

WELCOME MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

LUNCH AT THE LAKE JOIN THE FUN ON THE 23rd

AUMC MISSION GIVING ALMOST \$35,000

> PICNIC IN JULY SINGLES ARE MEETING

SAWS BUILDING ANOTHER RAMP

SUMMER CAMP SCOUTS ARE HAVING FUN Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

As Americans we focus on freedom this time of year, celebrating the declaration of independence on July 4th, 1776. The ideal of freedom is worth celebrating but lately I'm concerned we are beginning to lose the true spirit of what it means to be free.

<u>Dictionary.com</u> defines "freedom" as: *the power to determine action without restraint.* We like that. We like to live without limits and other people telling us what to do. However, in pressing and expecting our freedom, we can lose sight of how our determination affects our neighbor. If my sense of what it means to be free, of what I have the "right" to do makes someone else less free, is it right?

The good news is that Jesus redefines what freedom means to help us navigate the complexity for a greater good for everyone. Paul says in Galatians 5:1 that freedom in Christ has set us aside from being enslaved by selfishness. When we set our own priorities aside and look clearly on how actions can impact the lives of others, we find a more Christian way of living. Often, we know that we have the power or the opportunity or even the "right" to do something. As Christians, however, we must ask if that thing we have the "right" to do is something beneficial to others, to Christ, to the Kingdom.

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. 1 Corinthians 10:23

Not everything we have the right to do is beneficial or constructive. As Christians mature, we are supposed to see things with wisdom before preference. We are supposed to love neighbor before self.

As we celebrate a nation where we can have a free exchange of ideas and live our Christian faith to its fullest, let us prayerfully remember our Savior who calls us to love one another as he has first loved us.

In Christ's love,

Jarken

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY EVENTS

6thKids Klub 13thKids Klub 14thGod's Bounty 17thSweet & Savory Sale 17thSingles at Southeastway 20thKids Klub 20thFellowship Dinner 23rdLunch at the Lake 25thReading Circle 27thKids Klub

AUGUST EVENTS

18thGod's Bounty 21st.....Sweet & Savory Sale 24thFellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

| Staff Parish | . July 5 th |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Strategy Council | July 12 th |
| UMW Board | July 18 th |
| Trustees | . July 19 th |
| Missions | .July 27 th |

Check calendar for times

THE LADIES OF ACTON ARE GOING BOWLING! Join in the fun on August 6th from 11-12:00. Cost is \$5 if you are bowling, and food is available for purchase. Come and join the fun even if you don't want to bowl. Signup will be out soon.



STUDY GROUPS

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church) Women's – Change Your Words, Change Your Life

Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 (Barb McCormack's home) Women's – 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 July 20th

HOSTED BY THE UMW

SLOPPY JOES

DINNER SERVED @6:00PM



July 23rd ~ 12:00 Cordry Lake in Nineveh

All are invited for an afternoon of fellowship including boating, swimming, fishing, and paddle boating at the McKay's. See flyer for directions.

Bring lawn chairs, drinks, and side or dessert to share ~ hotdogs & brats provided

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

THE PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THIS MONTH ISN'T A BOOK! I found in this season of healing that an odd item really came in handy: tattoo bandages. After surgery many situations call for keeping the site dry. When I searched Amazon for "waterproof bandage" a roll of bandages used after one gets a tattoo came up. You cut to size, follow instructions and will be able to proceed normally. Now, I'm not a doctor, well not the medical kind anyway, so be sure to consult with your surgeon and or physical therapist to make sure it will be acceptable for you. It sure was better than bread bags and umbrella covers!



Definitions of beliefs

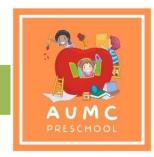
Further definition of the United Methodists beliefs.

Prevenient Grace – This is the Grace, the divine love, that "runs ahead" of our conscious impulses and leads our hearts toward faith.

Faith and Good Works – They belong together. Personal salvation leads to involvement in Christian Mission in the world. Personal religion and Christian social action are mutually reinforcing.

Tolerance – While United Methodism retains much from its several heritages, different theological positions grow. It acknowledges the virtues of different points of view even with the same community of believers.

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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Picnic at Southeastway July 17th ~ 5:00pm

Meat and drinks provided Bring a side or dessert to share

For details see Trudie Wolfe or Susan French



As of May 31, 2022 Income\$127,27146% of budget Expenses\$113,35741% of budget

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

SWEET & SAVORY SALE July 17th All monies raised go to pass on kindness to the congregation and our community Join the women of the church on *July 25th at 6:30pm* for a discussion of *Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. The women will be meeting at *Audrey Robert's home.* All are welcome. See Audrey Roberts with questions or for directions.

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.

Sun damage can even happen on a cloudy day! Sun damage includes sunburns, skin aging, eye damage, and skin cancer. Make sure to protect yourself by limiting time in the sun, staying out of the sun between 10 and 2:00pm, covering up, and wearing sunglasses and a hat. Don't forget to wear a SPF15 or higher suncreen!

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

WEAR YELLOW ON July 10th

A Special Thank You. Sincere thanks for the prayers for healing. I appreciate all the cards, calls and meals. Your love and support mean a lot to me.

