

Newsletter of Acton United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School** 10:35 a.m.

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August 2020

this issue

Craft Fair Change

Gathered Together

Spreading Love

Chili Recipes 11

LOVE - LEARN - SHARE - SERVE with eternal purpose through faith in Jesus Christ

A FAREWELL TO AMY

Amy Johnson, our choir director, will be leaving us at the end of July. It has been an honor to work with someone with such amazing talent and commitment to Christ and craft. Although it is sad to say goodbye, I hope you'll join me in praying for Amy and celebrating with her this very wonderful next chapter in her life!



To Acton UMC Staff & Church,

I am excited to share some news that I've been waiting and praying about for some time now. I am going to be pursuing a PhD in Vocal Pedagogy at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. After many months of preparation, essays, auditions, and waiting, I was not only accepted but was offered a Graduate Teaching Assistantship and fellowship.

As you can imagine, this is going to be a big change for me. Although this has been a dream of mine for many years, I am also sad to leave my life here in Indy. Along with my family here, many of you have become an important part of my life. I will miss working with the choir and the children so much, but I know God will find the right person to take on those roles. Thank you so much for the love and support so many of you have shown me throughout my time at Acton.

Sincerely, Amy

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST EVENTS

13th......God's Bounty 17th.....Book Club 19th.....Fellowship Dinner

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

10th......God's Bounty 13th.....Bake Sale 16th.....Fellowship Dinner

OCTOBER EVENTS

3rdCraft Fair 8thGod's Bounty 11thBake Sale 21stFellowship Dinner 31stTrunk-or-Treat

TEAM MEETINGS

UMW Board August 8th
Trustees August 18th
Staff Parish September 1st
Missions TBD

Check calendar for times

WE ARE OPEN — KINDA! Starting June 14th we started providing worship inside for those who want to participate. We are planning on opening a bit more based on state and county mandates and hopefully can be fully open sometime in August. Look for more information on agapenet and our website.

STUDY GROUPS

Sunday mornings @10:35
On hold for now
Tuesday evenings @ 7:00
Woman's - The Days of Josus (S)

Women's – The Days of Jesus (Shelter House) Men's – on hold for now

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (The Wesley House)
Women's – Battlefield of the Mind

Thursday evenings @ 7:30 (The Grubb's Home)

Adult - Everything You Need

Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Shelter House)

Women's - Book of Matthew

Saturday mornings @ 8:30 (Shelter House)

Men's - Book of 1 Corinthians

Checkout page 8 for more details





Craft Fair date has changed to October 3rd

2020 EVENTS

August 19 – Fellowship Dinner October 3 – Craft Fair October 31 – Trunk-or-Treat December 6 – Advent Tea September 16 – Fellowship Dinner October 21 – Fellowship Dinner November 18 – Fellowship Dinner



AUGUST 19TH
FELLOWSHIP
DINNER

Dinner served at 6:00pm

SMILES OF ACTON

ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS

Cliff, Sheri, Gayle & Tom

Olivia, Nick & Cherilynn



Henry



Thanks for the generous Valentine college care packets!

Chili Cook-off winners! Recipes on page 11

Sam & Linda

Amy & Debi



Good luck Amy!

Blood drive



Donna

Ruth & Chris

Pictures are always

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Pray for your church family & friends



HEALING STRENGTH: Norm Troutt, Theresa Birdwell, Janet Coons (Donna McCullough's daughter), Walt Meyer (Steve's dad)

SYMPATHIES: Family of Kay Baugh (Clara Ford's daughter), Family of Florabel Willsey, Family of Tami Wantz, Family of Mary Schmidt, Family of Brent McKay (Bruce and

Suzie's son), Family of Gene Crosley (Denise Guant's father & Heather Stultz's grandfather)

OUR HOMEBOUND: Jeanne Carman, Clara Ford, Theresa Birdwell, Lurana Babcock

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alexandria Meyer, Adam Zietlow, Tanner Howell, Tatum Howell, Wyatt Crowel, Jacob Hon, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Adam Walters, Joseph (Andy) Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, Jamie Boles

If you have a prayer request please call the office or fill out a prayer request card during Sunday worship so that we may pray for you and your loved ones. A request for prayer can also be sent out to other members on email or added to the prayer list but we know that details of prayer requests can be private so information and updates will only be shared if requested.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

SHARE THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED

God's Bounty

Thanks to all who have been so generous in donating food to God's Bounty during the guarantine. AUMC has donated 2,230 pounds of food this year. That feeds almost 450 families.

