





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

FELLOWSHIP DINNER IT'S A BBQ PITCH-IN

SUMMER KIDS KLUB 75 KIDS REACHED

SINGLES RUSTIC GARDENS OUTING

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEAR GREEN AUGUST 14TH

> GOD'S BOUNTY PEANUT BUTTER IS NEEDED

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD IN RIVERSIDE Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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A WORD FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. Psalm 36:8-9

In the ancient world, Egyptians, Greeks, and later Romans were experts in finding water and diverting its flow to the crops. Ancient people knew how important water really was, not for greener lawns or a few extra summer tomatoes, but for living; for life.

I've often thought the very image of the church should be a fountain. The Psalmist teaches us that God is the fountain of life and although we can find God anywhere in creation, there is a special and distinct connection in Christian community—the Church. Fountains are beautiful displays of life and joy. Ever see the water display set to music at Pigeon Forge? It's a sight to see!

In a fountain there must be a pump that takes water from a lower basin and brings it up into the air, then collects it into the basin to begin the process again. If there is no way to take the water from the basin, there will be no display, no water coming up in visual celebration. If there is no basin, the water display will fall to dry ground, only to dry up and cease the flow of water.

That is the Church. The basin is everything we do together to love and heal, the inclusion of new folks into ministries of nurture and care as well as equipping one another for service. The display is mission and simple acts of kindness, living out our faith. We cannot have one without the other. If we only care of ourselves, there will be no growth or new ideas, no outward display of God's love in the community. If we only hold celebrations and do mission work but don't care for one another and learn together, we will eventually die off.

How are we doing as a healthy fountain of God's love? How are we caring for one another and learning for more effective Christian lives as individuals and as a community? How are we displaying the love of Jesus in our community? How do others see this church? As a building only? We need balance.

So as summer draws to a close, consider how we can be refreshed by new ideas, new opportunities to care for each other and reach into the world with the love of Jesus. When a church is an effective fountain of the love of Christ, many will come to see, and with radical welcome, feel at home.

In Christ's love,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST EVENTS

6th.....Bowling with the Ladies 11th....God's Bounty 14th....Wear Green 17th....BBQ Pitch-In 20th....Singles Miniature Golf 21st....Sweet & Savory Sale

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

8th......God's Bounty 18th.....Sweet & Savory Sale 21st.....Fellowship Dinner

OCTOBER EVENTS

13th God's Bounty 16th Sweet & Savory Sale 19th Fellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish August 2nd Strategy Council August 9th Trustees August 16th Missions August 24th UMW Board October 10th

Check calendar for times

OUR YOUTH MEET ON SUNDAYS for dinner, games, a lesson, and fellowship. Youth, ages 6th-12th grade, are invited along with their friends to join us any Sunday. They will be meeting at the Crane's in

August and back at the church starting in September. See Andy or Diane Crane with questions.



STUDY GROUPS

Sunday mornings @10:35 (The Kitchen) Adult Class – The Wired Word

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church) Women's – How to Age Without Getting Old

Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 (Barb McCormack's home) Women's – So What's the Difference

Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Church kitchen) Women's – Ten Women of the Bible

Saturday mornings @ 8:00 (Church kitchen) Men's – Books of Colossians and Philemon

Checkout page 8 for more details



FELLOWSHIP DINNER PITCH-IN AUGUST 17th ~ 6:00pm SHELTER HOUSE

August's Fellowship Dinner is a BBQ pitch-in. Pastor Matthew will be cooking. Just bring a side or dessert to share and your lawn chair.

SWEET & SAVORY SALE AUGUST 21ST

money collected this month go to Special Olympics of Marion County South

HOSTED BY ACTS OF KINDNESS & BEYOND

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

PASTOR MATTHEW'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION THIS MONTH IS ADAM HAMILTON'S CONFRONTING THE CONTROVERSIES. Pastor Adam helps us to look at both sides of an issue to better understand the heart of someone who does not think or believe as we do. An older book, but it's still worth a read.



The Sacraments

United Methodists recognize only those sacraments in which Jesus Christ Himself participated.

Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that joins us with the church and with Christians everywhere. It's a symbol of new life and a promise of God's saving love...and a sign of God's forgiveness for our sins. United Methodist baptize by sprinkling, immersion or pouring.

