

# Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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

## DECEMBER 2022

with a bit of January 2023

### Christmas Dinner 3

Join us on December 21<sup>st</sup> for our annual Christmas Dinner. Ham will be provided, bring a side or dessert to share.

### Socks Needed 6

In December we are collecting socks to be handed out with the Robert's Park UMC sack lunch on Christmas day.

### UMCOR Offerings 9

Donate to UMCOR USA for Ian relief during Advent, and on Christmas Eve to UMCOR International for Ukraine.

### Study Groups 10

Start 2023 by joining one of our study groups. It's a great way to get into the scripture and meet people.

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# From the pastor's desk



## Letting Grief Have It's Moment

BY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

I've noticed a theme in some of the major commercials of the holiday season and that is "moving on." There is a grocery store advertisement where an elderly man stumbles upon the recipe book of his departed wife and in running to the store and gathering ingredients, along with some help from his granddaughter, seems to bring the memories back to the forefront. His sadness dissipates as he has recreated her famous pie.

There's another one that is similar where a man, this time not in a cartoon form, is frantically cooking dinner with his mother looking on she seems concerned that everything seems to be burning but says nothing. He gets everything to the table, and everyone seems happy and then the camera pans up to her picture over the fireplace.

Commercials are reminding us that many families are missing loved ones this season. Over one million Americans died of covid related complications in addition to the other causes of death. That makes for an impact that is felt and shapes how families approach the holidays.

I know that many of you are grieving from a recent loss and I know that this time of year can truly bring forward feelings of grief that you've not felt for months or longer. It's natural to try and move on,

press forward and try not to experience the sadness. We tell ourselves that when the loss took place we cried enough, no need to keep at it now.

That's not the way grief works. "Moving on" needs to happen but we never get over grief. It just changes and the sharp edge dulls over time. Grief is like the small child that is constantly yelling for our attention, "look at me, watch me, see me!" Until you give it recognition, it will continue to pester you in uncomfortable moments until you concede and acknowledge that there is still grief in your heart.

*On Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will gather in the sanctuary and give attention to grief, let it have its moment.*

Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will gather in the sanctuary and give attention to that grief, let it have its moment. There may be tears, and that's okay. There may be smiles, and that's okay. We will pause because it doesn't feel right to just "move on." We will stop and wait for Jesus, the light of the world. We are on the edge of the longest night of the year, but we know darkness cannot overcome the light.

So if this season doesn't feel as joyful as you'd like because you are experiencing anxious feelings, frustration with life, and especially grief, let's name these things in Jesus' name and be with one another for the journey.

*Matthew*

Pastor Matthew's Recommendation

Everyone needs renewal, even the most committed among us. The spiritual life requires regular practice and a bit of time. *Coming Alive: Daily Meditations for Spiritual Renewal* helps with developing a spiritual practice for serious-minded and busy, people. The study offers five brief meditations each week for focused reading, reflection, and prayer. Each entry centers on a passage of scripture or spiritual writing. The meditations are deep, insightful, and beautifully simple. This timeless book offers a gently challenging daily habit, which leads to renewal of spirit and mind. Readings take about 10 minutes a day and are undated so you can determine your own pattern of practice.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### DECEMBER EVENTS

4<sup>th</sup> .....Advent Tea  
 8<sup>th</sup> .....God's Bounty  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Sweet & Savory Sale  
 20<sup>th</sup> .....Longest Night Service  
 21<sup>st</sup> .....Christmas Dinner  
 24<sup>th</sup> .....Christmas Eve Worship  
 25<sup>th</sup> .....Christmas Day Worship

### JANUARY EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> .....God's Bounty  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Sweet & Savory Sale  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Fellowship Dinner  
 28<sup>th</sup> .....Ladies' Breakfast

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

9<sup>th</sup> .....God's Bounty  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Fellowship Dinner  
 19<sup>th</sup> .....Sweet & Savory Sale  
 26<sup>th</sup> .....Chili Cook-off

### TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish ..... December 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Strategy Council .... January 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Trustees ..... December 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Missions ..... January 25<sup>th</sup>  
 UMW Board ..... January 9<sup>th</sup>

**JANUARY WILL BE HERE** before we know it. Women of all ages are invited to share breakfast and assemble care bags for cancer patients and their caregivers. Mark January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on your calendar. We will have a yogurt bar, a card making station, and an assembly line. Our goal is to do 100 bags again!