Love, Debi Harrison





CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Debi Harrison, Pastor Matthew, Jaymie Jordan (family of Fanslers), Kathy Phillips, Stan Ensch (Mary Jo's husband), Mary Shoentrup, Greg McConaughey, Linda Hicks, Amy Berns (Debi Harrison's principal), Paula McIntosh, Deb Burke, Family of Rev. Jack Scott.

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

WHERE DOES THE CHANGE GO?

Each Sunday we pass the offering plate, and we all hear the coins go in, but what happens to the change? All the coins collected, along with the dollar bills, are counted and sent to one of the Metro Ministries we support. We rotate between Brightwood Community, Vida Nueva, and Fletcher Place Community Center. *So far, in 2022, we have collected \$673.21.* So, keep the change coming each Sunday and let's make a difference in the lives of those in our community.

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, July 13th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, July 14th 10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch

JULY Loose Change and \$1 Collection Brightwood Community



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 & JELLY ARE IN HIGH DEMAND

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT

| July 3 Spirit of Love: Loving Self | Romans 12:9-14 | chapter 44 |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|
| July 10 Spirit of Unity and Diversity . | John 17:1-23 | chapter 45 |
| July 17 Spirit of Service | Matthew 23:1-12; John 13:1-15 | chapter 46 |
| July 24 The Spirit of Conspiracy | Ephesians 5:15-6:9 | chapter 47 |
| July 31 Spirit of Power | Acts 4:1-31 | chapter 48 |

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.*



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

WELCOMING OTHERS IN CHRIST'S NAME

WHY DO PEOPLE NEED THE CHURCH?

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

We may have come to misunderstand the church as a building, or a place where we go to attend a worship service, a funeral, or a wedding. But the biblical church is not a building or place. But the church is really an assembly or group of people.

The church was Jesus' idea (Matthew 16:18). When Jesus refers to the Church, he is not speaking of a building or a specific denomination, but rather to all people who follow him. He is the head of the Church (Colossians 1:18).

We need each other. It is in the context of relationships that our lives are transformed. It is through community that we are inspired, challenged, and held accountable, all of which is difficult to do on our own.

> People need church because people need Jesus and none of us can follow Jesus on our own. We need the companionship and support of others who are following Jesus too.



HOSPITALITY People need the church because following Jesus was never meant to be a solo journey.

> The church is a community that celebrates with us, grieves with us, lifts us up, gives us hope, challenges us to grown, and helps us be the best version of ourselves that we can possibly be.

The church is the way Jesus joins his followers together as family, as a community.

The church is the continuing presence of Christ in the world.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

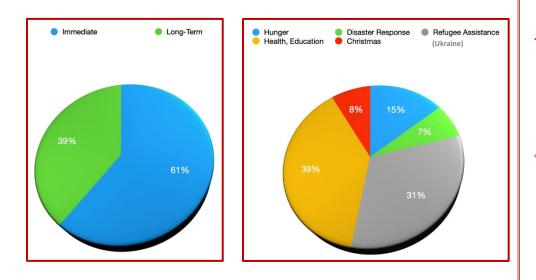
85 SERVED AT ROBERT'S PARK UMC

Roberts Park United Methodist Church has been providing a meal for the homeless in downtown Indianapolis on Sundays for the past 20 years. Prior to COVID, they had provided a hot meal inside the church building and were serving as many as 250 individuals. Instead of discontinuing their meal program during the pandemic, they began providing sack lunches to go. Several United Methodist Churches in central Indiana have been assisting Roberts Park with this effort. Acton UMC committed to provide two Sunday meals.

The Acton UMC Saturday Morning Bible Study had the opportunity to help with this ministry on Sunday, June 5th, by **making up the sack lunches and handing them out along with socks to about 85 individuals**. The sack lunches included bottled water, ham or turkey sandwiches, chips, cookies, carrots, and an orange. Acton UMC will again be providing a sack lunch meal on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th. **Anyone wishing to help with the Christmas meal should contact Bruce McKay or Pastor Matthew.**

MISSION GIVING JUST OVER \$34K

During the last twelve months (June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022), Acton mission giving totaled \$34,372.25. This includes giving from our Amazing Mission Fund, congregational giving outside the AMF, the Saturday morning men's bible study, and Acton's UMWomen's group.



AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru May 31, 2022

Balance: \$4,342.30 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

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru May 31, 2022

Loose Change: Brightwood Community: \$79 Fletcher Place: \$289.08 Vida Nueva: \$305.13 UMCOR International: \$115 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 – July 27th Roberts Park UMC Meal – December 25th SAWS Builds – See Ken Grubb

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*

WELCOME! MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Mark and Aimee Hulskotter, with their kids Madison and Nick, have been in Franklin Township about 12 years. They are partowners of a local mechanical contracting company specializing

in Commercial HVAC/Refrigeration. Eagle Scout Madison will be a Senior at FC and plays on the Girls Varsity Golf Team. She is currently restoring a 1985 Jeep Scrambler with her grandfather. Nick will be a Sophomore at FC and plays Volleyball at FC and is currently a Life Scout.



