ACTON Newsletter of Acton United Methodist Church

MOVING FORWARD WHAT DOES OPENING LOOK LIKE

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE OUR FALL BLOOD DRIVE IS COMING

SCHOOL STARTS ENCOURAGING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

THAT'S A LOT OF POTATOES HELP WITH THE POTATO DROP

CRAFT FAIR IS CANCELLED RAISING FUNDS FOR THE UMW MISSIONS

IMPROVING OUR SHELTER NICK CRANE'S EAGLE PROJECT





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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We are nearing the Fall season and nothing is normal. We just celebrated the Indy 500 in August, college football will be played with a handful of teams (as I write this, it probably changed when you are reading this) and church is happening in a scattered fashion.

The early church met in homes in small groups while sharing a meal. The mission of the early church was simply to continue to share the Good News, take care of the poor, and be a source of encouragement and strength for one another. While I am thankful for our scouting ministry and our preschool (and many other people who utilize the facility) I cannot help but wonder how we can get back to basics. What does it look like for us to live like the early church during this transition out of a pandemic?

How do we encourage one another? We continue to meet in small groups responsibly and fellowship and learn; we also pray.

How do we care for the poor? We continue our ministry with God's Bounty and carefully select missions that have the greatest impact.

How do we share the Good News? We focus on the fruit of the spirit as a recipe for encountering our neighbor (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).

The most important thing is that we stick together. We are already experiencing a great divide in our nation and it is critical that no matter what happens in November, we remember that while we are Americans, we gather together to learn to live in the Kingdom of God.

With that said, please remember the instructions from our founder, John Wesley, from October 6, 1774:

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."

It is an honor to walk with you,



Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m.

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SMILES OF ACTON

ENJOYING GOD'S GOODNESS



Your Acton Well to

Time for retirement for Connie and Bill



Follow us or Follow

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

10thGod's Bounty

OCTOBER EVENTS

1stBlood Drive 8thGod's Bounty 19thReading Circle 21stFellowship Dinner 31stTrunk-or-Treat

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1stCompassion Center 12thGod's Bounty 18thFellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish October 6th Trustees September 15th Missions TBD UMW Board October 10th

Check calendar for times

THE FALL BLOOD DRIVE is October 1. There is a real need for blood right now so please consider donating. You must be at least 16 years old and be healthy. A COVID-19 antibody test is included this time. Sign up with Susan French or at actonumc.com. Bring you picture ID and wear your mask!

STUDY GROUPS

Sunday mornings @10:35 On hold for now Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 Women's – The Days of Jesus (Shelter House) Men's – on hold for now Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (The Wesley House) Women's – Battlefield of the Mind Thursday evenings @ 7:30 (The Grubb's Home) Adult – Everything You Need Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Shelter House) Women's – Book of Matthew Saturday mornings @ 8:30 (Shelter House) Men's – Book of 1 Corinthians

Checkout page 8 for more details



CRAFT FAIR CANCELLED donations for the UMW mission fund can be given at acotnumc.com

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2020 EVENTS

October 1 - Blood Drive October 31 – Trunk-or-Treat December 6 – Advent Tea

October 21 – Fellowship Dinner November 18 – Fellowship Dinner



OCTOBER 21^{sт} NOVEMBER 18^{тн} Dinner served at 6:00pm

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GOOD TO KNOW TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

NEED PRAYERS? The office will send out any prayer request or announcement through our Agapenet email distribution. Just call the office

and talk to Becca. Becca will also be keeping track of hospitalizations, surgeries, etc. so please make sure she



knows so we can pray and provide any assistance you may need. If you are not on our email distribution, she can add you as well.



Sundays 5-6:00pm Faith based lessons & Fellowship

READING CIRCLE is meeting on October 19th to discuss *The Harbinger* by Jonathon Cahn. Location is yet to be determined.



A NEW GIVING BOX has been installed on the drive just as you get into the parking lot. Please feel free to leave your offering there on Sunday mornings.



FALL BLOOD DRIVE is right around the corner on October 1st. Sign up with Susan French or at actonumc.com.

WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD and are looking towards a time when we are all together again and worshiping in the sanctuary. In the mean time, the Congregational Council continues to monitor mandates and meet to move us towards that goal.

