

# Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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

## JUNE 2023

Baby Shower **3**

The women are hosting a baby shower for Better Indy Babies on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to RSVP to the office or Felicia.

Blue on June 11<sup>th</sup> **5**

June is Men's Health awareness month. Wear blue on June 11<sup>th</sup> and learn more about men's health.

9,504 Meals **9**

That is a lot of meals packed at the Pack Away Hunger event for Ukraine. Thanks to all who could participate.

Acton Women **11**

Learn more about what the women of Acton are doing for fun & fellowship, mission work, bible studies, and more.

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# From the pastor's desk



## Blow Some Bubbles

BY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

I'm not sure about you, but I have been waiting for the warmer weather all winter/spring. Now that June is here, it seems like it snuck up on me. Many of you know that, probably by the time you are reading this, Brianna will be studying in Spain from June through the end of July. Heather and I have been fundraising and working to get all the items in on time (and Brianna's passport finally arrived!) I wasn't even aware that we were getting so close.

When we are busy, things can get lost. We are focused on things we determine to be important, but we lack the capacity to pay attention to other seemingly less important things happening around us. I think that is how it goes in our spiritual lives too. We can be so focused on reading the Bible or devotions that we miss opportunities to step out and help others. Or maybe the opposite is true, we focus on serving but neglect our own personal growth. Whatever it is for you, take time out to think about your relationship with God and figure out how to connect on a deeper level with God and with others. Do your best but don't expect perfection, you might miss out on something magical if you're constantly worried about doing everything perfectly.

As I close this little note, I want to make sure all our parents and grandparents think about this: Don't worry about trying to create epic summer adventures or events that you miss the enjoyment of blowing bubbles with the children in your life. (Dogs are also quite hilarious with bubbles.) Slow down. This might not be the summer of epicness, but maybe it's the summer we will remember as one of the best.

I pray it is a great one!



Pastor Matthew

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## JUNE EVENTS

- 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Kids Klub starts
- 8<sup>th</sup> ..... God's Bounty
- 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Sweet & Savory Bake Sale
- 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Baby Shower for BIBs

## JULY EVENTS

- 13<sup>th</sup> ..... God's Bounty
- 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Lunch at the Lake
- 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Sweet & Savory Bake Sale
- 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Reception for our Grads
- 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Fellowship Dinner
- 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Celebration

## AUGUST EVENTS

- 9<sup>th</sup> ..... God's Bounty
- 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Fellowship Dinner
- 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Sweet & Savory Bake Sale

## TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish ..... June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Strategy Council .... June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Trustees ..... June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Missions ..... June 28<sup>th</sup>
- UMW Board ..... July 10<sup>th</sup>

See calendar for times and more events.

## BABY SHOWER

### JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00PM

Bring an unwrapped gift and a salad to share  
 Better Indy Babies will be sharing their story  
 A list of needed items can be found on page 4  
 RSVP to church office or Felicia



## 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 (Phyllis Taylor's home)  
Women's – *Just Like Jesus*
- 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

## FELLOWSHIP



## DINNER

ALL ARE WELCOME

**THERE WILL NOT BE  
 A DINNER IN JUNE  
 SEE YOU IN JULY!**

**SIGN  
UP  
TODAY**

## summer KIDS klub

Wednesdays in June & July

10-12:00pm

games, lessons, crafts, lunch & more  
preschool thru 5th grade

**FREE**



# GOOD TO KNOW

## TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS



### KIDS KLUB CELEBRATION

#### JULY 28th



Come and celebrate with the kids and their families from Summer Kids Klub. There will be food, games, and much more!

### GRAD RECEPTION

#### JULY 16<sup>th</sup>

We are celebrating our recent grads after worship on July 16<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

Stop by and share your congratulations.

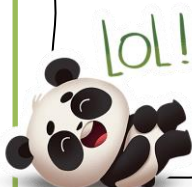


### What Church Membership Means

Being a disciple involves the whole self. One of the ways we strive to commit our entire lives to God is through corporate worship and small group community.