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and wine that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, United Methodists give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins and receive grace to empower us to go on in Christian living.

Taken from *About Being United Methodist*, 2007 Edition.

A new ministry, Summer Kids Klub, had a great first year. Over 75 different kids joined us this summer with an average of 30 each week. They learned about the parables through games, songs, and crafts. Lunch was served and fun was had by all! Thank you to Diane Crane for heading this up and for all the volunteers including our youth.

PICK UP YOUR

KINDNESS SLIP

ADAM HAMILTON

REVISED EDMON



As of June 30, 2022 Income...... \$150,229......54% of budget Expenses.... \$134,558......48% of budget

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



MINATURE GOLF August 20th 11:00am Singles are going to Rustic Gardens for miniature golf. Join in the fun! See Susan French or Trudi Wolfe for more details.



Our Prayer Blanket ministry team will be dedicating more blankets at worship

on August 14th. If you can help with this ministry, please see Mary Ann Puckett. If you have someone who needs a *prayer blanket*, please contact the church office or Mary Ann Puckett.

Ukraine became independent on August 24th, 1991.

Each day at 8:24, am or pm, pray this prayer, that they might keep their freedom and there will be peace.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Are you up on all of your immunizations? August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This month brings awareness and

encourages people to check and make sure they are current on their vaccinations. There are several diseases that are easily prevented with vaccines. Call your doctor today!

If you have any questions for our Parish Nurse, please contact Margie Townsend.

WEAR GREEN ON AUGUST 14th

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Join the women of the church on *September 19th at 6:30pm* for a discussion of *Dandelion Summer* by Lisa Wingate. The women will be meeting at *Margie Bartnick's home.* All are welcome. See

Audrey Roberts with questions or for directions. THE reading CIRCLE Plans for this year's Craft Fair are underway. The church booth will be selling cookie plates again. If you have any pretty and interesting plates for the goodies or can pick a few up at Goodwill or Salvation Army it would be appreciated. Drop them off at the church office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Kathy Phillips, Rae Ann Woodrow, Mary Ann Ullrich (Becca's mom), Family of Mary Shoentrup, Greg McConaughey, Linda Hicks, Amy Berns (Debi Harrison's principal), Paula McIntosh

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alexandria Meyer, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson, Olivia Woodrow, Cherilynn Spicer, Ruth Crowel, Nick Newlon

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

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

FURNITURE & LARGE ITEMS

If you have any larger items that you think might sell well on Facebook Marketplace, just give the office a call. Becca and Larry Suits will coordinate pick up and take care of the rest. Money received from the sales will go to our Trustees with a portion given to Missions.



WEDNESDAY, August 12th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, August 11th 10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch





DONATE TO GOD'S BOUNTY



Pick up a bag from the God's Bounty display and bring it back filled with nonperishable food. Someone from Missions will make sure it gets delivered to our local food pantry, God's Bounty.

PEANUT BUTTER IS IN HIGH DEMAND

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PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT

August 7	Spirit of Holiness	John 15:18-25	Chapter 49
August 14	Spirit of Life	Luke 20:27-38	Chapter 50
August 21	Spirit of Hope	Revelations 1:9-19	Chapter 51
August 28	God in the End	Romans 8:31-39	Chapter 52

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING SERIES

We continue to walk through the basics of the Christian faith each Sunday using Brian McClaren's book: *We Make the Road by Walking.*



Take a moment and consider why someone might want to attend our church.

The answer cannot be driven by the need to increase membership or to keep our doors open.

Our objective must be on reaching individuals wherever they are, however they are, building a relationship with our neighbors to share the good news of Jesus Christ and meeting their needs.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

WELCOMING OTHERS IN CHRIST'S NAME

WHY DO PEOPLE NEED YOUR CHURCH?

Snippets from Chapter 3 of The Art of Hospitality by Debi Nixon.

WE MAKE THI ROAD

WALKING

We need to be clear about our distinctives as a congregation. What is that we offer that might reach someone that the other churches in the area might not reach? Not what makes us better than others, but what is special about us. What do we want to be known for in the community?

