Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



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MAY 2023

Kids Klub

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Registration opens May 1st for our Summer Kids Klub. Wednesdays in June and July, 10-12:00pm.

Give Blood

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Our spring blood drive is scheduled for May 25th. Sign up to donate on-line or with Susan French.

Amazing Missions 9

Turn your pledge in for our Amazing Mission Fund this month. Help us do amazing things!

Egg Hunt Smiles 15

Thanks to all who helped make the Egg Hunt a success. Enjoy the pictures from our Egg Hunt.

From the pastor's desk



CultureBY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

At the end of this month, on the 28th, the greatest spectacle of racing will take place: The Indianapolis 500. In some way it is part of our DNA in the Hoosier state, whether or not we have ever driven a race car or attended the 500 in person. It is something talked about, and you simply cannot miss the signs that the race is coming.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth using an analogy that they were all familiar with. We know the Olympics are an ancient form of athletic competition and that the Olympic flame is carried by athletes from Athens, Greece to wherever the competition is taking place. Corinth is a city in Greece and the culture of the race is the culture of everyone in that area. Little kids would run in the streets and wear laurel crowns to proclaim the winner, much like a farm kid in Hendricks County is shooting hoops right now. Our culture and heritage define us.

What Paul is trying to convey to the Corinthians is that we should use the same passion in our discipleship to Jesus Christ as we do to our cultural practices. We all have interests and things that we enjoy, but how much time do we spend on our hobbies versus our faith?

A driver that only attends a team meeting for an hour each week but never practices, never works on aerodynamics, never even qualifies, will he or she race on Memorial Day Weekend?

We need to show up for our faith, not just on Sunday mornings, but each day, focused like a runner, like a driver preparing for the big race, may we show up and do all the good that we can, to all the people that we can, as long as ever we can, effectively loving and serving as we go.

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If you need to meet with Pastor Matthew, please call the office and schedule a time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY EVENTS

7th......Pack Away Hunger Event 11th God's Bounty

17th.....Fellowship Dinner

21st Sweet & Savory Bake Sale

JUNE EVENTS

7th Kids Klub starts 8th......God's Bounty 21st Fellowship Dinner 18th Sweet & Savory Bake Sale

JULY EVENTS

5th Kids Klub continues 13th God's Bounty 15th.....Lunch at the Lake 16th Sweet & Savory Bake Sale 19th Fellowship Dinner 28th Summer Celebration

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish..... May 2nd Strategy Council May 11th Trustees May 16th Missions May 24th UMW Board July 10th

See calendar for times and more events.

ACTS of KINDNESS

The Acts of Kindness circle keeps our RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS BOXES filled with ideas on how to spread kindness to those you come across during the week. Grab a slip today and spread the

love of Christ. White slips are for adults and blue ones are for kids.

STUDY GROUPS

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church) Women's - Just Like Jesus

Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 (Barb McCormack's home) Women's - Just Like Jesus

Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Church kitchen) Women's - 10 Women of the Bible

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

Checkout page 8 for more details





MAY 17TH 6:00PM

The boys of Troop 104 are hosting to raise funds for an upcoming trip.

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

Church Bulletin Funnies



Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.





What Church Membership Means

Being a disciple involves the whole self. One of the ways we strive to commit our entire lives to God is through our prayers and scripture meditation.

Prayers & Scripture

Spending time in prayer each day and studying and reflecting on the Bible to experience the living word of hope in the written word of scripture.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Help in the toddler room during worship.

(Diane Crane)

Work at God's Bounty food pantry. (Mary Jo Ensch or Gayle Kerns)

Provide a meal to the Youth Group. (Diane Crane)

Help with our Preschool Graduation (Felicia Crowel)

BLOOD DRIVE May 25th



Scan QR code to sign up or see Susan French



MAY BIRTHDAYS

John Tope – 1st
Trudi Wolfe – 3rd
Cherilynn Spicer – 6th
Natalie Tope – 7th
Matt Smith – 12th
Linda Stephenson – 15th
Ruth Crowel – 31st
Chuck Reifeis – 31st

THE reading CIRCLE

READING CIRCLE

MAY 15th @6:30pm Josette Randolph's

Shadow Box by Luanne Rice

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

WEAR BLUE MAY 14th



MAY IS ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Arthritis is one of the most common health conditions in the United States. It is a disorder that effects the joints. Osteoarthritis is the most common of the more than 100 types of arthritis. An estimated 58.5 million US adults have arthritis, and it is the leading cause of work disability among US adults.

There is not a cure, but arthritis can be treated and managed with medication, therapy, education, physical activity, and sometimes surgery.