### STUDY GROUPS

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church)  
 Women's – *In Search of Wisdom*

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 1 & 2 Timothy*

*Checkout page 8 for more details*

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 6:00PM

Come and enjoy an evening meal with your church family. Ham will be provided. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a side to share and N-Z, please bring a dessert. This will be a fun evening of fellowship and maybe some carol singing!



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00PM

Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to worship with us on Christmas Eve.



## GOOD TO KNOW

### TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

#### ADVENT COLLECTIONS



**We will be collection during Advent for UMCOR, specifically USA disaster relief.** Currently, UMCOR USA disaster relief is going for flood buckets and help with Hurricane Ian relief. Missions has put a tree out with ornaments with directions on how you can give. You can leave a donation marked for Advent in the offering plate on Sunday, you can text UMCORUSA to 44321, or you can give on-line by scanning the QR code and selecting UMCOR USA Disaster Relief.



**Our Christmas Eve offering will all go to UMCOR, specifically international disaster relief.** Currently UMCOR international disaster relief is going to Ukraine. On Christmas Eve, you can leave your donation in the offering plate, and during December, you can text UMCORWORLD to 44321, or you can give on-line by scanning the QR code and selecting UMCOR International Disaster Relief.



#### Being a United Methodist

Being a United Methodist means many things to many people. It means:

**Commitment** in acknowledging Christ as Savior and Lord, living as faithful Christian disciples, and growing in holiness of heart and life.

**Nurture** through education, worship, spiritual disciplines, and sacraments.

**Outreach** by witnessing to bring others to Christ, caring for those in need, and striving to reform society.

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

#### Church Bulletin Funnies



The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet this Thursday. Please use the back door.



#### SOCKS FOR ROBERT'S PARK



We are collecting men's socks for Robert's Park UMC. They will be handing out with sack lunches on Christmas Day. Please leave any donations in the marked tub at church.

**GOOD TO KNOW**

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
WORSHIP**

**Come join us on Christmas Day at  
9:30am for a reading of the  
Christmas story and carol singing.**

**Come in your pajamas or comfy  
cloths. Special refreshments will be  
served after worship.**



December is the biggest give-gifting month in the world. Remember to keep safety in mind as you are shopping for kids and grandkids. In 2018 more than 226,000 emergency rooms visits were linked to children's toys. Choking hazards are one of the most common. Scan to learn more about safety tips to keep in mind during your holiday shopping.



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



**WEAR GREEN ON DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Longest Night  
Service  
December 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm**



**DON'T FORGET OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!** If you would like to send our college students a note of encouragement as they start their finals, please call the office for their current addresses. Students include Alexandria Meyer, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson, Olivia Woodrow, Cherilynn Spicer, Ruth Crowel, and Will Tope.



**As of October 31, 2022**

**Income .....\$234,805..... 84% of budget**  
**Expenses.....\$221,795..... 81% of budget**

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



**HEALING AND STRENGTH:** Rae Ann Woodrow, Steve Socks (Diana Baker's fiancée), Chris Rosemeyer, Kevin Hitt (Randolph's son-in-law), Lou McIntosh, Greg McConaughy, Linda Hicks, Amy Berns (Debi's principal), Paula McIntosh

**SYMPATHIES:** Family of Irma Meyers (Steve's mother)

**OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Alexandria Meyer, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson, Olivia Woodrow, Cherilynn Spicer, Ruth Crowel, Will Tope

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

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

#### ADVENT GIVING

*During the month of December, we will be collecting men's socks for Robert's Park UMC.* The socks will be given out with a sack lunch on Christmas day. Please drop any donations off at the display.

*Our Advent collection during December* will go to UMCOR, specifically USA disaster relief. Currently UMCOR USA disaster relief is going for flood buckets and help with Hurricane Ian relief. Grab a tag off the tree and donate.

*Our Christmas Eve offering* will go to UMCOR, specifically international disaster relief. Currently international disaster relief is going to Ukraine.

#### GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensich

Loose Change and \$1 Collection  
December - Vida Nueva  
January - Brightwood



#### 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.

# PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT



December 4..... Turn..... Matthew 3:1-12  
 December 11..... See ..... Matthew 11:2-11  
 December 18..... Dream ..... Matthew 1:24-25  
 December 24..... Peace (Christmas Eve) ..... Luke 2:1-20  
 December 25..... Carols and Pajamas

January 1..... Reveal: Epiphany ..... Matthew 2:1-12  
 January 8..... Baptism of Jesus ..... Matthew 3:1-17  
 January 15..... Temptation of Christ ..... Matthew 4:1-17  
 January 22..... Beatitudes ..... Matthew 5:1-20  
 January 29..... Treasure in Heaven ..... Matthew 6:7-21



## A CHRISTMAS POEM

If You Look for Me  
 at Christmas

you won't need a special star -  
 I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
 I'm right there where you are.  
 You may not be aware of Me -  
 amid the celebrations  
 You'll have to look beyond the stores  
 and all the decorations.  
 But if you take a moment  
 from your list of things to do  
 and listen to your heart,  
 you'll find I'm waiting there for you.  
 You're the one I want to be with,  
 you're the reason that I came,  
 and you'll find Me in the stillness  
 as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus





# RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

## SOCKS FOR ROBERT'S PARK

**Please drop off men's socks by December 18<sup>th</sup>.** The socks will be given out on Christmas day with a sack lunch. Socks can be dropped in the marked tub at church.

## ROBERT'S PARK ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Help is still needed to serve sack lunches at Robert's Park UMC on Christmas Day.** If you can help, please see Bruce McKay.

## CROP WALK DINNER WAS A SUCCESS

Thanks to all of those who attended the dinner and were able to contribute. **We raised \$356 at the dinner and Mission will contribute additional funds to make the total donation \$1,000.**



**Our SAWS team is at again!**

## ADVENT OFFERINGS

Make sure to get your donations to UMCOR USA in by the end of December. Monies will go **UMCOR for hurricane Ian relief**. You can give on Sunday morning or on-line. Mark donations for UMCOR USA.

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

100% of our Christmas Eve offering will go to **UMCOR International for Ukraine relief**. You can give on Christmas Eve or on-line. Mark donations for UMCOR International.

## THANK YOU FOR THE BALLS AND BLANKETS

**The mission team would like to thank everyone that helped with the balls and blankets for Fletcher Place Christmas.** We collected 70 balls and 50 blankets and a big thank you to BSN Sports for their donation of 30 sporting balls. Fletcher Place Christmas will help make this Christmas special for about 300 kids in that neighborhood. Thank you also to the volunteers from Acton that helped with the sorting and working the event.

## AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru October 31, 2022

Balance: \$7,175.05  
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: \$363.00  
Habitat for Humanity: \$1,000  
UMCOR (KY flooding): \$1,500  
Lucille Raines (elevator): \$1,000  
Kairos Prison Ministry: \$800

## OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru October 31, 2022

Loose Change:  
Brightwood Community: \$517.91  
Fletcher Place: \$488.38  
Vida Nueva: \$608.01  
UMCOR International: \$165  
UMCOR Ukraine: \$100  
UMCOR Sunday: \$1,205.75  
UMCOR School Kits: \$54  
ECHO: \$6,125  
Compassion Center: \$160.61

## WAYS TO GIVE

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

## WAYS TO SERVE

God's Bounty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
Mission Team Meeting – January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Roberts Park UMC Meal – December 25<sup>th</sup>  
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*



# Ways to give

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

during Advent

## Advent Offering

During Advent, we will be collecting for UMCOR USA disaster relief. Currently, these funds are going to make flood buckets and fulfill other needs for areas hit by hurricane Ian. Directions for giving are available on the ornaments on the giving tree at church. You can give on Sunday mornings. Please mark your donation for UMCOR USA or Advent. For those who prefer electronic giving, you can text UMCORUSA to 44321 or scan the QR code with your phone camera and you will be taken to our on-line giving site. Please select UMCOR USA.



## Christmas Eve Offering

The collection at the Christmas Eve worship service will go 100% to UMCOR International. This UMCOR fund is currently being used for Ukraine relief. You can leave your donation in the offering plate on Christmas Eve or if you prefer to give electronically, you can text UMCORWORLD to 44321. You can also scan the QR code with your phone camera and you will be taken to our on-line giving site. Please select UMCOR International.

# INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

## LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH — ALL ARE WELCOME

### Sunday School SCHEDULE

#### ADULT CURRENT EVENTS

##### *The Wired Word*

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Kitchen

Sandy G. & Charlie W.