#### *Worship & Small Groups*

Celebrate God's presence in worship with a faith community and experience Christian community in a small group to pray, learn, and grow together. Join us on Sundays and look for a small group to connect with.



### Church Bulletin Funnies

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



Contact the office or Mary Ann Puckett if you need a prayer blanket.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Audrey Roberts – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Mindy Frosch – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Victoria Phillips – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Rhonda Chestnut – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Diana Baker – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Nick Crane – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Karen Fulk – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Chris Rosemeyer – 26<sup>th</sup>
- Paula Fair – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Lowry – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Gayle Kerns 30<sup>th</sup>



### BABY SHOWER ITEMS NEEDED

- Clothing and sleepers (9-, 12-, 18-, and 24-month sizes, new or gently used is fine)
- Bottles
- Sippy cups
- Diapers
- Wipes



# GOOD TO KNOW

## TIDBITS OF AUMC NEWS

WEAR BLUE  
JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>



### JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Men experience chronic health conditions early than women due to differences in lifestyle, biological and social factors. Males also have a shorter life expectancy by 5 years. The life expectancy of males in America is 76.1 years. Some of the most common health conditions affecting men include heart disease, diabetes, stroke, liver disease, COPD, and cancer.

Make sure to see your doctor regularly for check-ups and don't ignore signs and symptoms if you aren't feeling well.

Learn more at:  
[www.tenethealth.com](http://www.tenethealth.com)

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



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

### LUNCH AT THE LAKE

Put July 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! Bruce & Suzie McKay are hosting lunch at their lake home.

**NEED SOMETHING TO DO ON SUNDAY EVENINGS OR LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE OUR YOUTH?** With our updated child protection policy, we need an additional adult to "hang out" during youth group with our youth leaders, Andy and Diane Crane. A simple way to do this is to provide and serve dinner for the youth. They aren't picky and providing, serving, and cleaning up the meal would be a great help to Diane who typically does this. Your costs can be reimbursed by turning in your receipts. If you can provide a meal but can't hang out, or if you can hang out but can't provide a meal, that helps too! Just see Diane Crane or call the office.



### BUDGET REPORT

As of April 30, 2023

Income.....	\$106,792	.....	37% of budget
Expenses ....	\$90,880	.....	33% of budget

DO YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS GROWING IN YOUR YARD OR GARDEN? If you are willing to share them with the congregation this summer, please let Dawn McCarty know. She would love to use them on the altar. Call or text her at 317-625-3407 so she can get you on the calendar.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS



**HEALING AND STRENGTH:** Family of Cheryl Dilk, Chris Rosemeyer, Cheryl Herron, Barb McCormack, Becky Carver, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Theresa Birdwell, Kevin Hitt (Randolph's son-in-law), Greg McConaughey, 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.

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## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### SHARE THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE RECEIVED

#### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to everyone who was able to donate to the Scouting for Food drive in April. The Scouts from Troop 104 and 219 collected over 2 tons of food. That is better than last year at 1.6 tons. What great things we can do together with those already serving in our community.



#### GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
10-11:00am & 1-6:30pm

If you can volunteer,  
see Mary Jo Ensich

Loose Change and \$1 Collection  
June - 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

THURSDAYS AT 6:00PM

## Prayer Service

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



### IN JUNE WE WILL BE STUDYING ISAIAH

June 4 ..... Isaiah 6:1-18; Luke 5:8-10

June 11 ..... Pastor Mac-Restoring Civility ... Matt. 12:36-37

June 18 ..... Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12

June 25 ..... Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-4

July 2 ..... Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 4:16-21



### THREE SECRETS

In the on-line article, *The 3 Secrets to Radical Hospitality* by Edie Wadsworth, she outlines her secrets for offering radical hospitality in her home. They apply to offering radical hospitality in our church as well.