Learn more about arthritis at www.cdc.gov/arthritis/index.htm

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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Wednesdays in June and July we will be welcoming children from our community and sharing the love of Please spread the word and extend an invitation to family, friends, and neighbors. There are lots of jobs to do so if you can help in any way, please see Diane Crane.



As of March 31, 2023

Income...... \$81,043 28% of budget

Expenses.... \$72,283 25% of budget

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 or send us an email to aumc@actonumc.com.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Family of Wayne Knight, Ken Grubb, Cheryl Herron, Gordan Fansler, Becky Carver, Suzie McKay, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Theresa Birdwell, Kevin Hitt (Randolph's son-in-law), Greg McConaughey, Linda Hicks, Paula McIntosh

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

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Adam Walters, Joseph (Andy) Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, 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 the pastor may pray for you and your loved ones. A request for prayer can also be sent out to other members on email and added to the prayer list online and in the Sunday bulletin. 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

PACK AWAY HUNGER

SIGN UP for a hands-on mission project on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00pm. We will be meeting at the Pack Away Hunger facility in Beech Grove. We need up to 40 people to pack 10,000 meals. It should take about 2 hours and all ages and abilities can help.

A Nutri-Plenty meal is a dehydrated mix of rice, soy, veggies, and a powerful micronutrient pack. This tasty meal provides essential nutrition that has been clinically proven to offset chronic malnutrition in children.

PACK AVVAY **HENGER**

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, May 10th 6-7:00pm

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

If you can volunteer, see Mary Jo Ensch

Loose Change and \$1 Collection

May - 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 7	Gospel as Salvation	Romans 1:1-17
May 14	God's Love Poured	Romans 3:28-30; 5:1-11
May 21	Hope of Resurrection	Romans 6:1-14
May 28	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:14-39

Blessing Others

Here are some ideas on how you can be a blessing for others.

- ✓ Call an old friend to catch up & check in.
- ✓ Smile.
- ✓ Send a card to someone, just because.
- ✓ Help a neighbor with a repair or yard work.
- ✓ Wave to your neighbor.
- ✓ Grab groceries for a sick neighbor or friend.
- ✓ Hold a door for someone.
- ✓ Surprise a friend with a meal during the week.



BLESSING FOR OTHERS

Pastor Matthew dismisses us on many Sundays by telling us we are blessed and should go into this broken world and be a blessing for others.

In Logan Murphy's article The What and Why of Biblical Hospitality, he shares that when God says to Abraham in Genesis 12:2 "I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing," that God's blessings to Abraham are meant to spill over to all the families of the earth. The purpose of God's blessing to Abraham is that others would be blessed.

Think of ways today to be a blessing for others. The world we live in today is truly broken. Be a blessing for others, and together, one blessing at a time, we can make a difference.

From The What and Why of Biblical Hospitality by Logan Murphy. Openthebible.org

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

FOOD DRIVE FOR GOD'S BOUNTY



Thank you to everyone that was able to donate to our April food drive for God's Bounty. We collected a lot of food to help with Scouting for Food. *Troop 104 collected a total of 2,261 pounds of food that was dated, sorted, and will be delivered to God's Bounty.*

We will give you an update once Troop 219 has theirs weighed.

GIVE BLOOD THIS MONTH

Make sure to sign up for our spring blood drive which is on May 25th. You can register on-line at www.actonumc.com or speak with Susan French. Every donation makes a difference.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about missions at Acton, please attend our next meeting or speak with Bruce McKay.

PACK AWAY HUNGER EVENT

Pack Away Hunger is a local not-for-profit agency with a mission of eliminating hunger in Indiana and around the world by providing

nutritious food, hunger education and service opportunities at their location. Acton will be participating in packing meals on May 7th at 2:00pm. The packing will take place at their Beech Grove location and about 40 people are needed to achieve the goal of packing 10,000 meals. If you can help, please sign up or call the office. All ages and families are encouraged to participate.



AMAZING MISSION PLEDGE DRIVE

This month, the Mission Team is holding a pledge drive to support the Amazing Mission Fund (AMF). *AMF Pledge Sunday is May 21st*. Pledge cards are available at the *Acton in action* table, or you can email your pledge to Kay Lynne Zietlow at klz23@icloud.com.

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru March 31, 2023

Balance: \$9,946.10

UMCOR Sunday: \$1,134.50 Little Free Library: \$408.54

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru March 31, 2023

Loose Change:

Brightwood Community: \$178.03

Fletcher Place: \$186.47 Vida Nueva: \$157.51 UMCOR International: \$100

UMCOR US: \$155

UMCOR Sunday: \$1,134.50

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 – May 24th



\$168,395 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 21st. Pledge cards are available at the Acton in action table, or you can email your pledge to Kay Lynne Zietlow at klz23@icloud.com.