#### YOUTH

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Youth Room

Denise Gaunt

#### BIBLE GAMES (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>)

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Children's Chapel upstairs

#### KID'S OWN WORSHIP (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>)

After children's message

9:45-11:15am

Children's Chapel upstairs

Everyone is welcome to drop in a class at any time. If you don't see anything that interests you, reach out to the church office or Pastor Matthew.

### YOUTH GROUP

*Join us for dinner, games, fun, fellowship, and faith building lessons*

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

See Andy or Diane Crane

Bring your friends!



### THROUGH OUT THE WEEK

#### WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH

##### *In Search of Wisdom*

Wednesdays, 10:00am, 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*

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am, Church Kitchen

see Connie Walters

#### MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS

##### *Books of 1 & 2 Timothy*

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.

At Acton there are opportunities for all women including helping with dinners, a reading circle, our blanket ministry and Acts of Kindness teams, fellowship events, our Craft Fair, and the annual Advent Tea.

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

If you have questions, please talk to one of the board members.

President: Felicia Crowel  
Vice President: Margie Townsend  
Secretary: Mary Ann Puckett  
Treasurer: Connie Walters  
Nominations: Linda Selke  
At Large: Josette Randolph and Gayle Kerns



United  
Women  
in Faith

**What a wonderful 2022** it has been! It was a busy year with mission projects including assembling 100 cancer bags and sorting a lot of clothes at Fletcher Place. We raised \$1,000 for our campers at the Chili Cook-off and about \$4,000 for our 2023 mission fund at the Craft Fair. We served our church family several Wednesday evening meals and of course just had plain old fun and fellowship bowling, carving pumpkins, and sharing books. Thank you to the wonderful women on our board that have supported and inspired our work here at Acton and for each one of the ladies of this church for their smiles, laughter, and support. You all are wonderful! Looking forward to 2023 and more big things.

## 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 – December 18<sup>th</sup>
- ~Passing on Kindness to others
- ~Third Sundays
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

### Reading Circle

- ~January 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm @Barb Wiley's
- ~*The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

### Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~January 18<sup>th</sup> for Cancer Care Bags
- ~See Connie Walters if you can help

### Craft Fair

- ~Another successful one in the books!
- ~Main mission fundraiser

### Advent Tea

- ~December 4<sup>th</sup>
- ~See Margie Townsend

## BIBLE STUDIES

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

**Winter  
Gathering**  
January 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am

**ASSEMBLING CANCER  
CARE PACKAGES**

**Yogurt bar & drinks**

**All ages and all ladies  
are invited**





# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER

Food for God's Bounty  
Coins for Vida Nueva  
Socks for Fletcher Place  
UMCOR Advent Offering

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm

## December & January Lessons

She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly,  
and laid him in a manger. Luke 2:7

December 4 ..... Bible Games after worship

December 11 ..... A Message to Mary ..... Luke 1:26-38, 46-47

December 18 ..... A Message to Joseph .... Matthew 1:18-25

December 25 ..... No Children's Church

January 1 ..... Good News..... Luke 2:1-20

January 8 ..... Simeon and Anna ..... Luke 2:25-38

January 15 ..... The Wise Men ..... Matthew 2:1-12

January 23 ..... Jesus at the Temple..... Luke 2:39-52

January 30 ..... Jesus' Baptism ..... Mark 1:4-11

## BIBLE STORY



### *THE WISE MEN* **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

What king did the magi  
visit and in what city?

What helped the magi  
find the child?

What gifts did they  
give?

# YOUTH GROUP

## ACTON TEENS IN ACTION



A fun evening of goodwill shopping for each other and cosmic bowling.



## SAVE THE DATE

### NO YOUTH GROUP

- ~December 4<sup>th</sup>
- ~December 25<sup>th</sup>
- ~January 1<sup>st</sup>

### YOUTH GROUP

- ~December 11<sup>th</sup>
- ~5:30-7:00pm, at Church

### YOUTH GROUP

- ~December 18<sup>th</sup>
- ~5:30-7:00pm, at Church

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

- ~December 21<sup>st</sup>
- ~6:00pm, church

### YOUTH GROUP

- ~January 8<sup>th</sup>
- ~5:30-7:00pm, at Church



Please see Andy or Diane Crane if you have questions about the Youth Group. All youth ages 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

## LEADERS & TEAMS

### 2023 COMMITTEES

#### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

This is the *legislative* administrative body of Acton Church that oversees all matters pertaining to fiscal policy and the general administration of the church.