1. **It's NOT about your home.** We can't wait for our church grounds, our building, and our decorations to be perfect. *"Hospitality is not about inviting people into your perfect home, its about inviting them into your imperfect heart,"*
2. **It's NOT about your food.** We do like our food and table fellowship is powerful, but the food isn't the main thing. *"It's not about the food. Focus on people and the rest will work itself out."*
3. **It's NOT about you at all.** When we want to show hospitality, we need to think about the other person first. *"But you will find yourself with a full and beautiful life when you finally realize that it's not really about you at all."*

Learn more at [www.lifeingraceblog.com](http://www.lifeingraceblog.com)

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# RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

## SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

### LOOSE CHANGE

Each month the loose change and dollar bills from the collection plate and send it to one of three Metro Ministry supported centers. We rotate between Brightwood Community Center, Fletcher Place, and Vida Nueva through the year. Each center gets four months



of the collection. **Through April, we have sent \$560 to Brightwood Community Center, \$186 to Fletcher Place, and \$157 to Vida Nueva.**

You can also give directly to the loose change fund or any of these centers on-line at [www.actonumc.com](http://www.actonumc.com).

### 50 LIVES SAVED

Thanks to those who were able to donate blood at our Spring Blood Drive in May. We had a total of 17 people that were able to donate. **That's over 50 lives saved!** Diane and her mom were able help out.



### PACK AWAY HUNGER EVENT

31 people helped at the Pack Away Hunger event on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We packed a total of 9,504 meals that will be sent to Ukraine.



### AMAZING MISSION FUND

Thru April 30, 2023

- Balance: \$11,252.60
- UMCOR Sunday: \$1,134.50
- Little Free Library: \$408.54
- Robert's Park Meal: \$304
- UMCOR Indiana Tornado: \$1,000

### OTHER MISSION OUTREACH

Thru April 30, 2023

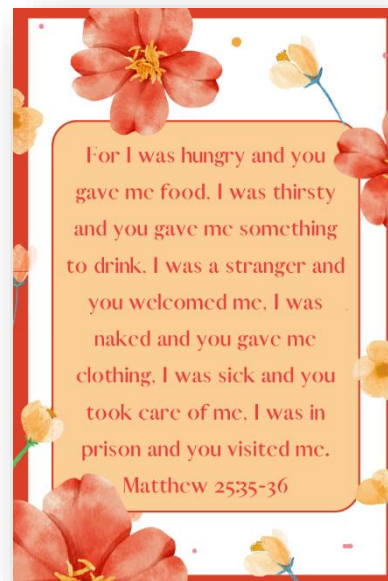
- Loose Change:
  - Brightwood Community: \$560.76
  - Fletcher Place: \$186.47
  - Vida Nueva: \$157.51
- UMCOR International: \$100
- UMCOR US: \$165
- UMCOR Sunday: \$1,134.50

### WAYS TO GIVE

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

### WAYS TO SERVE

- God's Bounty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday
- Mission Team Meeting – June 28<sup>th</sup>





# I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

## PACK AWAY HUNGER



PACK AWAY **HUNGER**

**9,504 MEALS PACKED FOR UKRAINE**

# 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-5<sup>th</sup>)

*1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, 10:35-11:15am  
Children's Chapel upstairs*

### KID'S OWN WORSHIP (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>)

*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 STARTS JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm, at Cranes  
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, Phyllis Taylor's  
see Gayle Kerns*

### 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



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Fellowship Dinners** are a tradition at Acton. We meet for a meal and fellowship on the third Wednesday each month. The women of Acton volunteer to host five or six of the dinners each year. We typically do the odd months. All the food is donated by the women and any money collected at the free-will offering meal goes toward a specified cause including Cancer Bags, God's Bounty, Franklin Township Fast Track, Lucille Raines Residence, Craft Fair Café, and Arlington Elementary Christmas Fund. If you are interested in leading or helping with one of the meals, see Felicia Crowel or Margie Townsend.

