

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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this issue

Chili Cook-off Winners

Want to Join

UMCOR Sunday

Scout Thank you

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

But dust...

We begin the holy season of Lent this month, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. In the liturgy, we are reminded that our entire mortal identity is "but dust" and nothing more. In truth, that is the most that we as human beings can hope for on our own, dust.

The giggles of my adolescent self when hearing "but dust" aside, it is an essential reality for us to remember. In Christ we have hope of resurrection, but on our own we have dust. Not many of us challenge this, although we may sometimes doubt. Yet times arise in our lives when we think we know better than God or we are too afraid to trust that God has it all under control.

When we are afraid it is easy to see others as threats or "less than" they are meant to be. In Christ, we are taught time and again that we are to take God's eyes to see others; instead of enemies to see partners, instead of impoverished to see ourselves, instead of threats to see opportunities for understanding. To receive God's vision, to live fully in this world we must come to terms with our own power, that we have none. It is by the grace of God that we draw breath and the love of God that we know our worth.

We are special to God, so very special that although our destiny is to return to this universe as the same dust from which we were made, God does not make that the end of our story. By the love of God through Jesus Christ we can hope for more and we are promised more. But first we must relinquish the illusion of control over our own lives and remember what we are without God. That way, we might take to heart the lesson Lent has for us: Turn back to God. Stop trying to do it on your own and take the hand of Christ.

May this season grant you the opportunity for inward exploration, to know you are loved, and to know you are not alone.

In Grace,

Pastor Matthew

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH EVENTS

2nd Ash Wednesday Service 10th..... God's Bounty

16th..... Fellowship Dinner

27th..... UMCOR Sunday

APRIL EVENTS

14th..... God's Bounty

14th Tenebrae Service

17th..... Easter

20th..... Fellowship Dinner

24th..... Ladies Spring Luncheon

MAY EVENTS

12th..... God's Bounty 18th..... Fellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish......March 1st
Strategy Council....March 8th
TrusteesMarch 15th
MissionsMarch 23rd
UMW BoardApril 13th

Check calendar for times

KINDNESS is something we can all do. You want to participate? Grab a slip of kindness out one of the Kindness Krates around church and

spread some kindness during the week. There are slips for kids and adults! The Kindness Krates will be out March 13th!



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

Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Church kitchen)

Women's – Ten Women of the Bible

Saturday mornings @ 8:00 (Church kitchen) Men's – Book of Ephesians

Checkout page 8 for more details





Beef Stew will be served @6:00pm

GOOD TO KNOW

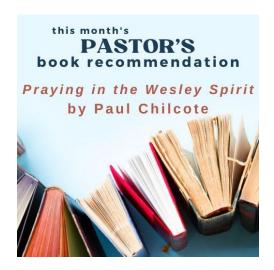
TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

And the winners are...

Thanks to all who helped with this year's chili cook-off! It was a great turnout and we raised over about \$1,000



to help send our kids and youth to summer camp. The winners of the golden ladle were Adam Clark with his mom's favorite traditional chili and Dave Spicer with his impossible vegan chili. Both recipes are on page 9. Can't wait until next year!



What do Methodist's believe?

United Methodists don't agree on all aspects of doctrine. The distinguishing marks of a United Methodist are best illustrated by a commitment to the basics of Christianity and by a Christian lifestyle.



United Methodists share a common heritage with other Christians such as conviction that God has mercy and love for all people, a belief in a triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a faith in the mystery of salvation through Jesus Christ, and celebration of the sacraments.





Stop and Smell the Roses

Ladies Luncheon Sunday, April 24th 12:30pm

Put it on your calendar ~ more details in April



As of January 31, 2022

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

AUMC met all financial obligations in 2021. The end of year balance of just over \$8,600 was transferred to Trustees for building maintenance and other projects.

Join the women of the church on *March* 28th at 6:30pm for a discussion of Good Hope Road, by Lisa Wingate. The women will be meeting at *Margie* Townsend's home. All are welcome. See Audrey Roberts with questions or for directions.



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

Do You Get Enough Sleep? March 13th-19th is National Sleep Awareness week. Do you have the right pillow and mattress? Do you have a sleep routine and allergy free enviorment? The National Sleep Foundation encourages everyone to prioritize sleep for your health and well-being. Learn more at the National Sleep Foundation.

LET'S ALL WEAR BLUE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH!

The Mission Team is always looking for ways to help and provide outreach support for local and global missions. If you have an idea for an activity or program AUMC should consider, please talk with Pastor Matthew or our Mission Team Leader, Bruce McKay.



Are you interested in joining the church or learning more about Acton UMC? Just call the office at 317-862-2588 and Pastor Matthew would be happy to schedule some time to talk.