Chair – Tim Jordan  
 Council Secretary – Susan French  
 Treasurer – Felicia Crowel  
 Lay Leader – Andy Crane  
 UMW President – Felicia Crowel  
 Financial Chair – Larry Suits  
 Financial Secretary – Kay Lynn Zietlow  
 Staff Parish Relations Chair – Blake Warner  
 Trustee Chair – Howard Jameson  
 Scouting Coordinator – Aimee Hulskotter  
 United Methodist Youth – Brianna Stultz  
 Young Adult – Olivia Woodrow  
 Pastor Matthew Stultz

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is a *technical* team charged with caring for the building and grounds and investments. They also receive bequests and make recommendations on their distribution.

Chair– Howard Jameson  
 Endowment – Ed Puckett  
 Members – Linda Selke, Steve Meyer, Mark Hulskotter, Cary Zietlow, Howard Jameson, Chris Crowel  
 Pastor Matthew Stultz

#### STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)

This is the *technical* committee for Acton Church. They care for the welfare of the pastor, staff and congregation.

Chair – Blake Warner  
 Members - Blake Warner, Christy Smith, Barb Thompson, Mariann Meyer, Mark Woodrow  
 Lay Leader – Andy Crane  
 Pastor Matthew Stultz

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance is a *technical* team that meets quarterly. It creates an annual budget, raises the monies, monitors the budget, and makes quarterly reports to the Congregational Council.

Chair – Larry Suits  
 Treasurer – Felicia Crowel  
 Financial Secretary – Kay Lynne Zietlow  
 Cong. Council Chair – Tim Jordan  
 Trustee Chair – Howard Jameson  
 SPRC Chair – Blake Warner  
 Lay Leader – Andy Crane  
 At Large Members – Dick Randolph, Rich Reasoner, Gary Fulk, Renee Knight  
 Pastor Matthew Stultz

#### STRATEGY COUNCIL

Strategy Council is an *adaptive* and *technical* team that will fulfill the task of communicating pastoral vision, connect the committees, ministries, and program areas of Acton UMC, and fulfill requirements for The United Methodist Book of Discipline. Strategy Council reports to Congregational Council.

Missions – TBA  
 Children's/Youth – Diane Crane  
 Finance/Communications – Felicia Crowel  
 Parish Nurse – Margie Townsend  
 Pastor Matthew Stultz  
 At Large – Connie Walters, Dan Repass

#### MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Missions – Bruce McKay  
 Children's Ministry – Diane Crane  
 Nurture and Care – Margie Townsend  
 Worship - Pastor Matthew Stultz

*Technical* – Relatively straightforward work that we already know how to do. Technical work requires being organized and determined to carry out the assignments.

*Adaptive* – Work where the answers aren't known, and people need to work together to learn the solution.






*Legislative* – Work where many perspectives of voices are used to discern a direction. Legislative work is best accomplished by reviewing the adaptive and technical work of others.



## DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 9:30 Communion 3:00 Troop 104 PLC <b>ADVENT TEA</b> ☕☕ <b>4:00pm</b> 📺	<b>5</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	<b>6</b> 6:00 Staff Parish	<b>7</b> 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Choir	<b>8</b> 6:00 Robotics 8:00 AA <b>GODS BOUNTY</b> 📺	<b>9</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men Study
<b>11</b> 9:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group	<b>12</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	<b>13</b> 6:00 GS Troop 1849	<b>14</b> 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Choir 🎵	<b>15</b> 6:00 PS Christmas 6:00 Robotics 8:00 AA	<b>16</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>17</b> 8:00 Men Study
<b>18</b> 9:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group <b>SWEET &amp; SAVORY</b> 🍰	<b>19</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	<b>20</b> 6:00 Trustees 7:00 Longest Night	<b>21</b> 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Choir <b>CHRISTMAS DINNER</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 Robotics 8:00 AA	<b>23</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>24</b> 8:00 Men Study <b>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP</b> <b>7:00pm</b> 🔔
<b>25</b> 9:30 Carols & the Christmas story	<b>26</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 GS Troop 1849 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 Robotics 8:00 AA <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 Women Study <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00 Men Study
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<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group	<b>30</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 READING CIRCLE 6:30PM 	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	<b>2</b> 6:00 Robotics 8:00 AA	<b>3</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>4</b> 8:00 Men Study