

A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is slightly out of focus, with the stars in the upper left being sharper than the stripes below.

Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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

JULY 2023

Lunch at the Lake 3

Make sure to RSVP for an afternoon at Lake Cordry on July 15th. Call the office or sign up on Sunday.

Count on Me 6

There are a few options for volunteering this month if you have some spare time.

Simply Give 8

Southport Meijer's Simply Give program for God's Bounty starts July 2nd and runs through September 30th.

New Studies 10

Take a look at some of the new studies happening in our small groups. All are invited to join.

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From the pastor's desk



Leaning on One Another BY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

I'm writing to you on this very first, official, day of Summer! Honestly the solstice stuff never makes sense to me because I live in Indiana, and it can be 90 on Memorial Day and then have a string of days in the 60s in July. But I digress.

I need to come clean about something: I am not good at organizing things. I jumped in with both feet to get this Kid's Klub Summer Spectacular launched and I'm in over my head. I can take the Scriptures and pull out Greek and Hebrew ancient phrases and help unpack them to be relevant for your life. I can sit in a room with someone taking their last breath. I can come up with wonderful ideas for outreach and worship themes. But I cannot keep track of details. So, can you help me? We still have many spots that need filled to make sure this event is a tremendous success! There are so many new folks moving into our area that this is a great warm-up event before we start opening up to the community.

Please take a look at the sign-up list so that those in charge of those areas can start organizing for the festivity. You can find scan the QR code below, go to volunteersignup.org/KDMKX, or you can call the church office and get signed up that way. I know the kids and their families will have a great time if we can all pitch in. Otherwise, if left to my organizational skills, well, let's not leave it to that!

Community means we can lean on one another when the situation is out of our comfort zone or gift circle. Lean on me when you're not strong, and I promise, I'll lean on you too!
Let's gear up for a great Summer, even if it's in the 60s.


Pastor Matthew




SCAN ME 

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY EVENTS

- 13thGod's Bounty
- 15thLunch at the Lake
- 16thSweet & Savory Bake Sale
- 16thReception for our Grads
- 19thFellowship Dinner
- 28thSummer Spectacular

AUGUST EVENTS

- 9thGod's Bounty
- 17thFellowship Dinner
- 20thSweet & Savory Bake Sale

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 14thGod's Bounty
- 17thSweet & Savory Bake Sale
- 20thFellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish July 11th
- Strategy Council July 13th
- Trustees July 18th
- Missions July 25th
- UMW Board July 10th

See calendar for times and more events.

KIDS KLUB
SUMMER
spectacular

FRIDAY
JULY 28
6-8:00PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGNUP TODAY**



STUDY GROUPS

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

Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 (Church)
Women's – *Clinging to Hope*

Friday mornings @ 9:30 (Church kitchen)
Women's – *Living a Chocolate Life*

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

Checkout page 8 for more details

LUNCH AT THE LAKE

July 15th ~ Noon

Cordry Lake - Nineveh

Bruce & Suzie McKay are hosting

Rain date is the 21st

Bring a side to share, your drinks &
lawn chairs

**RSVP to the church office or
signup on Sunday**

**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**
ALL ARE WELCOME

**JULY 19TH
6:00PM**

**HOSTED BY THE
WOMEN OF ACTON**

**BENEFITS THE LUCILLE
RAINES RESIDENCE**

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



GRAD RECEPTION - JULY 16th

We will have a short reception for our graduates after worship in the Fellowship Hall on July 16th. Refreshments will be served, and you will have an opportunity to wish our grads well.

- Dr. Alexandria Meyer – Purdue in Veterinary Medicine
- Maddie Woodrow – Purdue in Math, Statistics, Brain & Behavior Science
- Madison Hulskotter – Franklin Central, Attending UIndy
- Ethan Warner – Franklin Central, Attending IUPUI



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 generosity.

Financial Generosity

Generosity includes the practice of Christian stewardship through the biblical discipline of tithing. If you have more questions about tithing or how your tithing is used at Acton, please speak with a Finance Team member or the Pastor.



Church Bulletin Funnies

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Little Free Library at God's Bounty has been given an upgrade and looks wonderful! Thanks to Susan French, Carol King, and Howard Jameson for making this happen.