Donations are always welcome and can be left in the breezeway or dropped off at God's Bounty on Thursdays, 6-7:00pm.

God's Bounty has been notified that they will receive an additional \$2,500 from Meijer through their Simply Give Program.

GOD'S BOUNTY

WFDNFSDAY August 12th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY August 13th 10-11:00am & 1-7:00pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch

Loose Change and \$1 Collection August - Brightwood Community

GOD'S BOUNTY

Pick up a bag today and bring it back filled with groceries for God's Bounty food pantry. Leave your bag at the display and our Missions Team will make sure it is delivered to the pantry.





PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT

August 2	Where the Miracle Begins	Matthew 14:13-21
August 9	Where Are the Stones?	
August 16	Don't Spread the Germs	
August 23	Experience is the Name	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30	Reset the System	Matthew 16:21-29



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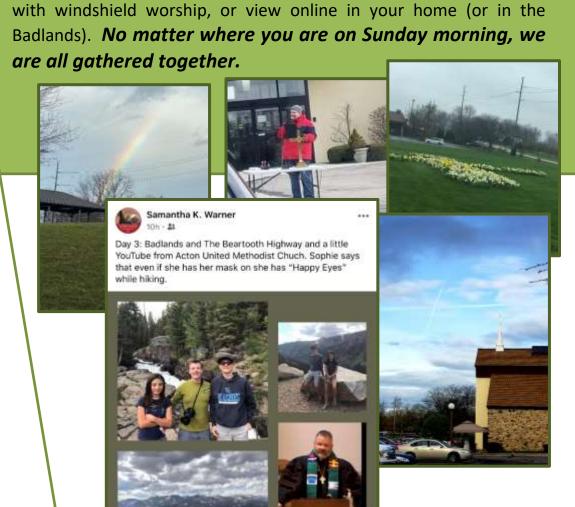
Worship

COME INSIDE (facemasks required)

WINDSHIELD WORSHIP (tune to 87.9)

WATCH LIVE (YouTube)

> Let's gather together!



During this time of quarantines, facemasks, and the current "normal", we still want and need to gather and worship. Gathering looks different for each of us, but we can still gather together on Sunday mornings. Come inside wearing your facemask, stay in your car in the parking lot

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

AMAZING MISSION FUND UPDATE

Annually in May we hold our Amazing Mission Fund pledge drive. Due to the pandemic, we are doing things different this year. We will not hold an official pledge drive, but are asking for you to continue to contribute throughout the year and as needs arise.



Missions will continue to communicate ways funds are being spent and any needs. Donations for the AMF can be done with your core giving or electronically. Please mark them accordingly.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

God's Bounty has been open through the quarantine and thank you to all who donated food and were able to work. Many new families were provided for.

Thanks to David and Victoria Phillips and their friends for fixing and serving the Sunday meal at the **Compassion Center** in March. That was our last meal at the center and no word yet on when it will reopen.

Gayle Kerns and Barb Wiley made sack lunches to be handed out at **East 10**th **Street UMC** for our meal in May. Thanks ladies!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE



AUMC hosted another successful blood drive on June 25th. This was our first event since March. *Thirty people* came to donate, including some from Boy Scout Troop 104. There was a total of 30 pints donated (two people gave a double unit) and four

people were unable to give. We had one *brand new donor*, Ruth Crowel. She and her dad made it a joint effort! We also had a fatherson effort, Sam and Brent Smith. *Three people received recognition pins from the blood center*. They are now members of the Beacon Club. Margie Townsend was recognized for three gallon donations, Steve Povalac also had three gallons, and Ken Grubb was recognized for donating 12 gallons. Please consider joining us at the next blood drive on October 1.