## 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 – June 18<sup>th</sup>
- ~Passing on Kindness to others
- ~Third Sundays
- ~Call Audrey Roberts to help out

### Reading Circle

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

### Hosting Fellowship Dinners

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

### Craft Fair

- ~October 21<sup>st</sup>
- ~Main mission fundraiser

### Advent Tea

- ~December 1<sup>st</sup>
- ~Always a beautiful evening

## BIBLE STUDIES

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



**BABY SHOWER**

**JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00pm**

*Bring a salad to  
share and an  
unwrapped gift for  
Better Indy Babies*

*Ladies & Young  
Ladies invited*



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 JUNE

Coins for Vida Nueva  
Items for Better Indy Babies

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm

## June Lessons

As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

June 4 .....Bible Games after worship

June 11 .....Proclaim with Boldness..... Acts 4:1-22

June 18 .....Offering for Jerusalem ..... Acts 11:27-30

June 25 .....One Body, Many Parts ..... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

## BIBLE STORY



### **PETER & JOHN** **ACTS 4:1-22**

What did Peter and John do to get arrested?

How many people had heard Peter and John and believed?

What is a cornerstone?

Who is the cornerstone?

What happened to Peter and John?



## **Making Mother's Day Rings**



# Youth in action

## SAVE THE DATE

### NO YOUTH GROUP

~June 4<sup>th</sup>

### PARENT MEETING

~June 11<sup>th</sup>

~5:00-5:15pm, Crane's

### YOUTH GROUP

~June 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### NO YOUTH GROUP

~June 18<sup>th</sup>

~Happy Father's Day

### YOUTH GROUP

~June 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### NO YOUTH GROUP

~July 2<sup>nd</sup>

~Happy 4<sup>th</sup>



A few of our youth were able to help at the Pack Away Hunger event. Their muscle and their great attitudes made it fun for everyone!

## SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

### 5-7:00pm on Sundays

### At the Crane's

### Bring a towel & your swimsuit

### Friends always welcome!

# HELLO SUMMER!

## ROBERT'S PARK MEAL AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Youth will be preparing the sack lunches for Robert's Park on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and handing them out on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>



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

# Ministries for our Community



## Clean Up Day

The boys from Troop 104 helped clean up their community during the Franklin Township clean-up day.

## Scouting for Food

The ladies of Troop 219 sorting their share of the food collection for God's Bounty.



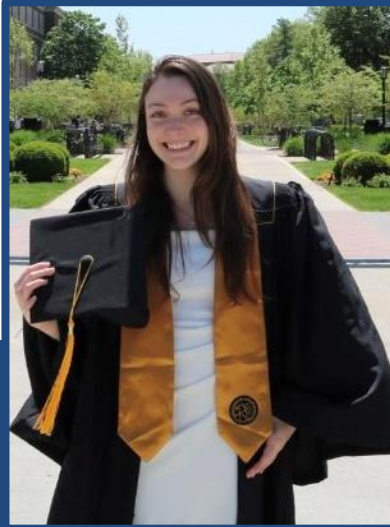
## Congratulations to the class of 2036!



# Enjoying God's Goodness

## Congrats to our Kids!

Our most recent grads include Dr. Alexandria and Maddie from Purdue and Madison and Ethan from Franklin Central.



Mollie finished 1<sup>st</sup> for Triton Central 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Archery Nationals.





Look who has his own ship. Congrats Command Walters.



Dick and Josette enjoyed Hadley's piano recital.

**JUNE 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 9:30 Communion 3:00 Troop 104 PLC	<b>5</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	<b>6</b> 6:00 Staff Parish	<b>7</b> 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	<b>8</b> 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Strategy Council 8:00 AA <b>GODS BOUNTY</b> 	<b>9</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men Study
<b>11</b> 9:30 Worship 5:30 Youth Group	<b>12</b> 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	<b>13</b> 6:00 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Pack 104 Dens	<b>14</b> 10:00 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies	<b>15</b> 8:00 AA	<b>16</b> 9:30 Women Study	<b>17</b> 8:00 Men Study
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