If you have any children's books you would like to donate, please get them to Susan French.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Will Tope – 1st
- Sally Grau – 5th
- Christy Smith – 10th
- Ed Puckett – 11th
- Mariann Meyer – 14th
- Steve Meyer – 17th
- John Wiley – 18th
- Tom Kerns – 22nd



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE
July 2nd – September 30th
Meijer matches each \$10 card
Double match is August 12th & September 9th

GOOD TO KNOW

TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

WEAR YELLOW
JULY 9th



JULY IS UV SAFETY MONTH

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, so it is important to take precaution with your skin this summer. UV radiation damages the cells in the top layer of your skin and causes aging, age spots, eye injury, cataracts, and damage to your skin such as sunburns. Protect yourself by wearing sunscreen that is SPF 30 or higher every day, seeking the shade, and wearing protective clothing and a hat!

Learn more at:
www.saintjohnscancer.org
www.aad.org

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



JULY 17 @6:30pm
Margie Townsend's
The Good Left Undone
By Adriane Trigiani

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to Travis, Dan, Charlie, Bruce, Cory, and friends for their hard work building my new fence. I truly appreciate their hard work and help. Debi

KIDS KLUB
SUMMER
 spectacular

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SIGN-UP TODAY

FRIDAY JULY 28 6-8:00PM

ADMIT ONE

BUDGET REPORT

As of May 31, 2023

Income \$134,833 47% of budget
 Expenses \$119,134 42% of budget

Are you looking for a way to give a permanent gift to AUMC? The finance team has established a permanent endowment that gives you that opportunity. In 2011 an endowment was created with \$35,000 and with additional gifts and investment return, the endowment now has over \$120,000 that supports ministries of the church. Each year a check from the endowment supports trustees, missions, youth, music, and new programs. We have received over \$43,000 since 2011 from our

endowment. Many members include a permanent gift to the church as part of their estate planning. If you are interested in giving a gift that will always give back to the church forever, contact any finance team member.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Family of Becky Carver, John Bade (Chris Rosemeyer's brother), John Caine (friend of the Crowels), Cheryl Herron, Barb McCormack, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Theresa Birdwell, Kevin Hitt (Randolph's son-in-law), Greg McConaughy, Linda Hicks, Paula McIntosh

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: 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

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

- Watch toddlers during worship.
- Get ready for Summer Spectacular.
- Trim a few bushes.
- Send cards of encouragement.
- Take pictures at church events.

Contact the office to volunteer!

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, July 12th
6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, July 13th
10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can volunteer,
see Mary Jo Ensich

Loose Change and \$1 Collection
July - Brightwood Community



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

THURSDAYS AT 6:00PM


Prayer Service

JOIN US AS WE
COVER OUR
WORLD, OUR
COMMUNITY, OUR
CHURCH, AND OUR
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS IN PRAYER



JULY SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES

July 2 Isaiah..... Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 4:16-21
 July 9 2 Peter..... 2 Peter 1:1-11
 July 16 ... 2 Peter..... 2 Peter 1:16-2:2, 15-19
 July 23 ... 2 Peter..... 2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18
 July 30 ... Poetry & Wisdom..... Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8



RADICAL HOSPITALITY
it's changes lives

GREETERS

JULY

2nd Cheryl H & Joyce H
 9th Trudi W & Phyllis T
 16th Eric & Lynne N.
 23rd NEED A SUB
 30th Rich & Betty Lou R.

AUGUST

6th Chuck & Cynthia R.
 13th Floyd & Linda S.
 20th Gary & Karen F.
 27th Dan & Becky R.

If you are interested in being part of the greeting team, please call the church office.