Knowing what is unique and special about our church is important and starts with being clear on our purpose. Churches that practice biblical hospitality are clear on their purpose and resolutely set out to work with God to accomplish that purpose.

Do you know our purpose? Need a hint? It's on the cover and the top of the odd pages.

You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Matthew 5:14

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

SERVE AT ROBERT'S PARK UMC ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Roberts Park United Methodist Church has been providing a meal for the homeless in downtown Indianapolis on Sundays for the past 20 years. Instead of discontinuing their meal program during the pandemic, they began providing sack lunches to go. Acton UMC will be providing a sack lunch meal on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th. **Anyone wishing to help with the Christmas meal should contact Bruce McKay.**

GOD'S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY

God's Bounty food pantry is the local Franklin Township Food Pantry supported by local churches including Acton. *Mary Jo Ensch is the*

Acton UMC Coordinator for God's Bounty and has been the coordinator since the pantry opened in February of 2011. Besides volunteering countless hours, she has the responsibility for finding volunteers for the second Thursday of every month. Thanks to Mary Jo for her continued service to help feed the hunger. If you would like to know



more about the food pantry, Mary Jo would love to show you around. Food donations for the pantry can be left at the display at church.

SAWS ARE BUILDING RAMPS

SAWS (Servant's At Work) builds ramps for those in need around the community. Ken Grubb and crew have built many a ramp over the last few years and are always looking for help. *If you are interested in helping, please see Ken.*



AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru June 30, 2022

Balance: \$5,135.73 ECHO: \$2,000 Save the Children (Ukraine): \$2,000 UMCOR Sunday Match: \$903.75 SAWS: \$500 UMCOR School Kits: \$305.81 Pack Away Hunger: \$3,100 Robert's Park Meal: \$363.07

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru June 30, 2022 Loose Change: Brightwood Community: \$79 Fletcher Place: \$289.08 Vida Nueva: \$449.70 UMCOR International: \$135 UMCOR Ukraine: \$100 UMCOR Sunday: \$1,205.75 UMCOR School Kits: \$54 ECHO: \$6,125

WAYS TO GIVE

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

WAYS TO SERVE

God's Bounty – 2nd Thursday Mission Team Meeting – August 24th Roberts Park UMC Meal – December 25th SAWS Builds – See Ken Grubb

There are circles of people that the Spirit of God wants to touch and bless, and you are the person through whom the Spirit wants to work. Conspire with the Spirit to bring blessing to others.

We Make the Road by Walking

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

FURTHER ENRICHING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS



This is the fourth year for The Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity Build on Faith program. This year's build is in the Riverside neighborhood and is one of four houses being built at the same time. The framing started on July 18th with plans for a finished house the week of November 14th.

Anyone can volunteer! If you are interested, please see Susan French Habitat for Humanity's Build on Faith works alongside the faith community of Great Indianapolis to embody the power of unity in diversity with the hope of further enriching our neighborhoods. This year, 20 churches, mosques, and synagogues are providing funding and volunteers.

"Seeing my children grow in a home is one thing I have desired for years but never thought that it could be obtainable for me."

Mission contributed \$1,000 to this year's build The home will be for the Polk family. Cecily is a single mom to three boys King (16), Robert (9), and Christian (4), and works at Riley's Outpatient Surgery Center as a surgical technologist. The family attends Providence AME





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 Sandy G. or Charlie W.

HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

PREK thru 5th GRADE Bible Games 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, 9:45-11:15am Children's Chapel upstairs

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, games, fun, fellowship, and faith building lessons Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm, at the Crane's. See Andy or Diane Crane with any questions. Bring your friends!



WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH How to Age Without Getting Old Wednesdays, 10:00am, The Church see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENINGS So, What's the Difference Wednesdays, 6:00pm, Barb McCormack's see Gayle Kerns

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS Ten Women of the Bible Eridays 9:30-11:00am Church Kite

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am, Church Kitchen see Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS Books of Colossians and Philemon

Saturdays, 8:00am, Church Kitchen see Dan Repass

WOMEN OF ACTON

TOGETHER IN MISSION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

United Women in Faith?

United Methodist Women is also known as the United Women in Faith and 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 Women of Faith. Also, you do not need to be a member of the church to be a United Women in Faith.