Facemasks will continue to be required if you are inside the building for all adults (children should follow the FTCS standards based on age.) When outside, you are welcome to remove your face covering after you are greater than 6 feet apart from someone not in your household.

The current Indiana mandate has been extended to September 25th. AUMC will continue the mask mandate for two weeks past the final state mandate to play it safe. Should an increase in cases occur from the lifting of the mandate, this would give us a safe buffer to assure our congregation's safety. As long as things progress, after that two weeks we would move to a mask if you choose in the sanctuary but worship will still be in the shortened format.

After that two weeks is over, we will move forward to a full and regular worship service with hymns and optional masks.

We have added the singing of "Go Now in Peace" in the sanctuary with masks ON. We feel the increased risk is minimal and it is important to sing a little bit during worship, but to do so safely. Should you be uncomfortable with this, please feel free to leave before we sing or as we start singing.

We will continue our YouTube Live stream as well as the Windshield Worship regardless of any changes in the sanctuary.

These are not ideal circumstances but we feel the decisions mirror a care for our congregation and community while also making room to hopefully get back to full participation inside the facility. This policy passed with full consensus among all board members.

GOOD TO KNOW TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS are back on campus and



starting classes. During the month of September we will be collecting cards for them to give them some encouragement as they start their school year. Cards can be dropped off on Sundays or during the week. There will be a collection mailbox in the Narthex. We have eight students

- Alexandria Meyer, Adam Zietlow, Tanner Howell, Tatum Howell, Wyatt Crowel, Jacob Hon, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! These words cannot begin to explain the gratitude that Josette & I feel towards the people of our church. Since I began my adventure, we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers, the deluge of cards we have received.

We have received multiple dinners, with offers of others. No wonder our church is noted for having so many great cooks. I have no doubt that the well wishes, prayers, concerns have had an impact on where I currently am in my rehab. I have a visiting nurse come to the house a couple times a week. On Monday, 8/24 I had my first follow up with cardiology group. They were quite pleased with my progress. On 8/25, I had a follow up with primary care doctor, and she also was pleased with my progress. I am currently doing more walking, trying to regain some of my stamina. My next appointment is 9/9 with surgeon who performed surgery. They have recommended me for cardiac re-hab, so hopefully that will be my next adventure.

In closing, I would like to say, how lucky we are, to be in a church with so many compassionate caring, loving persons. I cannot believe there is another church in our area that has that type of congregation.

Thank you again & our love to all, Dick Randolph

NEON SIGN is still in use for Emergency and last minute announcements. Download the neonsignapp today! See Felicia if you have questions.



THE ANNUAL CROPWALK is Sunday, October 4. This year the walk will be held VIRTUALLY. Walker envelopes and information on how to participate is available from Bill Howell or the church office. The walk helps hunger around the world and around the corner. It is sponsored by Church World Services and supports locally Gleaners Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Second Helpings. Over 25% of the money raised stays in the Indianapolis area. Anyone of any age can be a walker. If you can't walk, please walker. make sponsor а or а donation (actonumc.com). Please return walker envelopes and donations by November 1. You can contact Bill at 317-862-6102 or abhowell6102@sbcglobal.net.



As of August 31, 2020 Income \$246,931.......92% of budget Expenses \$191,224.......72% of budget *Note: \$35,000 of income was received from the COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING STRENGTH: Norm Troutt, Clara Ford, Theresa Birdwell, Janet Coons (Donna McCullough's daughter), Walt Meyer (Steve's dad), Dick Randolph

SYMPATHIES: Family of David Hon (Amy Stroud's son), Family of Kathleen Claridge (Barb McCormack's sister-in-law), Family of Wayne (Becky Goode's brother)

OUR HOMEBOUND: Jeanne Carman, Clara Ford, Theresa Birdwell, Lurana Babcock

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alexandria Meyer, Adam Zietlow, Tanner Howell, Tatum Howell, Wyatt Crowel, Jacob Hon, Maddie Woodrow, Amy Johnson

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Adam Walters, Joseph (Andy) Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, Jamie Boles

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



October 17th

Old Bethel UMC

Unload and distribute 40,000 pounds of potatoes



Please RSVP to Bruce McKay

GOD'S BOUNTY WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY October 7th November 11th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY October 8th November 12th 10-11:00am & 1-7:00pm

If you can help, see Mary Jo Ensch

Loose Change and \$1 Collection September - Fletcher Place October - Vida Nueva November - Brightwood Community

GOD'S BOUNTY

Pick up a bag today and bring it back filled with groceries for God's Bounty food pantry. Leave your bag at the display and our Missions Team will make sure it is delivered to the pantry.