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING



Plant peas

peace of mind
peace of heart
peace of soul



Plant squash

squash gossip
squash indifference
squash grumbling
squash selfishness



Plant lettuce

lettuce be faithful
lettuce be kind
lettuce be patient
lettuce love one another

Plant turnips

turnip for meetings
turnip for service
turnip to help one another



Plant thyme

thyme for God
thyme for family
thyme for friends



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

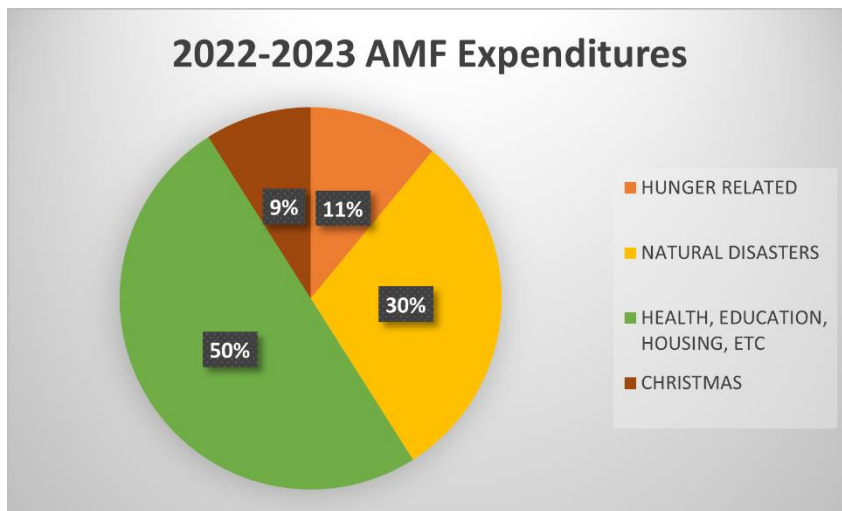
SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

GOD'S BOUNTY TAKE AWAY EVENT

God's Bounty will once again be hosting a Take Care of Yourself Take Away Event on July 29th. This program allows patrons of God's Bounty to get items that are not normally included in their groceries. **Have donations in by July 16th.** They are needing donations of kids shampoo, kids bubble bath, toothpaste, laundry pods, dish soap, all-purpose cleaner, and adult shampoo.

AMAZING MISSION PLEDGE DRIVE

Thanks to all who turned in their pledge for the Amazing Mission Fund. **A total of \$20,130 was pledged for this coming year,** June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024. The expenditures from June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023 include a total of \$12,065.02 with half going to immediate or survival assistance and half going to long term or sustainability assistance.



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE



This year, Southport Meijer has selected God's Bounty to be the recipient of **the Simply Give program starting July 2nd, through September 30th.** Just purchase a \$10 card and Meijer will match your purchase. So, \$10 becomes \$20 for God's Bounty in Meijer groceries. This is a great way to help the food pantry. **Double match days (\$20 for each \$10 card) are on August 12th and September 9th.**

AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru May 31, 2023

Balance: \$13,284.10

UMCOR Sunday: \$1,134.50

Little Free Library: \$408.54

Robert's Park Meal: \$304

UMCOR Indiana Tornado: \$1,000

OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru May 31, 2023

Loose Change:

Brightwood Community: \$560.76

Fletcher Place: \$451.01

Vida Nueva: \$157.51

UMCOR International: \$100

UMCOR US: \$175

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 – July 26th

*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.
I was naked and you gave me clothing.
I was sick and you took care of me.
I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:35-36*

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

AMAZING MISSIONS

Each Sunday coins and dollar bills are put into the offering plate. Ever wonder what happens to them? Our Missions team has set up a rotation between three local community centers that are supported by the Methodist church. These centers include Brightwood Community, Fletcher Place, and Vida Nueva. Each month coins and dollar bills are sent to one of these centers. A total of \$2,184.42 was collected and distributed in 2022. Though May of this year, we have collected and sent \$1,096.80. You can give on Sunday mornings, and you can also give on-line through our website or through your Vanco app.

The **Brightwood Community Center** is a nonprofit organization compassionately dedicated to building strong families and vibrant communities. The center is located at 2140 N. Arsenal Avenue in Indianapolis. They have a food pantry, healing circles for a variety of topics, youth summer camps, parent retreats, youth basketball leagues, workforce development services, and legal assistance. They have been helping the community for over 50 years. Learn more at www.brightwoodcc.org.



With roots in the United Methodist Church, in 1872, **Fletcher Place Community Center** was started as a small outreach on the South side of downtown Indianapolis. They continue today to provide programs to ease the burden of low to moderate income individuals. They are located at 1637 Prospect Street. Their Ease the Burden program on South Shelby Street includes a free thrift store, hot meals, and a food pantry. They have a monthly golden age luncheon, and a Christmas outreach program. Their early learning center is available to kids 6 weeks old through 5 years of age. Learn more at <https://fletcherplacecc.org>.



