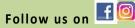


Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

Why do you?

This season is always a strange time for me. We have gone through Lent, celebrated Easter, even celebrated a baptism! It is now that we have to make the choice whether the Resurrection is a celebration event or a beginning inspiration. It's easy to have a sense on Easter that "it is finished" and everything we need has happened. Our natural response can simply be, "Whew! Made it through death, let's relax." Now, I know you don't actually think that, but Easter can challenge us with its power to be blind to all that is still to be done. Let's look through a couple passages of scripture to remind us how natural it is for us to need reminders on what is really important.

On the first day after Jesus had been crucified, women from his group of disciples came to the tomb to finish preparing his body for burial. This was their experience,

"The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24:5

They weren't doing anything wrong. It was appropriate for them to anoint a body for burial. The words question whether or not they are fully aware what is actually going on. They are behaving in love as though he were dead, but Jesus was alive.

Angels come later to see the disciples simply looking up at the sky after Jesus ascends into Heaven. They are simply amazed at his resurrection but now he flies up like a superhero and disappears. It makes sense to me that they would be looking up but then the angels say,

"Men of Galilee, **why do you** stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

The awe and wonder at all that Jesus has done can often leave us with the wrong message. We focus on the power, the miracle, the fulfillment and just stand there looking up. Why do you experience the love of Jesus and stand there? Why do you read your Bible and attend worship and fear going deeper as you practice your faith? What is your "Why do you...?"

I take comfort that people that were right there when it happened got caught up in the moment, and it is fine that we do too. We just can't stand there for long with a faith that isn't loving or helping people. Each example when angels ask the question it is to gently reprimand the followers of Jesus for not living like he told them to live.

This time is set aside for us from Easter until Pentecost to learn and think about what we have learned. Pentecost comes to send us "out" into the world with the single greatest truth: the love of God for all people. But be warned, God is watching and if Pentecost comes and we are just standing around in our faith we might hear behind us, "Why do you...?"



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY EVENTS

12th..... God's Bounty

15th..... Sweet & Savory Sale

15th..... Singles at Rise & Shine

15th..... Pack Away Hunger Event

18th..... Fellowship Dinner

23rd..... Reading Circle

JUNE EVENTS

1st Kids Klub

8th...... Kids Klub

9th......God's Bounty

12th..... Sweet & Savory Sale

15th..... Kids Klub

15th..... Fellowship Dinner

22nd Kids Klub

29th Kids Klub

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish.....May 3rd

Strategy Council.....May 10th

TrusteesMay 17th

Missions.....May 25th

UMW Board.....July 18th

Check calendar for times

CALLING ALL KIDS! This summer we will being having Summer Kids Klub every Wednesday in June and July from 10-12:00. The fun will include games, lessons, crafts, lunch, and more. All kids, preschool through 5th grade, are invited. Come on the Wednesdays you can and bring your friends. Register at actonumc.com.

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 – The Women of Duck Commander

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

Saturday mornings @ 8:00 (Church kitchen) Men's - Book of Phillipians

Checkout page 8 for more details



Sweet & Savory Sale

Sunday, May 15th

money collected this month will go to help Deb Burke with her medical bills



FELLOWSHIP DINNER **MAY 18**TH

BENEFITS FAST TRACK PROGRAM

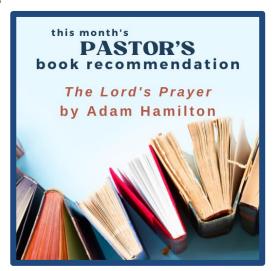
DINNER SERVED @6:00PM

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



THE SINGLES GROUP is meeting again and would love to have you join the fun. The next outing is on May 15th at the Rise and Shine restaurant on Thompson Road. They are meeting for lunch about 11:30. Please RSVP to Susan French or Trudi Wolfe.



Definitions of beliefs



Further definition of the United Methodists beliefs.

Primacy of Grace – God, who is revealed through Jesus Christ, loves human beings and all creation. Grace is God's loving action in human existence through the Holy Spirit.

Holiness — Christians are to allow the Holy Spirit to shape them more and more into the image of Christ. Faithful disciples work for a world of reconciliation, peace, justice, and love.

Next: human worth, conversion and new birth, prevenient grace, faith and good works, and tolerance.

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



Sign Up for Summer Camp



Wednesdays in June & July 10-12:00pm

Talk to Diane Crane if you can help any of the Wednesdays



As of March 31, 2022

Income\$73,051......26% of budget Expenses\$69,929......25% of budget

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



Pack Away Hunger Event Sunday May 15th ~ 2:00pm

> Pack Away Hunger in Beech Grove

Join us for a hands-on mission project All ages invited Sign-up today at church!

Join the women of the church on May 23rd at 6:30pm for a discussion of While Justice Sleeps, by Stacey Abrams. women will be meeting at Sandy Grubb'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, 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.