At Acton there are 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

Every woman, please, think how you may enjoy becoming a part of the Acton United Women of Faith.



United Women in Faith



The Lucille Raines Residence is a facility owned and operated by the United Methodist Women of Indiana and located in downtown Indianapolis. The residence has been around since 1977 and houses up to 49 individuals recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Residents are learning to function independently in day-to-day life and rebuild their lives and relationship with God through meetings and a 12-step recover process. To learn more about this cause go to www.lucillerainesresidence.weebly.com.

MINISTRIES

Prayer Blanket Ministry

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

Acts of Kindness and beyond

- ~Sweet & Savory sale August 21st
- ~Helping our congregation in all ways
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~September 19th 6:30 @Margie Bartnick's
- ~Dandelion Summer by Lisa Wingate
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~UMW hosts in the odd months
- ~See Margie T or Gayle if you can help with November's meal

Craft Fair

- ~October 22nd
- ~See Felicia Crowel to help
- ~Main mission fundraiser of the AUMW

Advent Tea

~December 4th

~Always a beautiful evening

BIBLE STUDIES

~Wednesday mornings at 10:00am ~Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm ~Friday mornings at 9:30am

Acton UMW

ACTS

SWEET & SAVORY SALE Third Sundays

Donations of sweet and savory items always needed

See Audrey Roberts for details

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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

Our Kid's Own Worship includes kids PreK through 5th grade. They come upstairs to the Children's Chapel for fun and learning after the children's message. The kids have their own worship followed by snacks, games, crafts, science experiments and mission projects.

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 Games. All ages welcome!

If you kids need to leave after worship, make sure to pick them up from the Children's Chapel at the top of the stairs.

August Lessons Friends love all the time. Proverbs 17:17

August 7 Bible Games after worship
August 14 Paul's Journey to Rome Acts 27:1-44
August 21 David and Johnathon...... 1 Samuel 18:1-5
August 28 Ruth and Naomi Book or Ruth

The first Sunday each month in the Children's Chapel after worship







UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS IN AUGUST Food for God's Bounty Coins for Fletcher Place

FELLOWSHIP DINNER August 17th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible.



RUTH RUTH 1:1-18 Who was Ruth loyal to? What did Ruth promise?

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

Thank you to all the youth that helped this summer with Kids Klub! Not pictured - Henry, Molly, Stella, and Piper.



SAVE THE DATE

NO YOUTH GROUP ~August 7th ~August 21st ~September 4th

Youth GROUP ~August 14th ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's

FELLOWSHIP DINNER ~August 17th ~6:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP ~August 28th ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's

Youth GROUP ~September 11th ~5:30-7:00pm, at Church



YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS 5:00-7:00pm

AT THE CRANE'S BRING A SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL

> Meeting back at the church September 11th

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Scouting Adventures

TOTAL COMPANY



Congrats to Troop 104's newest Eagle Jacob



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Pack 104 had their pack meeting at the bowling alley for relief from the heat



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AUGUST 2022	Saturday	6 8:00 Mens Study Ladies Bowling 11-12:00	13 8:00 Mens Study	20 8:00 Mens Study 11:00 Singles 27 8:00 Mens Study	3 8:00 Mens Study
	Friday	5 9:30 Womens Study	12 9:30 Womens Study	19 9:30 Womens Study 26 9:30 Womens Study	2 9:30 Womens Study
	Thursday	4 6:30 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA	11 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA GODS BOUNTY	18 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA 25 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA	1 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA
	Wednesday	3 10:00 W omens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 GS Brownies	10 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 GS Brownies	17 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 Pitch-in 6:00 Pitch-in 6:00 Missions 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 S Brownies	31 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies
	Tuesday	2 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849	9 6:00 Strategy Council	16 6:00 GS Troop 1849 23	30 6:00 GS Troop 1849
	Monday	1 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	8 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	15 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 22 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	29 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219
	Sunday	31 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group	7 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 3:00 Troop 104 PLC	14 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group 21 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 1:00 GS Troop 200 SWEET & SAVORY	28 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group

FACES OF ACTON ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS



Pictures are always appreciated! Send them to crowel862@gmail.com