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Love - Learn - Share - Serve with eternal purpose through faith in Jesus

AUG & SEP 2024

BBQ

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Join us on August 21st for our summer BBQ Pitch-in. Bring a side or dessert to share. The fun starts at 6:00pm.

Worship Series

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In August and September, we will move beyond our limitations and find new beginnings. Join us!

Gods' Bounty

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Learn what the latest is with our local food pantry, God's Bounty, and how you can contribute.

Preschool

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Meet our new PreK students and learn about our preschool. Help out with our school supplies too!

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From the pastor's desk



Christian FreedomBY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. Isaiah 25:6

Do you have a grill in your backyard? Have you been to a cookout this summer for July 4th or a family get together?

Cookouts are popular in America and are a good way to rejoice in God's gifts of food, family, and friends.

The Prophet Isaiah described heaven as a cookout like no other, a feast of rich foods for all peoples. Because of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, you are invited to this feast. Having been baptized into Christ, you will be joyfully welcomed there.

Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and he knows what it's like to be hungry. His family and friends sometimes misjudged or abandoned him, and he knows what it's like to be alone. Our Savior knows what hunger and loneliness feel like.

To deliver us from hunger and loneliness and all our other afflictions of body & soul, Jesus went to the cross as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. By his atoning death and his victorious resurrection, he has opened heaven to us. The risen Lord Almighty is preparing a feast of rich foods for all peoples. You are wise to put your trust and confidence in him.

In heaven the Church will forever rejoice in God's gifts of food, family, friends, and so much more and while we are here, we can invite more and more to the Table to be fed, whether at a BBQ, Sunday dinner, or the Eucharist, all are welcome to be fed.

Markew Paster Matthew

You can reach Pastor Matthew on email at matthewstultz@me.com. He is in the church office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, or you can call to schedule an appointment.

August & September AT A GLANCE





4th Piano Concert

8th God's Bounty

21st... Fellowship Dinner

25th .. Bake Sale

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

12th .. God's Bounty

15th .. Bake Sale

18th .. Fellowship Dinner

OCTOBER EVENTS

3rd Blood Drive

10th .. God's Bounty

16th .. Fellowship Dinner

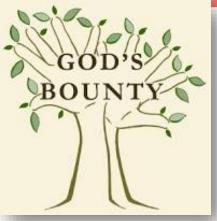
12th .. Car Show

19th .. Craft Fair

31st... Trick-or-Treat

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish Sept 3rd
Strategy Council Sept 12th
Trustees..... August 19th
Missions August 28th
UMW Board October 21st



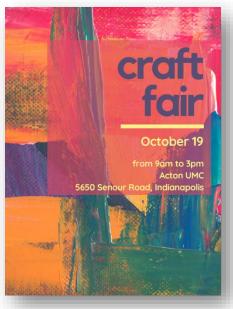
GOD'S BOUNTY

September 11th 6-7:00pm

September 12th 8:00am & 1-6:30pm

Scan to volunteer or signup on our website.





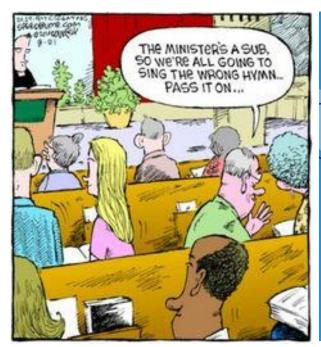


FELLOWSHIP DINNER

September 18th @6:00pm

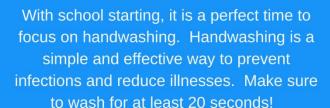
The women are cooking!

This is a free-will offering meal and all money received will go to purchase food for the Craft Fair Café.



Health Awareness

From our Parish Nurse, Margie Townsend





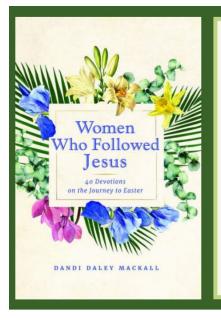




THE reading CIRCLE

August 19th 6:30PM Barb Wiley's

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

All are welcome on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am to the women's study group. The group meets at the church and are currently studying *The Women Who Followed Jesus*. Please see Becky Repass if you are interested.

