

November 2024

Acton in action

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



Be Ready

LIVE SAVING SUNDAY 

AED training and more

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
9:30am

Matthew 12:9-14

- Learn about Emergency Situations here at church
- Get AED training
- All ages included

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 10th ... Wear Teal or Blue
- 14th ... God's Bounty
- 20th ... Fellowship Dinner
- 24th ... Life Saving Sunday
- 17th ... Bake Sale

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 8th Advent Tea
- 12th ... God's Bounty
- 18th ... Fellowship Dinner
- 24th ... Christmas Eve Service

TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish Nov 5th
- Strategy Council Nov 21st
- Trustees..... Nov 19th
- Missions..... Nov 20th
- UW of Faith Nov 18th

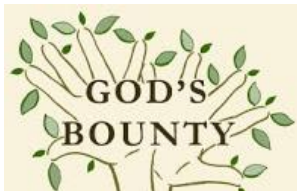
See calendar on-line for times and more events.

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Fellowship Dinner November 20th @6:00pm

The women are serving Italian. Money collected at this free-will offering meal will go to the Arlington Elementary Christmas fund.



God's Bounty November 13th 6-7:00pm November 14th 8am, 1-6:30



Scan to volunteer or signup on our website. See Charlie Walters for details.



November Mission Focus Fletcher Place Christmas Event

We are collecting girl's shirts for Fletcher Place. Grab a tag at church and bring back the purchased shirt, unwrapped, by December 2nd.



Advent Tea – The Gifts of Christmas December 8th, 4:00pm

Our annual Advent Tea is just around the corner. If you would like to host a table, please see Margie Townsend. Tickets go on sale this month.



November Health Focus Alzheimer's Awareness

Wear teal or blue on November 10th in awareness of Alzheimer's.

From the pastor's desk



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

November is a month of transitions. We transition from fall into winter. We transition from Halloween to Thanksgiving, and we transition into greater darkness as we approach the longest night of the year in December. November is a month of focus on harvest and stewardship, but I want to pause for a moment for us to think about a different kind of harvest: A harvest of joy.

Hebrews brings us the beautiful reminder that we are not alone in this journey and that in faith we are still connected to those we love, although we cannot see them anymore. I've done more funerals over the last month than normal, and I can say the mystery of grief still impacts me. To see the depth of pain and sorrow for the loss of someone is as human as you can get. And yet it is rare that I leave a celebration of life where something, some thread of joy remains, a gift from the departed preserved by Christ.

I know this season is difficult and it may be more so this year if you have experienced a loss recently or this is the first holiday season without a loved one. It's okay to be sad and it is okay to have days of struggle. But you don't have to do so alone. You have a pastor and a church, and we are here for you. So, look in on one another so that we might, as Paul said elsewhere, "bear one another's burdens."

The race we run isn't about finishing first, having the strongest faith or measurable success. The race that is set before us is a test of our endurance, not our speed and the great thing is that we are allowed to help one another, not just cheer from the sidelines. We aren't "in it to win it" because it's already been won. We just need to see each other to the finish line, harvesting joy along the way to keep one another going.

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

Pastor Matthew Stultz

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.

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



A
Mission
Fund

Mission Giving

AMAZING MISSION FUND GIVING

Thru September 30th

Balance: \$10,995.64

RIP Medical Debt: \$1,500

Robert's Park Meal: \$252.30

Kairos Prison Ministry: \$1,000

Peace with Justice: \$500

Impact Ministries: \$500

Pack Away Hunger Event: \$3,565

Indy Ten Point Coalition: \$500

UMCOR Sunday Match: \$1,540

Meijer Simply Give: \$3,500

Habitat for Humanity: \$2,500

CONGREGATION DIRECT GIVING

Thru September 30th

Loose Change:

Shepherds Community: \$524.34

Fletcher Place: \$485.35

Brightwood Community: \$647.21

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

NEXT MISSION MEETING

November 20th, 7:00pm

October In-Gathering

A big thank you to everyone that donated food staples to our October In-Gathering food collection. 645 pounds of food was delivered to God's Bounty. You can continue to contribute with the red food pantry bags as you can or through monetary donations.

Fall Blood Drive

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the fall blood drive. We were able to collect 18 units of blood, saving up to 64 lives.



Our spring blood drive is May 22nd.


