

Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

Fellowship Dinner 3

The Youth are making baked pasta, garlic bread, and salad. Join us for dinner at 6:00pm on September 21st.

AFib Awareness 5

Wear red on September 11th for AFib Awareness month. Get in rhythm, stay in rhythm

House Painting 8

A group is going to paint at the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on September 24th. See Susan French to help.

Since 2011 9

Acton's Servants at Work (SAWS) have built over 50 ramps since they started in 2011.

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From the pastor's desk



A Word from the Pastor

BY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

We will be seeing political signs in yards soon with the November election around the corner. With that I simply want to remind you of your baptismal vows:

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Whatever way you believe our secular system should organize, larger or smaller government, you can prayerfully use your baptismal vows to help shape your vote. I have found over the past few years that we are less and less a nation of ideals and more and more a cheap popularity contest. Politicians on both sides begin to find “electable” candidates rather than people of character that can lead even those who do not vote for them. Do your best. Do your duty, and let it go because we all have to live together.

You’ve no doubt heard Wesley’s words on politics and elections, and they are so very important for us to remember today:

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them

- 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy,*
- 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and*
- 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.*

So do your duty and prepare to vote. Research the policies and proposals on both sides to make your choice informed and responsible. Then remember these are people with families, the politicians, and the people you call neighbors and friends: we are all in this together.



I try to read books that have nothing to do with church. There are so many I read for leadership and theology, I truly enjoy a good story—and often find more theology pointing to God in a NY Times Bestseller than a stuffy academic book. So, this month, I want to recommend to you *The Maid: A Novel* by Nita Prose. God isn’t in this book directly, but the use of family, the trust in friendship, and looking out for people really builds up a story that brings hope. It isn’t a book that will change your life, but it just might entertain you and remind you that hope lies in how we love one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

8thGod's Bounty
 11thWear **RED**
 18thSweet & Savory Sale
 19thReading Circle
 21stFellowship Dinner

OCTOBER EVENTS

1stLadies Fall Party
 13thGod's Bounty
 16thSweet & Savory Sale
 19thFellowship Dinner
 22ndCraft Fair

NOVEMBER EVENTS

10thGod's Bounty
 16thFellowship Dinner
 20thSweet & Savory Sale

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish..... September 6th
 Strategy Council September 13th
 Trustees September 20th
 Missions September 28th
 UMW Board October 10th

Check calendar for times

JOIN THE LADIES OF ACTON for an evening of fun and fellowship. The Fall Party will be on October 1st, 4:00pm at the Crowel Farm. Ladies of all ages are invited. There will be pumpkin carving, a campfire, food, and more! Just bring a lawn chair. Please RSVP to Felicia Crowel at 317-431-4339.



STUDY GROUPS

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church)
 Women's – *How to Age Without Getting Old*

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 Colossians and Philemon*

Checkout page 8 for more details



A Fun with Friends group was started back up this summer. Fun events will be planned throughout the

year. So far, we have had a Memorial Day cookout at Larry Suits' home and Lunch at the Lake at the McKay's place. Works is underway for an event in September and for a picnic at Southeastway with a hayride this fall. Details will be shared in the newsletter, the bulletin, the website, and on Agapenet.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER
SEPTEMBER 21ST

Dinner is served at 6:00

HOSTED BY
 OUR YOUTH

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

SWEET & SAVORY SALE

September 18th

Donations go to pass on kindness to those in our congregation and our community



Vision of Life for all Humanity

This vision includes:

- The role of the family is to nurture people in mutual love, respect, and fidelity.
- United Methodist believe in equitable sharing of the world's wealth.
- Human beings are stewards of the earth and must protect its natural resources.
- United Methodists work toward a society where each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened.
- God's World is one world. United Methodist believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Jesus.
- The role of government is to protect freedom and guarantee the rights of people to adequate food, clothing, education, etc.

Taken from *About Being United*



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

The Singles group had a great time at Rustic Gardens in August. Plans are underway for the next gathering so keep an eye out. If you have any suggestions on outings, please see Susan French or Trudi Wolfe.

SINGLES
Action

BUDGET REPORT

As of July 31, 2022

Income..... \$177,747..... 64% of budget
Expenses \$157,328..... 57% of budget

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

is heading back to the church

Starting September 11th, the Youth Group will be meeting back at the church on Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00pm. Come for dinner, games, a lesson, and of course fun and fellowship. All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.



Join the women of the church on **September 19th** at 6:30pm for a

discussion of *Dandelion Summer* by Lisa Wingate. The women will be meeting at *Margie Bartnick's place*. All are welcome. See Audrey Roberts or Margie Bartnick 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.



