

June 2025

Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



July 13
10:30m
Fellowship Hall

Graduate Reception



JUNE EVENTS

4th Kids Klub Kick-off
8th Wear **Yellow**
12th ... God's Bounty
18th ... Fellowship Dinner

JULY EVENTS

10th ... God's Bounty
13th ... Health Focus Sunday
16th ... Fellowship Dinner
20th ... Bake Sale
25th ... Summer Spectacular

TEAM MEETINGS

Staff Parish June 3rd
Trustees June 17th
Strategy Council June 19th
Missions June 26th
UW of Faith July 31st

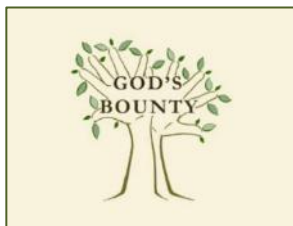
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Fellowship Dinner June 18th @6:00pm

Our Preschool will be hosting the June dinner with a baked potato bar. All are welcome.



God's Bounty June 11th, 6-7:00pm June 12th, 10am, 1-6:30

Scan to volunteer. See Charlie Walters with questions.



June Mission Focus Echo

Learn more about this organization that helps teach sustainable farming techniques at echonet.org.



Meijer Simply Give Thru June 28th

Purchase your \$10 Simply Give cards at the Southport Meijer and God's Bounty gets \$20 in groceries.



My Health Focus Cataract Awareness Month

Wear **yellow** on June 8th for Cataract Awareness Month. Did you know 30 million people suffer from cataracts?

From the pastor's desk



The United Methodist Church Council of Bishops, the spiritual leaders of our denomination, officially released a new way to understand our purpose as United Methodists.

The new statement reads:

“The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.”

Each part derives from Scripture.

- **Love boldly**, inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35, means: United Methodists passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.
- **Serve joyfully**, inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10, means: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.
- **Lead courageously**, inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10, means: Follow Jesus’ example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.

The new vision statement aims to complement the denomination’s nearly 30-year-old mission statement, based on Matthew 28:18-20: “The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Ukraine Area Bishop Christian Alsted, said mission and vision serve distinct purposes.

“The mission is what we are about, what right now is our task,” said Alsted, who chaired the Connectional Table when the visioning work began. “As a church, the vision is where we go. So the vision, from my perspective, would paint the picture of the future in a way that is compelling and engaging, that stirs passion and involvement.”

At Acton United Methodist Church, we are fully United Methodist and will lean into this new expression. I hope to share some thoughts in the Sunday message, newsletter, and conversations as we learn together.



Pastor Matthew

Portions of this article were taken from umnews.org.

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.



Jeremiah Series

June 15....Call and Temple SermonJeremiah 1:1-10; John 2:13-22
 June 22....Potter and the ClayJeremiah 18:1-11; John 15:1-8
 June 29....Scroll is Burned and RewrittenJeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31; John 5:31-38
 July 6.....Letter to the ExilesJeremiah 29:1, 4-14; John 16:7-15
 July 13.....Planting and BuildingJeremiah 31:1-3a, 6-15; John 4:34-38
 July 20.....Messiah and New CovenantJeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34; John 17:1-8



NEW Church Directory

- PICTURE TAKING IN JUNE & JULY AFTER WORSHIP
- CONTACT TERRI SMITH FOR A DIFFERENT TIME



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Roberts - 8th
 Mindy Frosch - 9th
 Victoria Phillips - 12th
 Keving McMahan - 13th
 Alexandria Meyer - 15th
 Nick Crane - 22nd
 Diana Stocks - 22nd
 Karen Fulk - 23rd
 Chris Rosemeyer - 26th
 Bill Lowry - 29th
 Gayle Kerns - 30th



RADICAL HOSPITALITY

It's changes lives



JUNE GREETERS

1st E. Cougill & Sandy S.
 8th Rich & Betty Lou R.
 15th Barb T. & Margie T.
 23rd Steve & Mindy F.
 30th Cheryl H. & Joyce M.

JUNE LOOSE CHANGE

Fletcher Place Meals



Cataract Awareness

Wear Yellow
June 8th



As of April 30, 2025

Income \$113,884 41% of budget
 Expenses \$94,581 34% of budget



THE
 reading
 CIRCLE

June 16th

6:30pm

Joyce Hamon's
A Stranger's Game
Colleen Coble



OFFICE

SUMMER
Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9-12:00PM

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.aatonumc.com

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Mission Giving

AMAZING MISSION FUND GIVING

Thru April 30th

Balance: \$7,607.70

Kairos Prison Ministry: \$600

UMCOR – CA Fires: \$3,000

Robert's Park Meal - \$420

ECHO - \$25

UMCOR Sunday - \$855

Pack Away Hunger - \$4,000

CONGREGATION DIRECT GIVING

Thru April 30th

Loose Change:

Brightwood Community: \$193.15

Fletcher Place Meals - \$163.63

Robert's Park - \$120.14

Shepherd Community - \$180.53

ECHO: \$5,975

UMCOR US: \$30

UMCOR Sunday: \$545

WAYS TO GIVE & SERVE

Monthly Food Pantry Collection

Amazing Mission Fund

Kroger Gift Card Program

God's Bounty – 2nd Thursdays

NEXT MISSION MEETING

June 26th, 6:00pm

LOOSE CHANGE

Shepherds Community Center

Robert's Park Soups On Ministry

Compassion Center

Fletcher Place

AMF Pledge Drive

Thanks to all who pledged to the Amazing Mission Fund. As of the writing of this newsletter we have received \$21,580 in pledges. This will allow the Missions Team to support various mission ministries in the coming twelve months. If you did not have an opportunity to pledge, please talk with Kay Lynne Zietlow.