If you are not getting emails from the church, make sure to let the office know. We use email to send prayer requests, details about upcoming events, and weekly reminders. Call the office at 317-862-2588, send us an email at aumc@actonumc.com, or click Stay in Touch.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Greg McConaughey, Linda Hicks, Randy Mock (Woodrow's neighbor), Amy Berns (Debi Harrison's principal), Paula McIntosh, Sally Grau, Carol Cain

OUR HOMEBOUND: Jeanne Carman, Theresa Birdwell, Lurana Babcock

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alexandria Meyer, Adam Zietlow, Wyatt Crowel, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson, Olivia Woodrow

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

UMCOR SUNDAY

What used to be called One Great Hour of Sharing, is now UMCOR Sunday. This year, on March 27th, we will collect funds to support UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This organization supports those in need during disasters throughout the world. All monies collected as part of UMCOR Sunday go towards the administration costs of UMCOR so they are able to give 100% of what is given during the year to the designated cause.



GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, March 9th 6-7:00pm

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

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch

March
Loose Change and \$1 Collection

Vida Nueva

learn more about Vida Nueva



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

March 6	A New Path to Aliveness	Matthew	<u>5:17-48</u>
March 13	Your Secret Life	Matthew	<u>6:1-18</u>
March 20	Why We Worry, Why We Judge	Matthew	6:19-7:12
March 27	The Choice is Yours	Matthew	7:13-29

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

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

A BIG SCOUT THANK YOU to the church and all its parishioners for all the support provided to our Troops and the other scouting troops the church hosts within its walls. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the hospitality of our AUMC family providing a meeting space and helping scouts with/at its functions like Eagle Dinners, Bake Sales, Scouting for Food, and Scout Sunday. Our scouting programs are designed to help our youth develop life skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that will influence them well into their adult lives. And most importantly, by being chartered by AUMC, it gives them an opportunity to develop their spiritual growth! This one hit home for me with my own kids.

As Pastor Matthew so very well stated at the Scout Sunday Service a few weeks back, these programs plant seeds to help our youth through these formative years. By your support, our units are able to water those seeds! Troop 219 recently had 5-6 scouts join our ranks since the start of the year and Troop 104 just had 15 scouts crossover into its Troop this past weekend. Given such, last night's

weekly meeting attendance counts were 15 for Troop 219 and 45 for Troop 104! That is 60 young adults (ages 11-17) just on a recent Monday night being reached. There are about 70 scouts between the two troops. So, I just want to reiterate that we appreciate all the support and say thank you!

Aimee Hulskotter

Scoutmaster of Troop 219 and Committee Member for Troop 104

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

UMCOR SUNDAY - MARCH 27th

Each year the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) makes an appeal for donations to support their administrative cost. This allows all other donations collected during the year to go directly toward mission efforts. UMCOR funds are used to assist with disaster relief both in our country and around the world.

ROBERTS PARK UMC COMMUNITY MEAL – HELP NEEDED

Soup's On is a ministry of the Roberts Park UM located downtown on Delaware. Since 1999, they have prepared and served 150,000 meals to their neighbors in need. Prior to COVID, hot meals were provided every Sunday in the Church basement. For the last two years, Robert's Park UMC has been providing about 100 "to go" sack lunches on Sundays from 11:00 to 12:00. This year Acton will be assisting by providing sack lunches on two Sundays - June 26th and December 25th. Our Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study are taking care of June 26th. We are looking for individuals who would like to assist on December 25th. Sack lunches will be assembled on the Saturday prior. If you think you might like to help, please contact the church office.

AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES UPDATE

Missions will not be collecting for the Afghanistan Refugees since they are no longer being housed at Camp Atterbury. Afghanistan Refugees are being resettled in Indiana cities including Muncie, Bloomington, and Indianapolis. As a result of being resettled in local communities, the needs have changed. If you wish to aid with the refugee resettlement, please contact the Exodus Refugee organization located in Indianapolis. Exodus is assisting with resettlement. Their website also has information on how you can help and needed household items. (exodusrefugee.org.) Thanks to all who participated in providing needed items while refugees were located at Camp Atterbury.

SAVE THE CHILDREN UKRAINE CRISIS RELIEF FUND

Acton UMC is donating \$2,000 to Save the Children Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund. According to their website, Save the Children is providing children and families with immediate aid, such as food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash assistance. This 100-year-old organization was recommended by Charity Navigator, a charity review organization, as one of nine programs recommended in providing assistance to Ukraine.

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru January 31, 2022

Balance: \$6,405.98

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru January 31, 2022

Loose Change: Vida Nueva: \$212.66 UMCOR International: \$10

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 – March 23rd

"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

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

Impossible Vegetarian Chili – Dave Spicer

1 lb. - Impossible Ground Beef

6 ct. - Mini Multicolored Peppers

1 can - Mild Chili and Diced Tomatoes

1 can - Bush's Mild Chili Beans (gluten free, vegetarian)

1 can - Bush's Hot Chili Beans (gluten free, vegetarian)

1 can - 46 oz. Tomato Juice (make sure not from concentrate as it may have wheat added)

1 box - 8oz. Banza Elbows (I prefer Barilla GF noodles, but Kroger hasn't had them in months)

Spices - (never measured always to taste)

Salt and Pepper

Chili powder (I love generic versions that don't have MSG or wheat added as those do exist)

Cayenne Powder

Crushed Red Pepper

Dried onion flakes (these do the least amount of damage to my system while providing the flavor I enjoy)

Tools: 1 Stock Pot, 1 Saucepan, 1 Spatula, 1 Slotted Spoon, I cook everything on high so timing is a thing...

