

Happy Birthday!

- 8 Owen Heidebrink
Josh Taarud
- 10 Alice Kellen
Brady Palaschak-Smeins
- 11 Donald Dirks
- 12 Marlene Miller
Trevor Nickel
Dorothy Sietsema
- 13 Ivy Jenson
Ceta Zebe
- 14 Judy Schmidt
Mary Van Horsen

Happy Anniversary!

- 14 Angel & Lourdes Franco

Church Family Prayer List

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Cory & Heidi Klingenberg & family
Cody Klooster
Kevin Klooster
Kory Klooster
Scott & Shelly Klooster & family
Shelia Kluever
Burdell & Jolene Kuhl
Gerald & Cindy Langendorfer
Micah Langendorfer

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Betty Taarud, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, and Norma Swenson

One visit goes a long way!

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Logan Waldner
Etta Schroeder Ron Husenga
Lourdes Franco Chris Nelson
Lowell Carlson Rod Behrends
Beth Habicht Clyde Scheevel
Virgil Buck Dianne Dalrymple
Kristin (Dalrymple) Amundson

Prayers for those dealing with cancer

Shellie William
Janelle Johnson
Christopher Allen Brown
Marian Reitsma (friend of Jolene Kuhl)
Stacy White
Mike Miller
Jeff Wachell (friend of Deb Steinle)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Nancy Hyink Alden Remme
Bill Carlberg Emma Schnyders
Ariana Lopez Larry Doeden
Pat Huisenga Corky Tate

For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office:

507.372.2939
methodistoffice@gmail.com



Sunday, February 8th, 2026
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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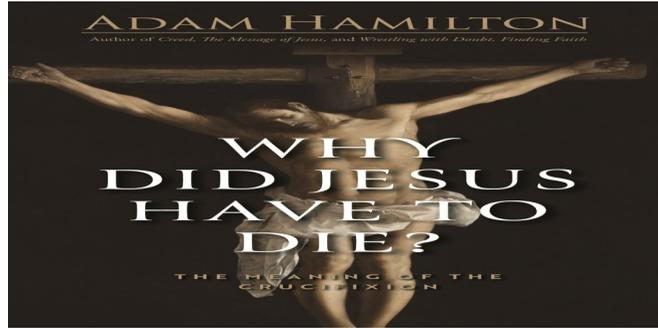
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Zoom Lent 2026 Bible Study

When words fall short, the cross still speaks. Our small group will study a new book by Adam Hamilton — *Why Did Jesus have to Die? — The Meaning of the Crucifixion*. Despite the crucifixion's central role in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus' death saves us or why exactly he had to die. The writers use many metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never fully explain how it works or why it had to happen this way.



What if that's because we've been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn't just a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform us and how we live?



Join us on Monday nights starting February 23rd, 2026, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Zoom. To sign up for the Bible study use the QRC code or contact Pastor John.



Volunteers Needed for Lenten Lunch

Our church is hosting a Lenten Lunch on Thursday, February 26th. This gathering of four churches is always a special time and our church is known for the menu we serve: good Midwestern Tater Tot Casserole! Please sign up in the Narthex to help prepare and/or serve. We need a dozen or so volunteers. Ask Pat or Gretchen if you have questions. Thank You!

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER HYMN

UMH #557 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GENEROSITY MOMENT

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship or visit our website <http://www.firstumcworthington.com/give>)

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94 - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON
MESSAGE

Ephesians 6:12

"A Church That Pleases God -
Is United in its Mission"
Pastor John Mitchem

We Go Forth to Serve God

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Free to follow Pastor John on Social Media
<https://www.facebook.com/jdmitchem>

Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

The Shores
LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center
Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)
Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage
Margaret Loger

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at on any one of four different app channels or online websites:

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Please note that all of our services can be viewed even after the service is over. For questions, please contact the church office.

FH = Fellowship Hall

FR = Fireside Room



This Week

SUN Feb 8
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Youth Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship - FH
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

MON Feb 9
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

TUES Feb 10
9:30 am Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee
3:00 pm Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3
5:00 pm Family Life Meeting

WED Feb 11
4:30 pm Adrian Council Meeting
5:15 pm Connect Wednesday Dinner
5:45 pm Worship
5:45 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Program
7:00 pm Bell Practice

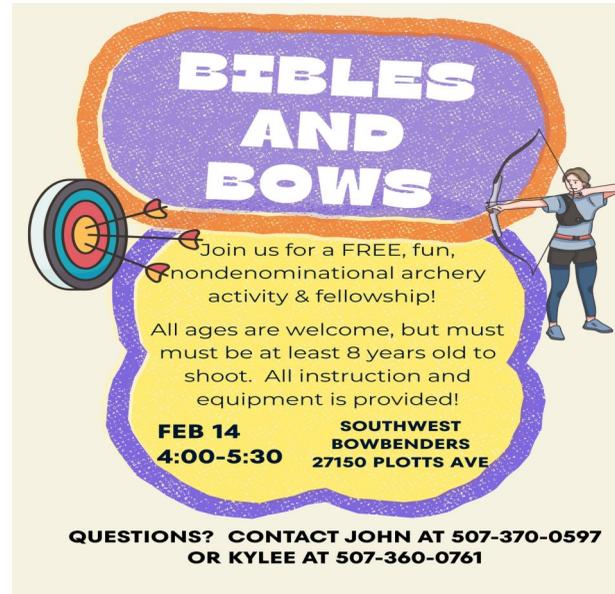
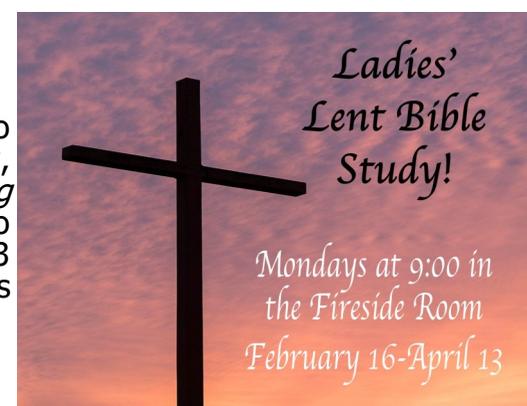
THURS Feb 12
5:15 pm Trustees Meeting

SAT Feb 14 Happy Valentines Day
4:00 pm Bibles & Bows

SUN Feb 15
6:30 am Worship Re-Broadcast on TV
9:00 am Worship @ Adrian
9:00 am Youth Sunday School
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship - FH
Decorate Valentine Cookies
10:30 am Worship @ First
1:00 pm Cristo En Tu Ayuda

Ladies Lent Bible Study

Ladies, please join us—or pick up a book to go through on your own—for our Lent Bible study, *Clinging to the Cross; How Lent points Us to Lasting Hope in Christ*. We will meet on Mondays at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room February 16-April 13 (excluding Easter Monday). Cost of the books is \$18. Let Gretchen know if you'd like a book!



Soup Cook-Off!

Sunday, February 22 following worship service.

Sign up in the narthex by February 15th