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru of June 30, 2020

Balance: \$3,112.83

God's Bounty items: \$2,107 Habitat for Humanity: \$2,500

Gleaners: \$2,000

Compassion Center Meals: \$144.93

Horizon House: \$2,000 Kairos Ministry: \$2,000

Shepard Community Center: \$2,000 Society of St. Andrews: \$500

World Vision Promise Packs: \$4,800

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru June 30, 2020

Loose Change:

Brightwood Community: \$298.39

Fletcher Place: \$125.80 Vida Nueva: \$280.11

Compassion Center Meals: \$94.48

UMCOR Sunday: \$445

UMCOR TN Tornado Relief: \$395 Native American Sunday: \$100

WAYS TO GIVE

Monthly Food Pantry Collection Amazing Mission Fund Kroger Gift Card Rewards Programs

WAYS TO SERVE

God's Bounty – 2nd Thursday Compassion Center – 1st Sunday

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Spreading Love During Covid 19

Acton is still working hard during COVID19. Many things have been happening behind the scenes and we continue to reach out locally and around the world to assist those in need.

A group of ladies made facemasks for our members and some were given to the homeless.

A few families got together outside and put together 400 Promise Packs for World Vision.

Missions donated **\$2,000** to support Larry Gillim and the Karios Prison Ministry.

Missions approved \$2,500 to be given to the Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity All Faith Build.

Missions gave \$500 to Society of St. Andrews. They work with farmers and distributors to provide surplus food to local food pantries.

Our congregation donated 2,230 pounds of food to God's Bounty – feeding almost 450 families.

Missions sent **\$2,000** to *Gleaners* to help with the additional needs during COVID19. They handed out 30,000 emergency food boxes each week during the pandemic, which is 2 to 3 times their normal volume.

Our congregation provided assistance for anyone needing help getting out for groceries or supplies. Thanks to Gary Schonfeld and Joe Stout, Allstate agents and volunteers at the Compassion Center, \$2,000 from the Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant Program was given to the Compassion Center.

Our June blood drive collected 30 pints of blood.

Tutoring was offered by members of the church for those needing help during the school year.

Missions provided *\$2,000* to *God's Bounty* which has experienced an increase and many new families during COVD19.

AMF provided \$2,000 to Shepard Community **Center** on the east side to provide support during COVD19. It's a faith based program attempting to break the cycle of poverty.

We provided **\$2,000** to *Horizon House* who serves the homeless through screening for COVID19, providing blankets, food and other necessities.

RIP Medical debt letters were mailed for those receiving debt relief from our Advent collection. With our collection over Christmas, we have eliminated \$2.9 million of medical debt in our neighborhood, impacting over 2,600 families.



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH - ALL ARE WELCOME





ADULT CURRENT EVENTS CLASS The Wired Word

Meets Sundays, 10:35-11:15am, Kitchen, see Cliff Lathrop

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Meets Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Youth Room, see Pastor Matthew

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

Meets Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Jungle Room, see Denise Gaunt

PREK-5th GRADE CLASS Bible Jeopardy

Meets 1st Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Children's Chapel upstairs

Kid's Own Worship & More

Meets rest of the month after the children's message, 9:45-10:30am Children's Chapel upstairs

ON HOLD FOR NOW

All are welcome to attend Sunday school classes, Youth Group, or a Small Group. Come and fellowship as we learn about God's word. YOUTH GROUP – Join us for dinner, fun fellowship, and faith building lessons

Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm, at the Church

LOOK FOR DETAILS ON WHEN WE WILL START BACK

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING

The Days of Jesus by Bill O'Reilly Tuesdays, 7-8:00pm, shelter house see Gayle Kerns

MEN'S TUESDAY EVENINGS – ON HOLD

Eternity with God by Erwin W. Lutzer Tuesdays, 7-8:00 pm, ON HOLD FOR NOW see Steve Povalac

WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH

Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer Wednesdays, 10:00am, Wesley House outside see Becky Repass

ADULT THURSDAY EVENINGS (TGIT)

Everything You Need by Dr. David Jeremiah Thursdays, 7:30pm, Grubb's home See Ken or Sandy Grubb

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS Book of Matthew

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am, shelter house see Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS

The Book of 1 Corinthians

Saturdays, 8:00am, shelter house see Dan Repass

ACTON UMW

WOMEN IN MISSION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WHAT IS THE UMW?

