

Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



JUNE 2024

Dinner **3**

The Youth Group will be serving pizza at the June Fellowship Dinner on June 19th at 6:00pm. Bring your friends!

Drawn In **5**

Our new worship series will give us renewed energy for passionate work and delightful play.

Feeding Others **9**

Enjoy the pictures from our Pack Away Hunger event and learn about the impact it made.

4,592 Pounds **14**

That's a lot of food! Thanks to those who were able to donate to the Scouting for Food drive.

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From the pastor's desk



Make a Joyful Noise

BY PASTOR MATTHEW STULTZ

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

The Psalmist specifically writes these words to teach us about worshiping God, to encompass the joyful and happy spirit of turning to God with awe and love. There are times to be sad and times to focus on our pain. However, we are still called to make a joyful noise.

I'm sitting in my office on the first Wednesday of Kid's Klub and there is a great deal of noise! (And almost all of it is joyful!) While the sound of children is not specifically addressed in Psalm 100, I have a feeling that hearing these kids in the church pleases God. Children are noisy. Children are messy, and yet church seems less alive when there are no or few children.

To be the people of Christ we must be willing to endure some noise and to accept some messes, as well as a broken thing from time to time if we want to truly be alive in ministry. Seeking out opportunities to love our community where they are at is a privileged commandment for the Body of Christ.

We don't all like noise and I don't know of anyone who likes messes and broken things, but we are all a mess from time to time and we are all definitely broken in some way. God gives us children to learn to love through the brokenness, to lovingly clean up messes and move on. Ministry is messy, but how blessed we are to be a part of it!

How are you embracing the uncomfortable parts of faith this month to engage those who need the love of God?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew".

Pastor Matthew

Pastor Matthew is available via email at matthewstultz@me.com or you can call the office at 317-862-2588 to schedule an appointment.

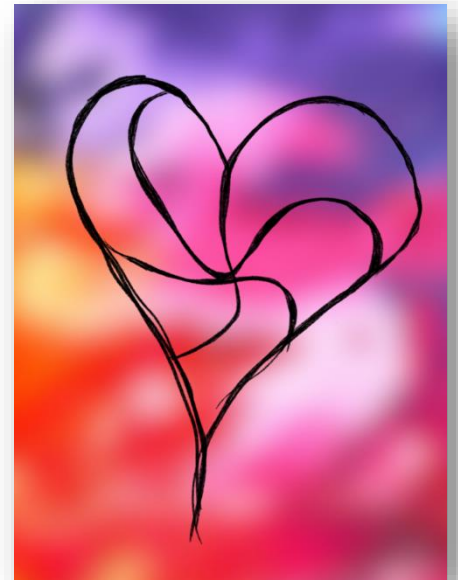
June AT A GLANCE



summer KIDS klub

Wednesdays in June & July
10-12:00pm
games, lessons, crafts, lunch & more
preschool thru 5th grade

 **VOLUNTEER**  **REGISTER**



JUNE EVENTS

- 5th Kids Klub Starts
- 13th God's Bounty
- 19th Fellowship Dinner

JULY EVENTS

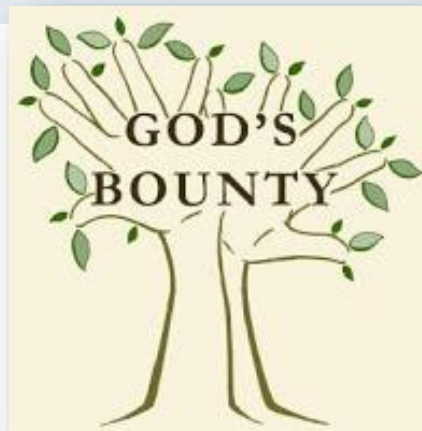
- 11th God's Bounty
- 13th Lunch at the Lake
- 17th Fellowship Dinner
- 26th Summer Spectacular

AUGUST EVENTS

- 8th God's Bounty
- 21st Fellowship Dinner
- 25th Bake Sale

TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish June 4th
- Strategy Council Sept 12th
- Trustees June 18th
- Missions June 26th
- UMW Board July 29th



GOD'S BOUNTY

June 12th
6-7:00pm

June 13th
8:00am & 1-6:30pm

**Sign-up to
volunteer or
call the office.**



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

June 19th @6:00pm

It's a pizza party!