Mark Your Calendar

August 21 - BBQ Pitch-In

October 19 - Craft Fair

September 18 - Fellowship Dinner

October 31 - Trick-or-Treat

October 3 - Blood Drive

November 20 - Fellowship Dinner

October 12 - Car Show

December 8 - Advent Tea

October 16 - Fellowship Dinner

December 18 - Fellowship Dinner





From our Parish Nurse, Margie Townsend

September is suicide prevention month. The National Institute of Mental Helath has 5 action steps for helping someone in emotional pain. 1 - Ask, 2 - Keep them safe, 3 - Be there, 4 - Help them connect, and 5 - Stay connected.







GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

at Acton UMC



OCTOBER 3 ~ 3-7:30PM SIGN UP AT WWW.ACTONUMC.COM STARTING SEPTEMBER 15

As of July 31, 2024

Expenses...... \$153,558 55% of budget



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Hamon – 3rd
Zach Spicer – 5th
Mary Ann Puckett – 10th
Donna Groenert – 14th
Cynthia Reifeis – 18th
Gavin Clark – 21st
Maggie Clark – 21st
Sandy Grubb – 26th
Felicia Crowel 29th
Gavin Woodrow – 30th

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Therea Birdwell 2nd
Jerry Hixon 11th
Roger Redinger 11th
Adam Clark 13th
Steve Frosch 15th
Peg Marshall 18th
Cheryl Herron 23rd
Wyatt Crowel 27th
Gary Fulk 27th



CUB SCOUTS

Back to school means back to Scouts for the Pack. Pack 104 is busy recruiting at Acton, Adams, and the new New Bethel Elementary schools during the month of August! They hope to grow the pack by 20 kids to replace last years and this years Arrow of Light crossovers to Troop 104 and 219! If you have an elementary student interested in scouting please contact Andy Crane, our scouting rep. Pack 104 is open to boys and girls.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Joanne Jennings, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Stan Ensch, Cheryl Herron, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Linda Hicks, Greg McConaughey, Paula McIntosh

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Nick Crane, Olivia Woodrow, Cherilynn Spicer, Madison Hulskotter, Ethan Warner, Kaylynn Clark, Henry Crane, Molly Smith, Brianna Stultz

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Adam Walters, 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

God's Bounty Take Care - Take Away

Once a year, God's Bounty has a Take Care Take Away event where families visiting the food pantry are offered extra items on a "bonus" day as they come through the line.

This year's event is on Saturday, August 24th. *Items needed include paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, bar soap, and toothpaste.*

Please have items at the church by Sunday, August 20th. Items can be left at the God's Bounty display.

If you can help that day, please see Charlie Walters.

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, September 11th 6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, September 12th 8:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can volunteer, please sign up on-line. You can contact the office for help.



August Loose Change & \$1
Fletcher Place Community Center

September Loose Change & \$1

Shepherd Community Center



DONATE TO GOD'S BOUNTY

Grab a bag and fill it up! Missions will take your donations to God's Bounty food pantry. Bags are available in the Missions Nook.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT

August 4 th	Bread	Matthew 25:31-46
August 11 th	Bath	Mark 1:4-11
August 18 th	Beyond Belief	John 1:43-51
August 25 th	Beyond the Horizon	Mark 1:14-20
September 1 st	Beyond the Boundaries	Mark 1:21-28
September 8 th	Beyond the Chaos	Mark 1:29-39
September 15 th	Beyond the Hype	Mark 1:40-45
September 22 nd	Beyond the Fear	Mark 9:2-9
September 29 th	The Promise of Passover .	Exodus 12:1-13

Bread, Bath, & Beyond

Join us as we find opportunities to move beyond our limitations and find new beginnings and be better than we were before. *Our new 8-week series, Bread, Bath, & Beyond, started on August 4th.* We will use this cultural word-play in our series title to remember that the most basic transforming experiences of our faith – communion and baptism – are the starting points for life "beyond" our limitations.



GREETERS

AUGUST

4th...... Floyd & Linda S. 11th..... Gary & Karen F. 18^{tht}.... Earlene C & Sandy S. 25th..... Rich & Betty Lou R.