AMAZING things are happening

The Amazing Mission Fund has been used to support the various mission 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
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Little Free Library
- Metro Ministries
- Mission Trips
- Operation Christmas Child
- Pack Away Hunger
- Promise Packs
- Robert's Park Meals
- Salvation Army
- Save the Children
- 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 21st

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 \$168,395 has been given out through the Amazing Mission Fund over the last 11 years.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH - ALL ARE WELCOME



ADULT CURRENT EVENTS The Wired Word

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Kitchen Sandy G. & Charlie W.

YOUTH

Screwtape Letters

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Youth Room Denise Gaunt

BIBLE GAMES (PreK-5th)

1st Sundays, 10:35-11:15am Children's Chapel upstairs

KID'S OWN WORSHIP (PreK-5th)

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

Just Like Jesus

Wednesdays, 10:00am, Church see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Just Like Jesus

Wednesdays, 6:00pm, Barb McCormack's see Gayle Kerns

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS 10 Women of the Bible

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

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS

Book of Hebrews

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

WOMEN OF ACTON

TOGETHER IN MISSION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

United Women in Faith?

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





Acts of Kindness is a circle within the United Women of Faith at Acton. They hold a bake sale on the third Sunday of each month to raise funds to spread kindness to those in our congregation and our community. If you are interested in working with this group or donating any baked goods for the bake sale, please see Audrey Roberts.

MINISTRIES

Prayer Blanket Ministry

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

Acts of Kindness and beyond

- ~Sweet & Savory sale May 21st
- ~Passing on Kindness to others
- ~Third Sundays
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~May 15th, 6:30pm @Josette Randolph's
- ~The Shadow Box by Luanne Rice
- ~See Audrey Roberts for more information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~July, September, & November
- ~See Felicia Crowel if you can help

Craft Fair

- ~October 21st
- ~Main mission fundraiser

Advent Tea

- ~December 1st
- ~Always a beautiful evening

BIBLE STUDIES

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



BAKE SALE MAY 21st

Donations of sweet and savory items are appreciated.

See Audrey Roberts for more details.

KIDS KORNER

to help you dig into God's word. Enjoy!

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



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

You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Matthew 16:16

May 7	Bible Games after worship		
May 14	Peter and John	Acts	3:1-10
May 21	Peter and Tabitha	Acts	9:36-43
May 28	Peter in Prison	Acts	12:1-17



SIGN UP FOR KIDS KLUB WEDNESDAYS 10-12:00pm JUNE & JULY

Pack Away Hunger Event May 7th 2:00pm

You and your family are invited to help pack enriched meals.

SIGN UP AT CHURCH



UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS IN MAY

Pack Away Hunger Event Coins for Fletcher Place

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

May 17th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY



PETERActs 12:1-17

How many guards were guarding Peter?

Who came to Peter in his cell and who sent them?

Where did people go and who did he tell?

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

SAVE THE DATE

PACK AWAY HUNGER

- ~May 7th
- ~2:00pm SIGN UP

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 7th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 14th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

- ~May 17th
- ~6:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 21st
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP

- ~May 28th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, church



LET DIANE **KNOW IF YOU** CAN HELP WITH KIDS KLUB ON **WEDNES DAYS**



On Sunday, April 16th the youth group handed out sack lunches and hot soup at the Roberts Park UMC to anyone desiring a meal. They prepared 150 sack lunches for this event. The event went very well, and they are planning to do it again Sunday, August 27th.

The Youth had fun playing games at Youth Group. Something about a taco, cats, goats, cheese, and pizza!



PACK AWYAY HUNGER EVENT

MAY 7th @2:00pm

SIGN-UP TODAY TO HELP PACK 10,000 ENRICHED MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED.





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

Ministries for our Community



Enjoying God's Goodness

Bible Garden

Spring has sprung and things are blooming in our Bible Garden. The tulip cross was beautiful again this year and thanks to Larry for the aerial photos and all the hard work in the garden.











Flower Cross

On Easter, we each helped to assemble this beautiful flower cross. Thanks to our church mice for the creative idea.

			MAY 2023			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group	1 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	2 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Pack 104 Dens 6:30 Robotics	3 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	4 6:30 Robotics 6:00 Prayer Service 8:00 AA	5 9:30 Women Study 5:00 Private Event	6 8:00 Men Study
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