Hosted by our Youth Group

Good will offering meal

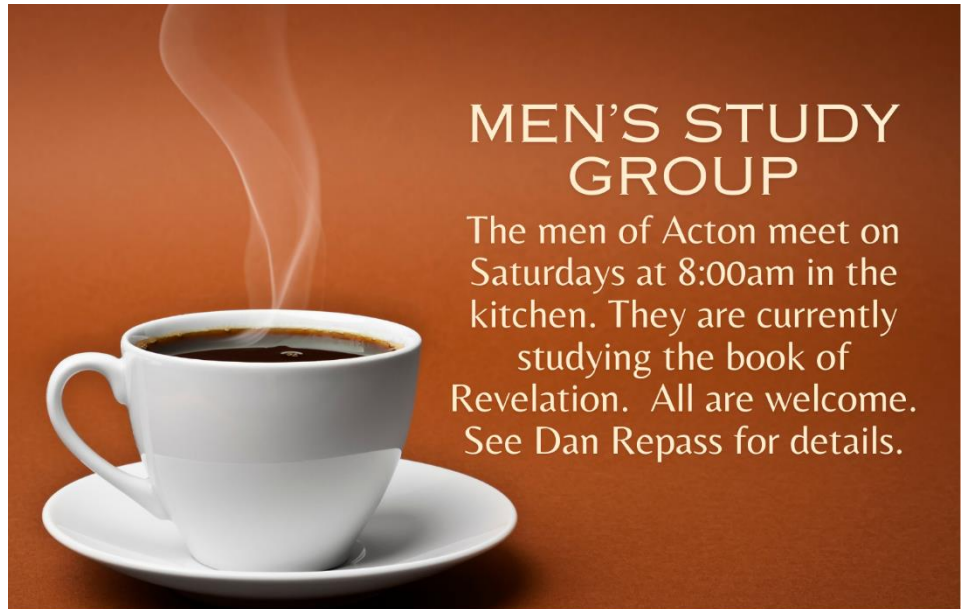


Church Bulletin Funnies

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.



June 17th
 Josette Randolph's
The Book List
 by Sara Nisha Adams



Mark Your Calendar

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| June & July - Kids Klub | October 19 - Craft Fair |
| July 13 - Lunch at the Lake | October 31 - Trick-or-Treat |
| July 26 - Summer Spectacular | December 8 - Advent Tea |
| October 3 - Blood Drive | |

Fellowship Dinners - Third Wednesday Every Month



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

3 year old class
Tuesday & Thursday, 9-11:30

4 year old PreK class
Mon, Wed, Fri, 9-1:00



register at www.actonumc.com



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Roberts 8th
Mindy Frosh 9th
Victoria Phillips 12th
Kevin McMahan 13th
Rhonda Chestnut 17th
Dianna Baker 22nd
Nick Crane 22nd
Karen Fulk 23rd
Chris Rosemeyer 26th
Bill Lowry 29th
Gayle Kerns 30th

PRAYER BLANKETS

Do you know someone who is hurting or sick that needs a prayer blanket to give them comfort. Please contact the church office or Mary Ann Puckett. We would be happy to provide a special blanket to your family or friend. This is a ministry of the women of Acton. If you would like to get involved, please see Mary Ann Puckett.



it's cleaning time

The barn will be cleaned out soon. If you have anything you need to claim, please have it out by June 30th. The barn will be used to store items used regularly for our ministries.



WEAR TEAL - JUNE 9th

June is PTSD Awareness Month. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) was called 'Shell Shock' during WW1 and 'Battle Fatigue' during WW2. During the Vietnam War, it was named PTSD. It is estimated that 12 million people in the US have PTSD. Did you know that less than 20% of patients with PTSD are in the military? PTSD can be a result from a traumatic event and symptoms can be delayed. *Learn more at Tetheredtoptsd.com*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Sally Grau, Lurana Babcock, Doug Stultz, Joanne Jennings, Family of Jan Emery (Chris Crowel's mom), Jan Prendergast, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Carol Cain, Stan Ensich, Shawna Harrison, Cheryl Herron, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Linda Hicks, Greg McConaughey, Paula McIntosh, Mike Finnigan (Stephenson's son-in-law)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Nick Crane, Olivia Woodrow, Cherilynn Spicer, Madison Hulskotter, Ethan Warner

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

OUR ENDOWMENT FUNDS

In 2010, the Finance committee created a foundation to support the ministries of AUMC. An initial sum of \$35,000 was put into the foundation and over the past 14 years our total has grown to \$120,250 from additional gifts and earned interest on investment. Each year we receive a check from the foundation to support the trustees, missions, music, youth and kids, and new programs. We have received a total of \$49,264 from our foundation investment. Many members want to include the church as part of their estate planning with a gift that will continue to support the church forever. If anyone is interested on how to include the church with a gift to our foundation, please contact any finance member.

GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, June 12th
6-7:00pm

THURSDAY, June 13th
8:00am & 1-6:30pm

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



June Loose Change and \$1
Brightwood 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

2 nd	Dream.....	Luke 4:13-21
9 th	Hover.....	Luke 4:1-13
16 th	Risk.....	Matthew 25:24-30
23 th	Listen.....	Acts 16:6-15
30 th	Re-Integrate.....	1 Corinthians 12:12-19
7 th	Rest.....	Exodus 20:8-11

SIX WEEK WORSHIP SERIES – DRAWN IN: LIVING THE CREATIVE LIFE WITH GOD

We spend too much time being “driven” rather than “drawn in.” We focus on what we “should” do rather than what we feel excited and compelled to do in our lives, in this world. During this series, we will connect with our inherent creativity and nurture this foundational aspect of being human, giving us renewed energy for passionate work, delightful play, and creative problem solving to make this world a better place for all.



Our Hospitable Beginning

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple clothe. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. Acts 15:13-15

In this story, Lydia was willing to open her home to Paul and his companions and show hospitality. Her home became a place for the early Christians to gather to worship and eventually became the first church of Philippi. Despite the risk of imprisonment or threat to life, Lydia was willing to open her home. Her radical hospitality was an important part of the spread of the Gospel in the early church.

Did you know Acton started out in a home? The story goes that William and Elizabeth Rector came here from Ohio and settled on the east edge of what is now Franklin Township, near Buck Creek, just north of Southeastern Avenue. Four couples met at the Rector’s log home, the Rectors, the Tibbitts, the Waldens, and the Burnetts. The church was moved to a log building along Indian Creek Road in 1827.

Isn’t it interesting what can grow from opening our homes and hearts to others through simple hospitality.

Learn more about our history on our website, www.actonumc.com.

**RADICAL
HOSPITALITY**
— it's changes lives —



GREETERS

JUNE

- 2nd Earlene C. & Sandy S.
- 9th Rich & Betty Lou R.
- 16th Barb T. & Margie T.
- 23rd Steve & Mindy F.
- 30th Cheryl H. & Joyce H.

JULY

- 7th Dan & Becky R.
- 14th Dick & Josette R.
- 21st Eric & Lynne N.
- 28th Mark & Aimee H.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Mission Giving

AMAZING MISSION FUND GIVING

Thru April 30th

Balance: \$7,762.09

RIP Medical Debt: \$1,500

Robert's Park Meal: \$252.30

Kairos Prison Ministry: \$500

Peace with Justice: \$500

Impact Ministries: \$500

Indy Ten Point Coalition: \$500

UMCOR Sunday Match: \$1,540

CONGREGATION DIRECT GIVING

Thru April 30th

Loose Change:

Shepherds Community: \$182.43

Fletcher Place: \$157.69

Brightwood Community: \$237.35

UMCOR US: \$200

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

Thanks Bruce!

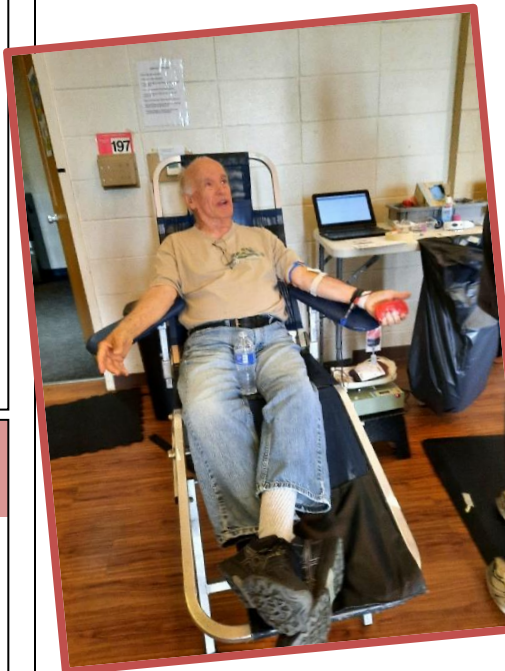
Barb Wiley will be taking over leading the Missions Team. With the help of team members, Barb will provide leadership to the team to serve those in need throughout the world as God has called us all to do. Thanks to Bruce McKay for his many years of leading the Missions Team.

Disaster Shelter

Acton UMC recently received a request from the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Red Cross to become a Disaster Shelter for southeastern Marion County. The Mission Team met with the Red Cross to learn more and are working with Trustees to consider this request.

Blood Drive Results

At our May blood drive, we had 18 people participate for 21 units of blood. This will save 63 lives! Our next blood drive is on October 3rd.



Helping Indy

In May, Missions sent \$500 to the Indy Ten Point Coalition in honor of Peace with Justice Sunday.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

FURTHER ENRICHING OTHER LIVES



MAY'S PACK AWAY HUNGER EVENT

Thanks to the 40 plus people that were able to come and help with our Pack Away Hunger event in May. We packed 10,152 meals. The meals we packed have officially left the warehouse and are now on their way to Guatemala and should arrive by the end of July. This is the third time for this event and always a fun couple of hours. This event is supported through our Amazing Mission Fund.