SEPTEMBER

1st...... Barb T. & Margie T. 8th..... Steve & Mindy F. 15th..... Chery H. & Joyce H. 22nd.... Dan & Becky R. 29th.... Dick & Josette R.

Christian Hospitality Is Not Entertaining

When our culture talks about having people over, they often use the language of entertainment: "I like entertaining," or "Here are some tips on entertaining." Christian hospitality, however, is not entertaining. It is not the addition of some religion to entertaining.

Hospitality has totally different motives, means, and ends, largely because it is not about us. Biblical hospitality is about honoring God by obeying His command to "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality" (Romans 12:13). It is about loving other Christians. When hospitality does become about the giver, it ceases to be Christian.

Unlike entertaining, hospitality does not seek to impress or network or create obligation. Instead, it seeks to serve. Because it is other-focused and requires sacrifice, biblical hospitality will be a tool that God uses to root out self-centeredness in us.

Christian hospitality honors the Lord. Practicing hospitality is part of being faithful. Our job is obedience, trusting the Lord to use it in the best way, even when we can't see it. That is why practicing biblical hospitality is part of walking by faith, not by sight. And perhaps it is this aspect that makes it not only distinct in this world, but also very useful in Christ's kingdom.

Excerpts from the article on *How Can I Practice Christian Hospitality*, by Rebercca VanDoodewaard. Read the full article at https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/hospitality.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Mission Giving

AMAZING MISSION FUND GIVING

Thru July 31st
Balance: \$10,875.64
RIP Medical Debt: \$1,500
Robert's Park Meal: \$252.30
Kairos Prison Ministry: \$1,000
Peace with Justice: \$500
Impact Ministries: \$500
Indy Ten Point Coalition: \$500
UMCOR Sunday Match: \$1,540
Pack Away Hunger Event: \$3,565
Meijer Simply Give: \$3,500

CONGREGATION DIRECT GIVING

Thru July 31st

Loose Change:

Shepherds Community: \$524.34

Fletcher Place: \$339.90

Brightwood Community: \$408.91

God's Bounty: \$1,400 UMCOR US: \$200

UMCOR International: \$150 UMCOR Sunday: \$1,540.56

WAYS TO GIVE & SERVE

Monthly Food Pantry Collection Amazing Mission Fund Kroger Gift Card Program God's Bounty – 2nd Thursdays

Spaghetti Supper

God's Bounty is hosting a spaghetti supper at Acton UMC to help raise funds for the food pantry. The supper will be on September 7th at 5:00pm. Cost is \$15 and a silent auction is planned. Please look for more information to come on Agapenet and announcements on Sunday morning.

Mission Team

The Missions Team will be meeting on August 28th at 6:00pm. If you are interested in missions, please feel free to attend. All are welcome. Barb Wiley heads our Mission Team, so please direct any questions you may have to her or the church office.

God's Bounty Update

God's Bounty food pantry, established by the Franklin Township Ministerial Association, is an important resource in our neighborhood for those struggling to pay for food. *Numbers in the last months have been increasing: 385 families were served in April, 408 families in May, and 389 families in June.*

Concern was expressed at the last God's Bounty board meeting about the falling cash donations and increasing food expenses. Some of the more expensive items and those not as nutritional are no longer purchased weekly to help focus the money on the nutritional and requested food.

Money donated to God's Bounty are used to purchase food from Gleaner's and Meijer. *Cash donations are appreciated and can be given on Sunday morning or on-line.* From our Amazing Mission Fund and designated giving, our congregation alone donated a total of \$4,500 in the Meijer Simply Give money in June and almost all of that has been used already!

If you wish to provide groceries, there are red bags available in the narthex. Just fill up a bag and missions will take it to the pantry. *Please limit donations to chunky soups, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, and oatmeal.*

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

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

All are 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 -Back to Church in September

5:00-7:00pm, at the Crane's See Andy or Diane Crane for info Bring your friends!