Afib (Artial Fibrillation) can happen to anyone. September is Afib Awareness Month. Afib is an irregular heartbeat or a condition in which the heart muscles fail to contract in a strong rhythmic way. Speak to your doctor if your heart races for no apparent reason with symptoms like shortness of breath, lightheadedness, dizziness, or unusual fatigue.

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

WEAR RED ON SEPTEMBER 11th



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 or send us an email.

Our **SAWS team builds ramps** for those in need around our community. If you can help with any of the builds this fall, please talk to Ken Grubb.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: John & Bruce Roberts (Audrey's brothers-in-law), Katie Kramer (Mary's daughter), Barb Koertge, Chuck Harlan (friend of Randolphs), Rosie Springer (friend of Linda Selke), David (friend of Becca's family), Greg McConaughy, Linda Hicks, Paula McIntosh

SYMPATHIES: Family of Ken Young (Kathy Phillips' father)

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

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

There is an opportunity to serve at the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build site on Saturday, September 24th. The build is in the Riverside Park area, and they will be doing interior painting. If you can help, please contact Susan French.



GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, September 7th
6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, September 8th
10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensich

SEPTEMBER

Loose Change and \$1 Collection

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

September 4..... Awe and WonderGenesis 1:1-2:3 Chapter 1
 September 11..... Being HumanGenesis 2:4-25 Chapter 2
 September 18..... A World of Meaning.....Proverbs 8:1-36 Chapter 3
 September 25..... The Drama of DesireGenesis 3:1-13 Chapter 4

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



"As far back as you want to go in the history of God's people, one of the duties of the righteous was hospitality – by which I mean the willingness to welcome people into your home who don't ordinarily belong there."

John Piper
 Bethlehem College &
 Seminary Chancellor

"Every true home is an influence of blessing in the community where it stands. Its lights shine out. Its songs ring out. Its spirit breathes out. The neighbors know whether it is hospitable or inhospitable, warm or cold, inviting or repelling. Some homes bless no lives outside their own circles; others are perpetually pouring out sweetness and fragrance. The ideal Christian home is a far-reaching benediction. It sets its lamps in its windows, and while they give no less light and cheer to those within, they pour a little beam upon the glooms without, which may brighten some dark path and put a little cheer into the heart of some belated passerby. Its doors stand open to everyone who comes seeking shelter from the storm, or sympathy in sorrow, or help in trials..."

Rev J.R. Miller, *Family*, 1882

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

CAN YOU SERVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Roberts Park United Methodist Church has been providing a meal for the homeless in downtown Indianapolis on Sundays for the past 20 years. Instead of discontinuing their meal program during the pandemic, they began providing sack lunches to go. Acton UMC will be providing a sack lunch meal on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th. **Anyone wishing to help with the Christmas meal should contact Bruce McKay.**

CAN YOU HELP PAINT ON SEPTEMBER 24th?

This is the fourth year for **The Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity Build on Faith program**. This year's build is in the Riverside neighborhood and is one of four houses being built at the same time. The framing started on July 18th with plans for a finished house the week of November 14th. Habitat for Humanity's Build on Faith works alongside the faith community of Great Indianapolis to embody the power of unity in diversity with the hope of further enriching our neighborhoods. This year, 20 churches, mosques, and synagogues are providing funding and volunteers. **If you can help with interior painting on September 24th, please reach out to Susan French.**



COME BOWL TO SUPPORT METRO MINISTRIES

Metro Ministries works in conjunction with the UMC Central District to connect resources to ministries and ministries to resources for the cause of Christ. Here at Acton, we support Metro Ministries through our giving and work at Fletcher Place, Brightwood Community Center, and Vida Nueva. **On September 24th, Metro Ministries is holding a bowlathon to benefit their grant programs.** Individuals or teams can participate. Our Missions Team will sponsor anyone interested in participating. Grab some friends and put together a team (up to 5 bowlers). **See Bruce McKay** for details and how to register. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 10th.**



AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru July 31, 2022

Balance: \$7,152.05
 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

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru July 31, 2022

Loose Change:
 Brightwood Community: \$305.34
 Fletcher Place: \$289.08
 Vida Nueva: \$449.70
 UMCOR International: \$135
 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 – September 28th
 Roberts Park UMC Meal – December 25th
 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*



I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

FURTHER ENRICHING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Servants At Work

Volunteers can volunteer for half day or one day or whatever works for their schedule. See Ken Grubb if you are interested.