Step 1 - Start water boiling for noodles in saucepan.

Step 2 - Place cube of ground impossible burger in stock pot.

Step 3 - Layer all spices across the cube about enough to change the color with each spice.

Step 4 - Cut all the peppers, open all the cans.

Step 5 - The bottom should be ready to chop up the burger and brown, do not drain (it has no grease, that's extra flavor).

Step 6 - Add all the things (except noodles) to the stock pot.

Step 7 - Layer the spices to taste.

Step 8 – Cook, drain then add the noodles.

Should be ready in a total time of about 30 minutes. The noodles take the most time of this recipe. I suggest adding cheese and sour cream to each bowl served. Good times!

Mom's Favorite Chili – Adam Clark

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium yellow onion -diced

2 celery stocks - diced

1 pound 90% lean ground beef

2 ½ tablespoons chili powder

2 tablespoons ground cumin

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 tablespoon garlic powder

1½ teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper* -optional

1 ½ cups beef broth

1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes – don't drain

1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

Instructions:

- Heat olive in a large soup pot.
- Add ¾ chopped onion and cook for 5 minutes.
- Add ground beef and break it apart with a wooden spoon.
- Cook for 6-7 minutes.
- Add chili powder, cumin, sugar, tomato paste, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and optional cayenne.
- Stir until well combined.
- Add diced tomatoes (with juice), kidney beans, beef broth, celery, tomato sauce, and the rest of the onion.
- Stir well.
- Simmer for 20-25 minutes.
- Let the chili rest for 5-10 minutes before serving.

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 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, swimming, games, fun, fellowship, and faith building lessons Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm, at the Church. See Andy or Diane Crane with any questions.



WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH Change Your Words, Change your Life Wednesdays, 10:00am, The Church see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS Ten Women of the Bible

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

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS Book of Ephesians

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

WOMEN OF ACTON

TOGETHER 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.





The Prayer Blanket Ministry has been active at Acton since 2006. We have provided over 350 blankets to family and friends enduring difficult times in their lives. Each blanket is cut, ironed, and sewn with love by the women of Acton. If you have a friend or family member in need of comfort, please contact the church office or 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

- ~Starting in May!
- ~Third Sundays
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to donate

Reading Circle

- ~March 28th, 6:30 at Margie Townsend's
- ~Good Hope Road, by Lisa Wingate
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~UMW hosts in the odd months
- ~See Josette if you can help in March

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
- ~Friday mornings at 9:30am



March 28th 6:30pm

Good Hope Road by Lisa Wingate

@Margie Townsend's

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.

March Lessons

March 6 ~ Bible Games after worship

March 13 ~ Jesus Washes Feet ~ John 13:1-15

March 20 ~ Passover Meal ~ Luke 22:14-23

March 27 ~ Praying the Garden ~ Matthew 26:36-46

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





Upcoming Events

MISSIONS FOR MARCH Food for God's Bounty Coins for Vida Nueva

FELLOWSHIP DINNER March 16th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible.



LUKE 22:14-23
THE PASSOVER MEAL

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

There may have been one or two youth that could make a basket!







SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

- ~March 6th
- ~ 5:30-7:00pm, Church

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- ~March 13th
- ~ 5:30-7:00pm, Church

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

- ~March 16th
- ~6:00pm, Church

YOUTH GROUP

- ~March 20th
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- ~March 27th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, Church

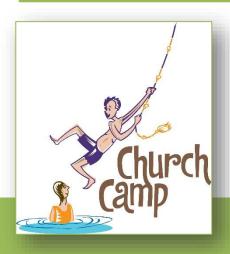
Youth Group

SUNDAYS 5:30-7:00pm

FOOD ~ FELLOWSHIP LESSONS ~ GAMES



To Youth Group!



Camp registration opened January 15th and early bird deadline for summer camp is April 20th. The church covers your fee so get with your friends and decide where you want to go! Learn more at BEACAMPER.COM.



Scouting Adventures



actonumc.com

Preschool Smiles



CALENDAR

			MARCH 2022			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 1-5:00 GS Troop 200 5:30 Youth Group	28 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	1 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Robotics	2 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 Acts of Kindness 7:00 Ash Wednesday LEN	3 8:00 AA 6:30 GS Troop 1827	4 9:30 Womens Study	5 8:00 Mens Study
6 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 3:00 Troop 104 PLC 5:30 Youth Group	7 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	8 6:30 Robotics	9 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Choir	10 6:00 Strategy Council 6:30 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA GODS BOUNTY	11 9:30 Womens Study	12 8:00 Mens Study 6:00 Pack 104 Meeting
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FACES OF ACTON

ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS



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Chili Cook-off winners of the Golden Ladle! Thanks Dave and Adam (Gavin).