THROUGH OUT THE WEEK

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENINGS In the Eye of the Storm, a Day in the Life of Jesus

Mondays, 6:00pm, Phyllis Taylor's see Gayle Kerns

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENINGS
The Book of Revelation

Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Diane Crane's see Diane Crane or Felicia Crowel

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
Women Who Followed Jesus

Wednesdays, 10:00am, Church see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS
Living the Psalms

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

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS Book of Revelation

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 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.

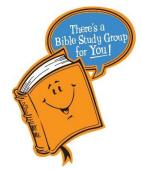
Please, think how you may enjoy becoming a part of the Acton United Women of Faith.

If you have questions, please talk to one of the board members.

2024 Officers

President: Margie Townsend Vice President: Barb Thompson Secretary: Renee Knight Treasurer: Connie Walters Nominations: Becky Repass At Large: Lynn Newlon and Diana Baker





Looking for a bible study group? The women at Acton have several options to choose from. There are two morning groups, one on Wednesday (Becky Repass) and one on Friday (Connie Walters). If you need an evening time, there is a group that meets on Mondays (Gayle Kerns) and one on Tuesdays (Diane Crane). Anyone is welcome to join any of these groups. Please contact the person listed for more information on what they are studying and where they meet.

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

- ~Sweet & Savory sale September 15th
- ~Six times throughout the year
- ~Call Barb Thompson to help

Reading Circle

- ~August 19th, 6:30pm at Barb Wiley's
- ~Someone Else's Shoes, by Jojo Moyes
- ~See Audrey Roberts for more information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~September 18th
- ~See Margie Townsend if you can help

Craft Fair

- ~October 19th
- ~Our main mission fundraiser

Advent Tea

- ~December 8th, 4:00pm
- ~See Margie T. to help in the planning

BIBLE STUDIES

- ~Monday evenings at 6:00pm
- ~Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm
- ~Wednesday mornings at 10:00am
- ~Friday mornings at 9:30am

CRAFT FAIR October 19th

Volunteers needed

If you can help with the Craft Fair, please contact Felicia Crowel.



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

August 6th kicked off another school year for our preschool. We have 16 in our PreK class and six in our 3-year-old class.

The 3-year-old students come on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:30am. Our PreK students have class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9-1:00pm.

Our three teachers, Mary Kramer, Christy Smith, and Taffy Whitesell are looking forward to another great year.

We are in need of school supplies, snacks, and classroom materials. If you can help, please pick an apple from the tree at church and purchase the needed item. Items can be left (with the apple tag) at the tree display. Thank you!



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 your kids need to leave after worship, make sure to pick them up from the Children's Chapel at the top of the stairs.

August Lessons

Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord! Psalm 27:14

August 4 Bible Games

August 11 Daniel and the LionsDiane Crane

August 18 Paul's Journey to RomeShelia Sexton

August 25 David and JonathanThe Crowels

September Lessons

Friends love all the time. Proverbs 17:17

Sept 1 Bible Games

Sept 8Diane Crane

Sept 15Shelia Sexton

Sept 22Paul, Priscilla, and Aquilla......The Crowels

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS

Coins for Fletcher Place and Shepherd Community Center Food for God's Bounty

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

August 21st, 6:00pm September 18th, 6:00pm

BIBLE STORY



Paul 1 Samuel 20

Who did David make a covenant with?

Who was trying to take his life?

What did Jonathan use to communicate with Paul?

Did Jonathan shoot the arrow to the side of Paul or beyond him?

What did that mean?



SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

- ~August 11th
- ~5-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

- ~August 18th
- ~5-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

- ~August 25th
- ~5-7:00pm, Crane's

NO YOUTH GROUP

- ~September 1st
- ~Happy Labor Day!

YOUTH GROUP

- ~September 8th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

YOUTH GROUP

- ~September 15th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

YOUTH GROUP

- ~September 22nd
- ~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

YOUTH GROUP

- ~September 29th
- ~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

Summer is Coming to an End

Youth Group will be meeting at the Crane's home through August. We will start meeting back at church on September 8th, and back to 5:30-7:00pm.



MEALS NEEDED SUNDAY EVENINGS

If you can provide and serve a meal to our youth on Sunday evenings, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak with Diane Crane for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am
Youth Room
High School Talk
Sheets
See Denise Gaunt
with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP

All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited to be part of our Youth Group. Friends are always welcome.

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