Simply Give

Meijer's Simply Give program for God's Bounty is underway through the end of June. You can purchase a \$10 Simply Give card at the Southport Meijer and God's Bounty will get \$20 in groceries. Double match day is June 14th. You can still bring in food donations in May and June.



God's Bounty

God's Bounty is the local food pantry in Franklin Township that serves about **124 families each week**. This pantry is the combined efforts of the local churches who take turns providing volunteers throughout the month.

The second Thursday of each month is Acton UMC's turn to volunteer.

There are various times we need volunteers to help out. On **Wednesday evenings** a few folks are needed to put away any food donations that come in. On **Thursday mornings**, help is needed to pickup items from local food banks as well as unload and put these items away. **Thursday afternoon** there are 3 shifts that need about 10 volunteers each. Shifts are from 12:30-3:00, 3:00-5:00, and 5:00-6:45. There are various jobs for all abilities.

If you can help any of these times on any second Thursday, please **sign up through our website** or contact the church office. If you can't volunteer, **food and cash donations are always appreciated.**

A list of needed items is available at the God's Bounty display where you can pickup a bag, fill it up with groceries and return it to the display. You can give monetary donations through our on-line giving or on Sunday mornings.



➤ JUNE MISSION FOCUS

Our Mission Team shares a mission focus each month that provides an opportunity to learn about the different ministries we support.



? WHAT IS ECHO?

ECHO introduces sustainable plants, techniques, and technologies to farmers around the world who are struggling to feed their families. They go out into the world to provide training and resources that empower small-scale farming families to thrive.



SEEDS

ECHO Florida distributes more than 300 varieties of ECHO seeds to their network every year. These seeds go to missionaries and development workers who are on the front lines of serving the hungry. They have also developed Seed Banks at their Asia Impact Center and East Africa Impact Center, offering free trial packets of hard-to-find seeds that thrive in their respective regions as well as specialized training in seed saving.

THE HISTORY OF ECHO

ECHO grew from being a small group of laymen serving Haiti in the 1970s, to being an international organization that today helps educate and empower farming families across the globe. Learn more at echonet.org.





HEALING AND STRENGTH: Family of Suzie McKay, Chris Rosemeyer, Paul Cain, Kevin McMahan, Kathy Phillips, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Stan Ensich, Cheryl Herron, Chris Osbourn (Grubb's daughter), Linda Hicks, Greg McConaughy, Paula McIntosh

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

MILITARY PERSONNEL: T. Beasley, N. Crane, B. Kerns, G. Kerns, M. Kerns, L. Lamkin, A. Walters



United
Women
in 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 any questions, please speak with our President, Margie Townsend.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Thanks to all who contributed and helped at the Fellowship Dinner in May. We collected \$500 for God's Bounty. That will go a long way in helping them fill any needs they may have. The next dinner to host is in July.

READING CIRCLE

The ladies will be discussing *A Stranger's Game*, by Colleen Coble on June 16th, 6:30pm, at Joyce Hamon's home.



All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited to be part of the fun. Friends are always welcome.

MOVING TO THE CRANE'S FOR THE SUMMER

YOUTH GROUP

~June 1st
~5-7:00pm, Crane's

YOUTH GROUP

~June 8th
~5-7:00pm, Crane's

NO YOUTH GROUP

~June 15th
~June 22nd

YOUTH GROUP

~June 29th
~5-7:00pm, Crane's

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP & FUN

Our Kid's Own Worship includes kids PreK through 5th grade upstairs in the Children's Chapel on Sundays, after the children's message. The kids have their own worship followed by snacks, games, crafts, and more.

June Lessons

June 1 st	Bible Games after worship
June 8 th	Pentecost Diane Crane
June 15 th	Choosing the Seven..... The Crowels
June 22 nd	Philip & the Ethiopian Sheila Sexton
June 29 th	First Called Christians..... Connie Walters

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

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

9:45-10:30am

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 – SUMMER TIME SHIFT

5-7:00pm, at the Crane's

See Andy or Diane Crane for info

Bring your friends!



THROUGH OUT THE WEEK

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENINGS

The Book of Mark

Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Diane Crane's

see Diane Crane or Felicia Crowel

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Living the Psalms

Wednesdays, 10:00am, Church

see Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNINGS

Christianity and World Religions

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am, Church Kitchen

see Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS

Christian Character

Saturdays, 8:00am, Church Kitchen

see Dan Repass





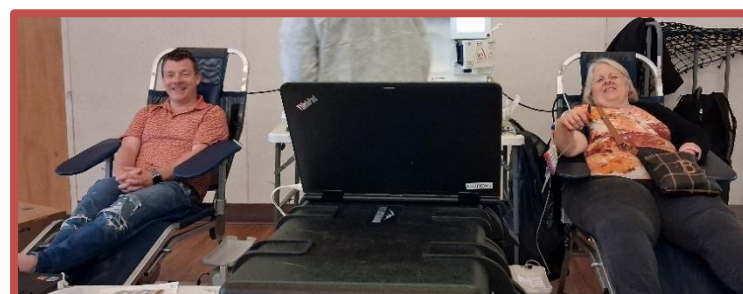
**10,152 meals
packed!**



45 Lives Saved!



A lovely lunch at Kopper Kettle.



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

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