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women in the world. We are focused on mission and providing opportunities for women to grow spiritually.

If you attend a United Methodist church, you are a member of the United Methodist Women. Also. you do not need to be a member of the church to be a United Methodist Woman.

At Acton, UMW has so many opportunities for all women including:

- Host Fellowship Dinners
- Reading Circle
- Acts of Kindness
- Blanket Ministry
- Women's Luncheons
- Women's Retreat
- Craft Fair
- Advent Tea

So, please, every woman, think how you may enjoy becoming a part of Acton United Methodist Women.



MINISTRY FOCUS



Prayer Blanket Ministry is a ministry of the UMW that provides prayer blankets for our congregation, friends, and families that are sick. The blankets are made by hand with special touches to make them special and then they are prayed over by the congregation. If you would like to be part of this ministry, see Mary Ann Puckett.

MINISTRIES

Prayer Blanket Ministry

- ~Make quilts for those suffering
- ~See Mary Ann Puckett to help
- ~Call the office for a blanket

Acts of Kindness Bake Sale

- ~2nd Sundays after worship (usually)
- ~Bring baked or savory foods

Reading Circle

- ~August 17th, 6:30pm, Zoom
- ~Big Lies in a Small Town
- ~Contact Audrey Roberts for an invite

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~August 19th, 6:00pm
- ~UMW Prepares throughout the year
- ~ Connie W. to help

Craft Fair

- ~October 3rd
- ~See Arlette Povalac to help
- ~Main fundraiser of the AUMW

Advent Tea

- ~December 6th, 4:30pm
- ~The tables are always beautiful

BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Friday Bible Study is studying from the book of Matthew. They meet in the shelter house from 9:30-11:00am every Friday.



PRAYER BLANKETS

Thanks to the women of the church that make our prayer blankets

This ministry started in 2006

A total of 260 blankets have been delivered

Blankets are available to friends and family that are sick and are designed specific to men, women and children.

Call the office or talk with Mary Ann Puckett to get a blanket

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



Monday-Friday 9-1:00pm

THE OFFICE WOULD OFFICIALLY LIKE TO WELCOME REBECCA HOHLT as the new Administrative Assistant. She has been with us since February and many of you have already had the pleasure of meeting her. She is settling in nicely and has made a great addition to the

office. If you have an agapenet, calendar question, or need anything, please don't hesitate to contact Becca. Stop by when you get a chance and



introduce yourself and welcome her to the family. Rebecca has been married 7 years to Nick Hohlt. They have four children. Seth is 21 and serves in the National Guard. Braydon is 13, Violet is 9, and Rylan is 4 and will be in our Pre-K class here at AUMC.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE and see the latest news at Acton. The calendar, past sermons, newsletters, prayer requests, as well as information about ministries and more can be found (actonumc.com).



As of June 30, 2020

Income\$205,556 77% of budget Expenses\$146,775 55% of budget

BBQ IS IN THE AIR AT ACTON - FROM PASTOR MATTHEW. I've had some folks ask me about my recent BBQ Judge's class and what it was all about. The simple answer is that I love BBQ and it is a hobby of mine that I want to take to the next level. At this time, I have created an official "team" (of me, myself, and I) that will compete in a BBQ event this summer. I took the judge's class so that I would be aware of what was expected and how to prepare. I'm also interested in helping out from time to time being a judge so that I can stay in that BBQ "world."

You may have heard that we are in the dreaming phase of starting a BBQ ministry here at AUMC. It is my hope to build a little notoriety through successful competition that may help to promote events at our church where BBQ is served or being used as a fund raiser. It is my dream to start a worship service someday in Acton (in the town) where we eat BBQ and hear about God's love. I really believe that this passion has been placed on my heart because it can be used for God's glory.

