Are you concerned about the state of this nation? God is with you. Continue to go to God in prayer for our leaders, our church, our community, and the families in our midst. Are you wading through the waters of despair, dealing with health concerns, living with grief, or struggling with economic uncertainty? God is with you. When the church is at its best, we rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn (Romans 12:15).

Whether you find yourself in a time of joy or a time of sorrow, know that God is with you – and so is your church family. Much of what we love is fragile: democracy, hope, life itself. Fragility makes these things precious.

Thank you to those who got out this past week and made your voices heard in the polls – regardless of who you voted for. Thank you for those who have spent time in prayer and in the Word, anchoring yourselves in the love of God and seeking to understand God's purposes. Thank you to those who have sought out ways to serve, volunteer, and give back; this community is stronger because of you.

On November 8, I will wrap up our series on "A Different Kind of Kingdom" at 9:30 a.m. and we will celebrate two baptisms at our 12:30 p.m. Harvest Dinner, joined by our siblings in Christ from Bethel AME. On November 15, while I retreat to the North woods, Dr. Spencer Bennett will bring a word on the Great Banquet that you will not want to miss.

God meets us in our places of fragility and empowers us to live faithfully. With that in mind, "May the God of hope fill you with all peace and joy as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

God is with you, friends, and it's a joy to be with you as well,
Pastor Zack

Envelopes and Giving Estimates for 2027

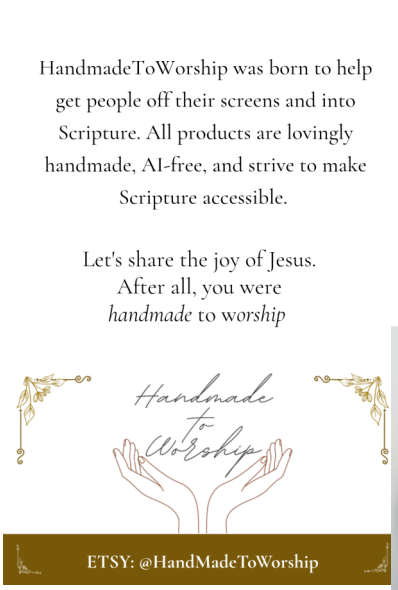
Giving Envelopes for 2027 are available for pickup at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you do not find yours, please let the Church Office know. Estimate of Giving cards for 2027 are also available. Your faithful response empowers us to budget wisely for the coming year.

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 in Room 5. Nursery Care is available during these meetings. Connect with Pastor Zack or Miss Lainey for more details.

Connection Café– 11/23/2026 at 1pm. Call ahead to reserve a seat! If interested in attending, call Amanda Marsh at Wellwise Services: 517-592-1974.

Pop-Up Arts and Crafts Fair-11/29/2026 after Worship in the Pavilon outside Fellowship Hall. Ally Szymanski will be selling crafts from her shop "Handmade To Worship" to help pay for her seminary tuition expenses and her ICF Life Coaching Certification. If you have any questions about the fair, or the type of crafts being sold, please follow the Etsy Shop below, or reach out to our church office for more information.





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!

United Women in Faith

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.

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 following 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:

Jenny Sellepack, Sally Glasser, Dave Bauman, Chuck Chase, Beckie Miller, Sharon Lane, Jim Bretz, Karen Knisel, 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

Brandon Miller and his family as they mourn the passing of his cousin, Larry Thompson, who came to his rest eternal on November 3rd, 2026

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TIDINGS

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Tidings is a biweekly publication. Please get your information to the office, by the Wednesday most convenient.

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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: Meeting next on December 3rd, 2026 at 5:30pm at Red Lobster

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

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The Congregation!
Rev. Zack Dunlap, Senior Pastor