Help needed Thursday mornings

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

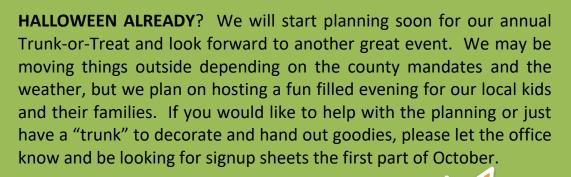
FROM THE PULPIT

September 6	.Two for the Tango	.Matthew 18:15-20
September 13	. Creative License	.Genesis 2:4n-7; 3:1-8
September 20	.The Promise	.Genesis 15:1-6
September 27	.Working Dreams	.Genesis 37:3-8; 26-34
October 4	.The First Passover	.Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8
	. The First Passover	-
October 11	.The Greatest Idol	-

OPTIONS FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP COME INSIDE ~ STAY IN YOUR CAR (87.9) ~ WATCH ON YOUTUBE

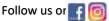
RADICAL HOSPITALITY

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST









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RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

SUNDAY'S LOOSE CHANGE HELPS OTHERS INDY



Help the coin shortage and some local missions by giving to our loose change collection each Sunday. All the loose change and dollar bills collected on Sunday go to one of three Metro Ministries – Fletcher Place, Vida Nueva, or Brightwood Community Center. These local centers help the people in their Indianapolis neighborhoods. So far in 2020,

over \$850 has been donated.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

God's Bounty has been open through the quarantine and thank you to all who donated food and were able to work. Over 100 families a week are being served. Canned goods and monetary donations are needed.

The last meal we served at the **Compassion Center** was in March. No word yet on when it will reopen.

RECENT AMF DONATIONS

The Missions team recently approved sending \$1,000 to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and \$1,000 to UMCOR for domestic relief due to the impact of Hurricane Laura.

SAWS HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Some of our SAWS volunteers built a ramp last week for a 12 year old boy confined to a wheelchair. His parents were quite pleased.



WHAT'S A POTATO DROP?

A Potato Drop is not the latest social media challenge, but the distribution of over 40,000 pounds of potatoes! That's a lot of



potatoes and help is needed to get them unloaded and handed out. If you can help on Saturday, October 17th at Old Bethel UMC, let Bruce McKay know. The potatoes are given out to local food pantries and agencies.

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru of August 31, 2020

Balance: \$3,112.83 God's Bounty items: \$2,107 Habitat for Humanity: \$2,500 Gleaners: \$2,000 Compassion Center Meals: \$144.93 Horizon House: \$2,000 Kairos Ministry: \$2,000 Shepard Community Center: \$2,000 Society of St. Andrews: \$500 World Vision Promise Packs: \$4,800

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru August 31, 2020

Loose Change: Brightwood Community: \$298.39 Fletcher Place: \$215.87 Vida Nueva: \$337.70 Compassion Center Meals: \$94.48 UMCOR: \$985 Native American Sunday: \$100

WAYS TO GIVE

Monthly Food Pantry Collection Amazing Mission Fund Kroger Gift Card Rewards Programs

WAYS TO SERVE God's Bounty – 2nd Thursday Compassion Center – 1st Sunday

"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

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY BLOOD IS LIFE

The Indiana Blood Center was founded in 1952 and is now Versiti Blood Center of Indiana. Versiti is a fusion of donors, scientific curiosity, and precision medicine that recognize the gifts of blood and life are precious. They unite communities across the Midwest to transform patient lives. We're stronger together!



Due to the impact of COVID-19, we have an immediate need for donors to ensure a safe supply. In a medical emergency, often the most important element is the availability of blood.