I do BBQ because I love to cook and I love to feed people. I think that this love can be combined with the needs in our community and maybe you like that thought or even feel the same way. Have you thought about new ministries to reach new people for Jesus? What would it look like to smoke some BBQ low and slow and visit with new friends and neighbors and share our faith? I've heard of "cowboy" church

and "Jazz" church. Why not BBQ Table church? Please pray about it and I'd love to hear your ideas and if God is nudging your heart too. No matter what God has planned, I'm sure it will be delicious.



GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

It was in February, but finally we are getting out the recipes from our chili cook-off. Congrats to our winners!



White Chicken Chili

Linda Selke

2-3 cups shredded chicken or more (I use leftover rotisserie chicken) 4 cans white beans, drained 2 cans chicken broth

1 diced onion (sauté in butter to tender)

1 Tbsp cumin

16 oz. sour cream

2 small cans diced chilies 1 Tbsp chili powder Salt and pepper to taste ½ cup heavy cream

Instructions:

1. Mix all but sour cream and heavy cream and heat. 2. Cool to room temperature and stir in sour cream and heavy cream.

3. Reheat to serve.





Cheesy Enchilada Chili

1 lb. ground beef 2 Tbsp taco seasoning 1¼ cups sour cream 15 oz. salsa con queso 2 large potatoes, diced Cilantro

1 large onion 1½ cups chicken or beef stock 4 oz. can green chilies 15 oz. can black beans, rinsed 10 oz. frozen corn 1-2 tsp paprika

- 1-3 tsp cayenne powder
- 1. Cook the beef and onions together. Drain the grease. Add ½ cup water and taco 2. Add the stock, chilies, queso, beans, and potatoes. Simmer for 20 minutes.

3. Add the corn and cilantro. Add the paprika, cayenne, and salt to taste. 4. Serve with chips, cilantro, pico, and diced avocado.



KIDS' KORNER

WELCOME TO KIDS' KORNER, a page just for kids and their families. Learn about what the children are studying on Sunday and see what fun events are upcoming for the kids and families. There's also a Bible story to help you dig into God's word. Enjoy!



Children's Sunday Worship & Fun

Right now we are not having a kids' own worship or Sunday school, but hope to start back up soon. When we do, the kids can join us on Sundays after the children's message for worship, fun and learning upstairs in the Children's Chapel. The kids have their own worship experience followed by snacks, games, crafts, science experiments and mission projects.

Also, on the first Sunday, kids stay in worship with their families so they can share the Lord's Supper with us - make sure to come to the Children's Chapel upstairs after worship for Bible Jeopardy.

Look for more details on Children's Worship and Sunday school coming in August





Dake has bible stories on the actonumc.com website!

Upcoming Events

MISSIONS

Food God's Bounty Coins for Brightwood Community

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible. How are you like them?



MATTHEW 14:13-21
God Provides

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

Our youth had a great lock-in all the way back in December!









SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

- ~Sundays
- ~5:30-7:00pm, Church

Look for more details about when we can safely meet coming in August

HOT TOPICS

Thanks

TO A FEW OF OUR PAST YOUTH

for helping at the lock-in

ALEXANDRIA ~ NOEL
WYATT ~ EMILY

MADDIE







What's for dinner?

Is my hot dog done yet?

Can we play sardines?

Scouting Adventures



The Scout led us in worship in February. They have been meeting on Zoom during the quarantine and have been able to meet outside this summer and even creatively had summer camp.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We will	2 9:30 Communion 3:00 Troop 104 PLC	3 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	4 6:00 Staff Parish 7:00 Womens Bible Study 7:00 Mens Bible Study	5 10:00 Women in Faith	6 7:30 TGIT Bible Study 8:00 AA	7 9:30 Womens Study	8 8:00 Mens Study 9:30 UMW Board
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WE SAY GOODBYE TO OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

GATHERED TOGETHER

SAFE OPTIONS FOR WORSHIP

SPREADING LOVE DURING COVID

HOW HAS AUMC REACHED OUT

PASTOR MATTHEW'S LOVE

BBQ IS IN THE AIR

YUMMY RECIPES

THE CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

FALL CRAFT FAIR

DATE CHANGED TO OCTOBER

A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE

WELCOME TO BECCA