Chuck and Cynthia Reifeis enjoy kayaking, gardening, cards, traveling, and loving on their grandchildren. Thev looking are forward to finding where they can best serve with their new church family.



Linda and Mac Maguire were married in 2005 on Linda's birthday. Mac was warned that if he forgot this date, he'd be in trouble times two. They enjoy

flower gardens, word searches, word puzzles and each other. Between them they have 5+ daughters and sons-in-law, 5 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, 5 great grandsons, 4 great granddaughters. Eric, Lynne, & Nick Newlon. Eric is currently working for Indiana State department of Health environmental in health and Lynne is from retired the Indiana Department of Environmental



Management. Nick was working but is now going to attend Eastern Tennessee State University and study bluegrass music in the fall. They have been living in Beech Grove since 1985 and enjoy camping and of course bluegrass festivals.



Roger Redinger is an Electrical Engineer and recently moved to the Indianapolis area from Liberty where he attended Liberty UMC. He passed by Acton on the way to work every day and decided to give us a visit. He's been here ever since.

Debi Harrison has been playing at Acton for almost 25 years. It was a pleasure having her daughter Amy direct the choirs (adult and kids) and her daughter Shawna attends when not working. Debi thoroughly

enjoys her grandkids Ethan and Evelyn. Debi plays for Edison School of the Arts and loves both my jobs. Playing music is her passion!!!



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 Pastor's office, 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 swimsuit, a towel, and your friends!



WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH Change Your Words, Change Your Life 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

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



If you like to read you need to check out the Ladies' Reading Circle. They meet about every other month for a snacks and book discussion. Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't get a chance to finish the book! They are meeting this month on the 25th to discuss Diane Wilson's *Seed Keeper*. See Audrey Robert's if you are interested.

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 July 17th
- ~Helping our congregation in all ways
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~July 25th 6:30 at Audrey Robert's home
- ~Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~UMW hosts in the odd months
- ~See Sandy G. or Joyce H. if you can help with July's meal

Craft Fair

- ~October 22nd
- ~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

BOWLING WITH THE GIRLS

August 6th 11-12:00pm

\$5 if you are bowling Food available to purchase

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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.

July LessonsHope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord! Psalm 27:14July 3 Bible Games after worshipJuly 10 LeviLuke 5:27-32July 17 EstherBook of EstherJuly 24 The Fiery FurnaceDaniel 3:1-30July 31 Daniel and the Lions

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





Wednesdays in June & July Kids preschool thru 5th grade SIGN UP AT actonumc.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS IN JULY Food for God's Bounty Coins for Brightwood Community

KIDS KLUB Wednesdays, 10-12:00pm

FELLOWSHIP DINNER July 20th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible.



DANIEL DANIEL 6:1-28

Why did Daniel get in to trouble with the King?

How was God with Daniel?

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

 ${f T}$ he youth has had lots of fun this summer helping with Kids Klub each L'IL P Wednesday.



SAVE THE DATE

NO YOUTH GROUP ~July 3rd ~Happy 4th!

YOUTH GROUP ~July 10th ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's

YOUTH GROUP ~June 17th ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's

FELLOWSHIP DINNER ~June 15th ~6:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP ~July 24th ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's

YOUTH GROUP ~July 31st ~5:00-7:00pm, at Crane's



Youth Group

SUNDAYS 5:00-7:00pm

AT THE CRANE'S **BRING A SWIMSUIT** AND TOWEL



Wednesdays 10-12:00pm Can you help? See Diane

Bringa TO Friend YOUTH

GROUP

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Summer camp time for Troop 104 & 219 and Pack 104!

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| | CALENDAR | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| | Saturday | 9 8:00 Mens Study | 16 8:00 Mens Study | 23 8:00 Mens Study | 30 8:00 Mens Study | 6 8:00 Mens Study Bowling with the Girls | | |
| | Friday | 8 9:30 Womens Study | 15 9:30 Womens Study | 22 9:30 Womens Study | 29 9:30 Womens Study | 5 9:30 Womens Study | | |
| | Thursday | 7 8:00 AA | 14 8:00 AA GODS BOUNTY | 21 8:00 AA | 28 8:00 AA | 4 8:00 AA | | |
| JULY 2022 | Wednesday | 6 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies | 13 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies | 20 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm | 27 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Missions 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies | 3 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 GS Brownies | | |
| | Tuesday | 5 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849 | 12 6:00 Strategy Council | 19 6:00 Trustees 6:00 GS Troop 1849 | 26 | 2 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:01 GS Troop 1849 | | |
| | Monday | 4 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 | 11 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 | 18 7:00 UMW Board 7:00 Troop 219 7:00 Troop 219 | 25 6:30 Reading Circle 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 | 1 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219 | | |
| | Sunday | 3 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 3:00 Troop 104 PLC | 10 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group | 17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Grad Reception 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group SWEET & SAVORY | 24 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 1-5:00 GS Troop 200 5:00 Youth Group 6:00 Pack 104 | 31 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 5:00 Youth Group | | |

CALENDAR

FACES OF ACTON

ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS



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