Skin cancer is the world's most common cancer and millions of people are diagnosed each year. Skin cancer can be prevented with some behavior changes. Adopting a complete

sun protection strategy can drastically reduce skin cancer risk no matter your age. Learn more at the skincancer.org.

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

WEAR BLACK ON MAY 8TH



There is a need for more blood donations in the Indianapolis area Our **spring blood**

drive is on May 26th. If you can donate, please sign-up at actonumc.com or speak with Susan French.

Help pack UMCOR school supply kits for the annual conference. We will be meeting after worship on Sunday, May 8th. We are packing 40 kits so it should

take not too ΑII long. are invited to help.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Pray for your church family & friends



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Greg McConaughey, Linda Hicks, Amy Berns (Debi Harrison's principal), Paula McIntosh, Deb Burke

SYMPATHIES: Family of Barry Day (Victoria Phillip's nephew)

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

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Acton has been having blood drives since March 1991. Over 30 years of giving the gift of life! Our spring blood drive is on May 26th. We would love to donate 30 units of blood and beat our last two blood drive totals. Each unit can potentially save 3 lives.

If you are able, please donate. If you haven't donated before and aren't sure, speak with Susan French and she can let you know the details of how it works.

Please pass on the word to your neighbors, family, and friends. Anyone in the community can donate on May 26th!

Signup at <u>actonumc.com</u>.

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, May 11th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, May 12th 10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch

MAY
Loose Change and \$1 Collection
Fletcher Place

learn more about Fletcher Place



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

May 1	The Uprising of Discipleship	Luke 10:1-11, 17-20
May 8	The Uprising of Worship	Acts 2:41-47
May 15 (Pastor Mac)	Bibliolatry: My Guide. Not My God	<u>John 8:12-20</u>
May 22	The Uprising of Stewardship	<u>1 Timothy 6:3-19</u>
May 29	Whatever the Hardship, Keep Rising Up!	<u>Acts 9:1-25</u>

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.





Treat people with kindness, respect, and humility.

Greet guests in a friendly manner without asking if they are new.

Avoid over greeting.

Walk with a person to where they need to be instead of pointing.

Introduce visitors and guests to others.

Grab a cup of coffee for someone in line behind you.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

WELCOMING OTHERS IN CHRIST'S NAME



RULES, RULES, RULES

Do you remember the 3-minute rule and the 10-foot rule we learned about in *The Art of Hospitality* by Debi Nixon?

3-minute rule: You should spend three minutes on Sunday morning before and after worship greeting folks you haven't meet before or that you don't know well. This includes visitors and regular attendees. Be intentional about greeting and getting to know those you worship with.

10-foot rule: You are responsible for the environment ten feet around you. Look ten feet around you and greet and introduce yourself to folks and fix anything you see that is amiss. Is someone that normally sits by you not there? Why not call them on Monday and see if everything is okay.

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." Mother Teresa

Snippets from Chapter 1 of The Art of Hospitality by Debi Nixon.



RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

AMAZING MISSION FUND PLEDGES



This will be the 11^{th} year for the Amazing Mission Fund. The AMF is used by our Mission team to fund mission work throughout the year. The AMF allows for quick

response to disasters and avoids having to continually ask for mission funds from the congregation. Over the 10 years, a total of \$152,223 has been used for missions through AMF.

May 22nd is Pledge Sunday for our Amazing Mission Fund. Grab a pledge card at church and bring it on May 22nd. The AMF pledge year runs from June 1st through May 31st to avoid conflicts with our core giving pledges (operating costs and ministries of the church.) This will be the first formal pledge for the AMF in two years due to COVID. People were simply asked to continue to fund the AMF during COVID. And thanks to our generous congregation, we were able to continue our mission work during the pandemic. Thank you!

UMCOR SUNDAY COLLECTION – FINAL NUMBERS IN!

UMCOR Sunday was March 27th and funds collected went to the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This allows 100% of money collected for a specific UMCOR cause during the year to go to that cause. Acton's final collection was \$903 which was matched by our Mission team. Thanks to all who were able to donate.

SAWS DONATION



The Mission Team approved a \$500 donation for Servants At Work (SAWS). These funds will be matched by BraunAbility. BraunAbility is matching funds donated through May 13th up to \$50,000. The company is also

challenging SAWS to build 50 ramps in 50 days. SAWS builds ramps for persons with physical disabilities who have a financial need. It is all volunteer labor. Two ramps have already been built this year by Acton SAWS volunteers and another is in the planning stage. Anyone wishing to help, should contact Ken Grubb.