In the US, more than 37 million people are food insecure. Internationally, more than 820 million people face daily hunger.



Through helping at God's Bounty Food Patnry and participating in Pack Away Hunger, Acton UMC is attempting to address food insecurity.

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

SUNDAYS – SUMMERTIME CHANGE

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

Book of James

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



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.

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



United
Women
in Faith



The women of Acton love to cook so make sure to stop by one of the six Fellowship Dinners they host during the year. If you would like to help host or make a food donation, please see 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

- ~Sweet & Savory sale – August 25th
- ~Six times throughout the year
- ~Call Barb Thompson to help

Reading Circle

- ~June 17th, 6:30pm at Josette Randolph's
- ~*The Book List*, by Sara Nisha Adams
- ~See Audrey Roberts for more information

Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~July 17th
- ~See Margie T. 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



Hosting This Year
 January – \$339.13
 for cancer care bags

March – \$401
 for God's Bounty

May – \$405
 for kitchen refresh

July
 for Lucille Raines

September
 for Craft Fair Café

November
 for Arlington
 Elementary Christmas

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS IN JUNE

Coins for Brightwood Community
Food for God's Bounty

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

June 19th, 6:00pm

June Lessons

You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice (Psalm 16:5)

June 2 Bible Games

June 9 Adam and Eve.....Genesis 2:10-3:24 ...Diane Crane

June 16 ... Daniel ChoosesDaniel 1:3-21.....Shelia Sexton

June 23 ...JonahJonah 1-3.....The Crowels

June 30 ... The Temptations.....Luke 4:1-13.....Connie Walters

BIBLE STORY



Jonah 1-3

Where did God want
Jonah to go?

Where did Jonah go?

What happened on the
boat?

What happened to Jonah
when he was thrown
overboard?

What did Jonah do when
he got to Ninevah?



Join us on Wednesdays
this summer!



Youth in action

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH GROUP

~June 9th
~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~June 16th
~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

~June 19th, 6:00pm
~6:00pm, AUMC

NO YOUTH GROUP

~June 23rd
~Enjoy your weekend!

YOUTH GROUP

~June 30th
~5:00-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

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



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

The youth will be meeting at the Crane's home during the summer. They will meet at 5:00pm and be done by 7:00pm. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. Friends are always welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth 6th-12th grade

Sunday evenings, 5:00-7:00pm

Dinner is provided as well as a lesson, games, and fun fellowship. Friends are always welcome. If you have questions, please speak with Andy or Diane Crane, our youth leaders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am

Youth Room

The Case of Christ
See Denise Gaunt
with any questions.

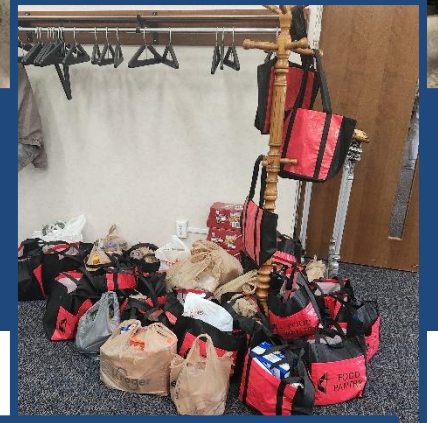
DINNERS

If you can bring and serve dinner for the youth on a Sunday evening, please see Diane.

Sharing Smiles

Scouting for Food Results

Troop 104 and Troop 219 collected a total of 4,592 pounds of food for God's Bounty during their Scouting for Food drive. Thanks to all who donated!



Congratulations to the Class of 2037

Enjoying God's Goodness

Lunch & Flowers

The women had a nice lunch at The Copper Kettle and then learned about flower arranging.




Spring Fun Day!

Many hands made very light work.

Pictures are always appreciated! Send them to crowel862@gmail.com

JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30 Communion 11:00 Grad Party 3:00 Troop 104 PLC 5:00 Youth Group	3 6:00 Women Study 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	4 6:00 Staff Parish 7:00 Womens Study	5 10-12 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Troop 219	6 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 AA	7 9:30 Women Study	8 8:00 Men Study
9 9:30 Worship 5:0 Youth Group	10 6:00 Women Study 7:00 Troop 104 7:00 Troop 219	11 5:30 GS Troop 1849 6:30 Pack 104 Dens 7:00 Womens Study	12 10-12 Kids Klub 10:00 Women Study 6:00 GS Brownies 7:00 Troop 219	13 6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 AA GODS BOUNTY 	14 9:30 Women Study	9 8:00 Men Study
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