SAWS is a faith-based nonprofit, volunteer organization founded in Indianapolis in 2003.

Acton SAWS started in April 2011 helping Mary Hicks. Acton SAWS has built more than 50 ramps, steps, and a deck in the last 11 years

The team has worked in Acton, Indy, Shelbyville, New Palestine, Wanamaker, Beech Grove, Fairland, Pleasant View, Greenfield, St. Paul and Nashville, TN on a mission trip.

Rain or shine, heat or cold, God has been good to the team, providing more than 20 different individual volunteers with the strength and desire to do this service. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Ken Grubb.

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-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

How to Age Without Getting Old

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 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



The Annual Craft Fair is scheduled for October 22nd and plans are underway. This is the UMW's main fundraiser and allows us to support our mission projects and mission giving throughout the year. If you would like to help, see Felicia Crowel and we'll find you a place. This is a fun event to shop, even if you can't 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 – September 18th
- ~Helping our congregation in all ways
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~September 19th 6:30 @Margie Bartnick's
- ~*Dandelion Summer* by Lisa Wingate
- ~See Audrey Roberts for information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~UMW hosts in the odd months
- ~See Margie T or Gayle if you can help with November's meal

Craft Fair

- ~October 22nd
- ~See Felicia Crowel to help
- ~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



FALL PARTY

October 1st

4:00pm

Crowel's

*All ladies of the church
and friends are invited
for an evening of fun!*

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER

Food for God's Bounty
Coins for Vida Nueva

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

September 21st, 6:00pm

September Lessons

Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening. 1 Samuel 3:9

September 4 Bible Games after worship

September 11 ... Deborah Judges 4:4-16; 5:1-31

September 18 ... Hannah 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11, 18-21

September 25 ... God Calls Samuel ... 1 Samuel 3:1-10



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

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing
people of the bible.



SAMUEL

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

What age do you think
Samuel was?

Who was speaking to
Samuel?

YOUTH GROUP

ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

The youth had a great summer hanging out on Sundays at the Crane's.



SAVE THE DATE

NO YOUTH GROUP

~September 4th

YOUTH GROUP

~September 11th

~5:30-7:00pm, at Church

YOUTH GROUP

~September 18th

~5:30-7:00pm, at Church

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

~September 21st

~6:00pm, church

YOUTH GROUP

~September 25th

~5:30-7:00pm, at Church

BRING A FRIEND
TO YOUTH GROUP!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SEPTEMBER 21ST
6:00PM

YOUTH ARE HOSTING SO BE
THERE TO HELP SETUP,
SERVICE, AND CLEAN-UP



Ministries for our Community

It's Popcorn Time!

The scouts just started their annual popcorn sales. See your favorite scout to get your order in. We have several at our church!



Scouts Have Been Busy

It was a busy August for our Scouts. Pack 104 held a cub scout recruiting day and both Troop 104 and 219 scouts helped. Congratulations to Troop 104's newest Eagle Scout - Jacob.

Preschool Students are Back

We have our preschool kids back in class and things are off to a good start. We have 25 in our Pre-K and 8 in our 3s class. Thanks to all who were able to donate supplies. It was much appreciated.



Enjoying God's Goodness

Singles

The Singles Group had a fun afternoon playing miniature golf at Rustic Gardens. Keep an eye out for the next outing.



BBQ Pitch-in

August's Fellowship Dinner was a pitch-in and Pastor Matthew and Heather cooked the BBQ chicken on site, and it smelled wonderful. Everything was delicious and enjoyed by all.





Ladies Bowling

The ladies went duck-pin bowling in August and then had lunch in Fountain Square. It was an afternoon of laughter and good stories.



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group	29 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	30	31 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies	1 6:30 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA	2 9:30 Womens Study	3 8:00 Mens Study
4 9:30 Communion 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 10:35 Bible Games 3:00 Troop 104 PLC	5 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	6 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849	7 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies	8 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA 	9 9:30 Womens Study	10 8:00 Mens Study
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18 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 1:00 GS Troop 200 5:30 Youth Group SWEET & SAVORY	19 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	20 6:00 Trustees 6:00 GS Troop 1849	21 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 GS Brownies Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm	22 GS Troop 1103 8:00 AA	23 9:30 Womens Study	24 8:00 Mens Study
25 9:30 Worship 10:35 Fellowship 10:35 Sunday School 5:30 Youth Group	26 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	27	28 10:00 Womens Study 6:00 Womens Study 6:00 Missions 6:00 GS Brownies 	29 GS Troop 1827 8:00 AA	30 9:30 Womens Study	1 8:00 Mens Study