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru March 31, 2022

Balance: \$3,232.23 ECHO: \$2,000

Save the Children (Ukraine): \$2,000 UMCOR Sunday Match: \$903.75

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru March 31, 2022

Loose Change:

Vida Nueva: \$305.13 Fletcher Place: \$114.84 UMCOR International: \$85 UMCOR Ukraine: \$100 UMCOR Sunday: \$903.75

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
Packing School Supply Kits – May 8th
Mission Team Meeting – May 25th
Pack Away Hunger Event – May 15th
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

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\$152,223 given to missions

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

AMAZING MISSIONS

Acton has been Amazing in Missions since 2012

In 2012, AUMC's Mission Team established the Amazing Mission Fund (AMF). This fund is a pledged backed fund used to support the various mission ministries at Acton. This May, the Mission Team is holding a pledge drive to support the AMF. AMF Pledge Sunday is May 22nd. Pledge cards are in your bulletin on May 1st and are available at the *Acton in action* table.

AUMC has a long history of being people with a heart for those who are in need. From storm devastation to feeding the hungry, or providing school supplies for kids, serving Him by serving those in need is not new to us.



AMAZING things are happening

The Amazing Mission Fund has been used in many ways to support the various mission ministries of Acton.

- Africa University
- Barnes UMC
- Brightwood food pantry
- Burkina Wells
- Camperships
- Community Assistance
- Compassion Center meals
- Crop Walk
- Echo
- East 10th Street UMC meals
- Fletcher Place food pantry
- Franklin Township Fast Track
- Friends on a UMission
- God's Bounty
- Habitat for Humanity
- Little Free Library
- Metro Ministries
- Mission Trips
- Operation Christmas Child
- Promise Packs
- Salvation Army
- SAWS
- UMCOR Kits
- UMCOR Disaster Relief

The **AMAZING MISSION FUND** is funded by the congregation and their ongoing commitment. This pledge is separate and in addition to our regular giving to the church budget. The intent is not to detract from our regular gifts and tithes on which the very bases of our church finances depend; but to strengthen our level of commitment.

AMF Pledge Sunday is May 22nd

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... Matthew 25:35 NIV

A total of \$158,582 has been given to the Amazing Mission Fund over the last 10 years.

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, 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 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS The Women of Duck Commander

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 Book of Philippians

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.





Fellowship Dinners are one way the women of Acton serve our church. We love to cook and what better way to give back then to provide a meal and great fellowship! The women typically provide the meal on the odd months and help is always needed to prepare, serve, and clean up. See Margie Townsend or Felicia Crowel if you want to help.

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 May 15th
- ~Helping our congregation in all ways
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~May 23rd, 6:30 at Sandy Grubb's home
- ~While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~UMW hosts in the odd months
- ~See Margie B or Barb W. if you can help in May

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



MAY 23rd @6:30 Sandy Grubb's

While Justice Sleeps Stacey Abrams

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.

May Lessons

May 1 Bible Games after worship

May 8 Lydia Acts 16:11-15

May 15 ... Paul & Silas Acts 16-16-40

May 22 ... The Community of Believers.. Acts 1:42-47; 4:32-35

May 29 ... Peter and Cornelius Acts 10:1-28

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 MAY

Food for God's Bounty Coins for Fletcher Place Pack Away Hunger – May 15th

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

May 18th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible.



ACTS 16:11-15 LYDIA

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

Congrats to the youth who confirmed their baptism on Easter Sunday!



Elizabeth S. Gavin W. Emily S. Harrison C. Gavin C.

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 1st
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church

NO YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 8th
- ~Happy Mother's Day

No Youth Group

- ~May 15th
- ~Pack Away Hunger @2:00pm

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

- ~May 18th
- ~6:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 22nd
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church

No Youth Group

- ~May 29th
- ~Happy Memorial Day

Youth Group

SUNDAYS 5:30-7:00pm

FOOD ~ FELLOWSHIP LESSONS ~ GAMES



Wednesdays 10-12:00pm

Can you help? See Diane





Scouting Adventures





Troop 104 and 219 collected 1.65 tons of food for God's Bounty through the Scouting for Food program. Thanks to all the neighborhoods that contributed.

Preschool Smiles



The zoo field trip is always a big hit!



CALENDAR

			MAY 2022			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 3:00 Troop 104 PLC 4:00 Youth Choir 5:30 Youth Group	2 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	3 6:00 Staff Parish 6:30 Robotics	4 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 Womens Study	5 6:30 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA	6 9:30 Womens Study 5:00 Homeschool group	7 8:00 Mens Study Troop 219 Meal prep
9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 11:00 Troop 219 Dinner	9 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	10 6:00 Strategy Council 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Robotics	11 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies 6:00 Womens Study	12 6:30 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA GODS BOUNTY	13 9:30 Womens Study	14 8:00 Mens Study 11:00 Smith Memorial
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FACES OF ACTON

ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS



Welcome new members and confirmands. A picture of the new members and their names will be sent out soon. The Easter ham was a distraction from getting all the pictures!





Welcome Aiden





Thanks to almost 60 ladies that were able to attend the Ladies' Luncheon. Don't forget to stop & smell the roses!

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