Your blood donation can help

- Trauma victims
- Surgery patients
- Premature babies
- People with anemia
- Cancer patients
- Many more

Note that as of August 17, a COVID-19 Antibody Test will be performed on all blood donations as part of our standard testing.

BLOOD DRIVE October 1st

3-7:30pm

Sign up at actonumc.com Please wear your facemask and enter the main doors to the church

WHO CAN DONATE

Individuals who want to donate whole blood or apheresis must be:

- At least 16 years old (donors under the age of 17 may only donate whole blood, and must have a signed parental/guardian consent form)
- Weigh a minimum of 110 pounds
- Pass a brief mini-physical and health history screening
- Be healthy
- Bring picture I.D

Versiti.org for details

1 in 7 people entering the hospital will need a blood transfusion



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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 Cliff Lathrop

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS Meets Sundays, 10.25-1 :15, n Youth Room se 1 st 1,thew

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Neets 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, 9:45-10:30am 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 fun fellowship, and faith building lessons Sundays, 5:00-6:00pm, at the Cranes Bring you swimsuit and towel!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING The Days of Jesus by Bill O'Reilly Tuesdays, 7-8:00pm, shelter house see Gayle Kerns

MEN'S TUESDAY EVENINGS – ON HOLD Eternity with God by Erwin W. Lutzer Tuesdays, 7-8:00 pm, ON HOLD FOR NOW see Steve Povalac

WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer Wednesdays, 10:00am, Wesley House outside see Becky Repass

ADULT THURSDAY EVENINGS (TGIT) Everything You Need by Dr. David Jeremiah Thursdays, 7:30pm, Grubb's home See Ken or Sandy Grubb

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS Book of Matthew Fridays, 9:30-11:00am, shelter house see Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS The Book of 1 Corinthians Saturdays, 8:00am, shelter house see Dan Repass

ACTON UMW Women 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 Fall Craft Fair has sadly been cancelled. The fair is the main fundraiser for the UMWomen at Acton and without it, the group will be thinking of creative ways to raise the over \$4,000 in funds they normal get from the fair. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Look for more to come.

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

- ~2nd Sundays after worship (usually)
- ~Bring baked or savory foods
- ~Hopefully will be back this fall

Reading Circle

- ~October 19th, Location TBD
- ~Lauren Denton's Hideaway

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~October 21st, 6:00pm
- ~UMW Prepares throughout the year
- ~Audrey or Margie B. to help

Craft Fair

- ~Cancelled
- ~See Arlette Povalac to help
- ~Main fundraiser of the AUMW

Advent Tea

- ~December 6th, 4:30pm
- ~The tables are always beautiful

BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Friday Bible Study is studying from the book of Matthew. They meet in the shelter house from 9:30-11:00am every Friday.

LIKE TO READ?

reading

Join the Women's Reading Circle

Next book is Hideaway by Lauren Denton

Location to be announced

October 21st

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

Right now we are not having a kids' own worship or Sunday school, but hope to start back up in October. When we do, the kids can join us on Sundays after the children's message for worship, fun and learning upstairs in the Children's Chapel. The kids have their own worship experience followed by snacks, games, crafts, science experiments and mission projects.

Also, on 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 Jeopardy.

Look for more details on Children's Worship and Sunday school coming in October



Bring change in for Metro Ministries and make a difference!



Upcoming Events

MISSIONS Food God's Bounty Coins for Metro Ministries

BIBLE STORY

Read about the amazing people of the bible. How are you like them?



GENESIS 15:1-6 The Promise

YOUTH GROUP ACTON TEENS IN ACTION

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 ${f T}$ he youth are meeting again and enjoy some fellowship time.



SAVE THE DATE

Youth GROUP ~September 6 ~5:00-6:00pm, Crane's home

Youth Group ~September 13 ~5:00-6:00pm, Crane's home

Youth GROUP ~September 20 ~5:00-6:00pm, Crane's home

YOUTH GROUP ~September 27 ~5:00-6:00pm, Crane's home



HOT TOPICS

Youth Group

5-6:00PM

SUNDAYS at the Crane's

BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL

GOOD LUCK This year!

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING...





Scouting Adventures





Check out the progress on Nick Crane's Eagle Scout Project. The shelter addition will be started as soon the concrete is ready.

Preschool Smiles



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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