Vida Nueva Community Center is now called Abundant Vida Nueva UMC. They have moved from their originally west side location on Washington Street and have merged with Abundant Harvest UMC on the north side of Indianapolis. The new church is composed of both English and Spanish speaking individuals. A new minister is leading this newly merged congregation. The Mission Team will be reviewing this program to determine the direction of this merged congregation as they develop their new identify. Learn more at www.abundantvidanueva.com.



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

Taking June & July off

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

YOUTH GROUP

*Join us for dinner, games, fun, fellowship,
and faith building lessons.*

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm, at Cranes
See Andy or Diane Crane
Bring your friends!



THROUGH OUT THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN OF FAITH

Clinging to Hope

Wednesdays, 10:00am, Church
see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS

Living a Chocolate Life

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

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.



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.

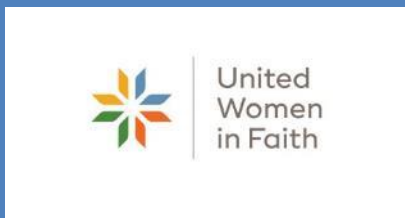
If you attend a United Methodist church, you are a member of the United Women of Faith.

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



Lucille Raines Residence is one of the primary mission projects of the United Women of Faith of Indiana and of the Acton Women of Faith. The Lucille Raines Residence is located on Pennsylvania Street in downtown Indianapolis and offers Hoosiers in addiction recovery help towards independent living.

Learn more at lucillerrainesresidence.org.

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 – July 16th
- ~Passing on Kindness to others
- ~Third Sundays
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

Reading Circle

- ~July 17th, 6:30pm @Margie Townsend's
- ~*The Good Left Undone* by Adriane Trigiani
- ~See Audrey Roberts for more information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~July 19th
- ~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
- ~Friday mornings at 9:30am



**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

JULY 19th

6:00pm

*Money raised will go directly to Lucille Raines Residence
 If you can help with the meal, see Felicia.*

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 JULY

Coins for Brightwood Community

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 19th, 6:00pm

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 28th, Summer Spectacular

July Lessons

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy! Psalm 100:1-2

- July 2 Bible Games after worship
- July 9 Psalm 100 Psalm 100
- July 16 Psalm 150 Psalm 150
- July 23 Solomon’s Prayer..... 1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:1-28
- July 30 The Tax Collector & Pharisee Luke 18:9-14

BIBLE STORY



THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Who wrote the book of Psalms?

What does Psalm 100 tell us how we are to serve the Lord?

What does it say about God’s love?

How does Psalm 150 tell us we are to praise God?

What do you think this means?





Youth in action

SAVE THE DATE

NO YOUTH GROUP

~July 2nd

YOUTH GROUP

~July 9th

~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~July 16th

~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~July 23rd

~5-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~July 30th

~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~August 6th

~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~August 13th

~5-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~August 20th

~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

NO YOUTH GROUP

~August 27th

~Serving at Robert's Park



HELPING WITH
KIDS KLUB!

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

5-7:00pm on Sundays

At the Crane's

Bring a towel & your swimsuit
Friends always welcome!

ROBERT'S PARK MEAL AUGUST 26th & 27th

Youth will be preparing the sack lunches for Robert's Park on Saturday, August 26th and handing them out on Sunday, August 27th. Parent help is needed.



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

Summer Camp & Seabase

Both Troop 104 and 219 had scouts at Ransburg summer camp and at the BSA Seabase High Adventure Base in Florida.



FUN AT KIDS KLUB!

Enjoying God's Goodness



Hosta! Hosta! Hosta!

Gavin and Poppie want to thank everyone who donated plants and hosta for the Bible Garden.



Singles had an adventure playing miniature golf!





The cookout at Larry's was lots of fun with good food, games, and fellowship!



Thanks Earlene for the gorgeous flowers!

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30 Communion 3:00 Troop 104 PLC	3 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	4	5 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	6 6:00 Prayer Service 8:00 AA	7 9:30 Women Study	8 8:00 Men Study
9 9:30 Worship 5:00 Youth Group	10 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	11 6:00 Staff Parish 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Pack 104 Dens	12 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	13 7:00 Strategy Council 8:00 AA GODS BOUNTY 	14 9:30 Women Study	15 8:00 Men Study LUNCH AT THE LAKE
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