2024 Advent Mission Collection

AUMC chooses a special mission emphasis to which we direct extra dollars during the Advent Season, culminating with the Christmas Eve offering. Last Christmas, our collection was for RIP Medical Debt Relief. It was a resounding success with nearly \$15,000 raised to cancel about \$1.5 million in medical debt for struggling families in Marion County.

This Advent, we will be focusing on ECHO – A worldwide classroom based in Naples, Florida. ECHO has been teaching small-scale, sustainable farming methods to families for four decades. ECHO has been equipping and empowering hungry families with knowledge and the life-giving grace of God. They have impacted millions of lives by teaching families to provide for themselves and their communities. By tackling hunger at the source, hope grows from the ground. Agriculture experts and environmental leaders go out into the world to provide training and resources that empower small-scale farming families to thrive. Learn more at www.echonet.org.

In 2021, our Advent mission collection was for ECHO. We collected over \$6,000. The mission team challenges us to do more this year. Look for information coming during Advent on ways you can contribute.





November 11th
6:30PM
Audrey Roberts's
Heaven's Keep
by William Kent Krueger

November Worship

November 3.....God's Care for the Widow 1 Kings 17:1-16
 November 10.....Jonah and God's Mercy Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10
 November 17God Calls Isaiah Isaiah 6:1-8
 November 24.....Life Saving Sunday Matthew 12:9-14



COOKIES FOR ACTON ELEMENTARY
 HAVE IN THE OFFICE BY 10:00AM
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12



As of September 30, 2024

Income	\$231,87583% of budget
Expenses	\$198,24570% of budget

2025 PLEDGES
 due by November 24th
 Please email
 Kay Lynne Zietlow



SWEET & SAVORY
 AofK
 NOVEMBER 17TH



RADICAL HOSPITALITY
 it's changes lives

NOVEMBER GREETERS
 3rdEarlene C. & Sandy S.
 10thRich & Betty Lou R.
 17thBarb T. & Margie T.
 24thSteve & Mindy F.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Smith – 1st
 Josette Randolph – 3rd
 Rich Reasoner – 3rd
 Lee McCarty – 5th
 Linda Selke – 7th
 Mark Woodrow – 13th
 Maddie Woodrow – 14th
 Mac Hamon – 15th
 Suzie McKay – 17th
 Raye Lynn Jordan – 18th
 Betty Lou Reasoner – 21st
 Cheri Spicer – 26th

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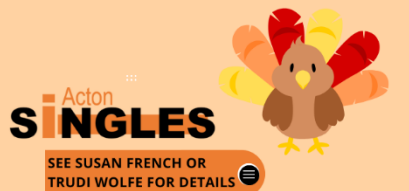


NOVEMBER LOOSE COIN & \$1 FOR FLETCHER PLACE

TOTAL IN 2024
 \$485.35



Fletcher Place Community Center
 Hope. Compassion. Renewal.



Acton SINGLES
 SEE SUSAN FRENCH OR TRUDI WOLFE FOR DETAILS

NOVEMBER 23 ~ 4:00pm
Thanksgiving Feast
at Diane Beasley's home



HEALING AND STRENGTH: Kathy Phillips, Karen Fulk, Lynne Newlon, 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



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith is a faith organization for women 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 any questions, please speak with our President, Margie Townsend.



YOUTH GROUP

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

YOUTH GROUP

~November 3rd
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

YOUTH GROUP

~November 10th
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

YOUTH GROUP

~November 17th
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

NO YOUTH GROUP

~November 24th
~Happy Thanksgiving!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The women host the November 20th Fellowship Dinner. Setup, serving, and cleanup help is appreciated.

PRAYER BLANKET

Anyone who can sew or embroidery please see Mary Ann Puckett. Help is always needed with our blankets.

ADVENT TEA

Join us November 18th at 6:30pm as we plan the tea. If you would like to host a table, see Margie Townsend.



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.

November Lessons

God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. (Genesis 1:31)

- Nov 3rd..... Bible Games after worship
- Nov 10th..... Living ThingsDiane Crane
- Nov 17th..... In God’s Image, Adam & EveThe Crowels
- Nov 24th..... Live Saving SundayThe Crowels

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

9:45-11:15am

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

5:30-7:00pm, at the church

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

Making Sense of the Bible

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 with Confidence in a Chaotic World

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

see Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNINGS

Growing Older & Wiser

Saturdays, 8:00am, Church Kitchen

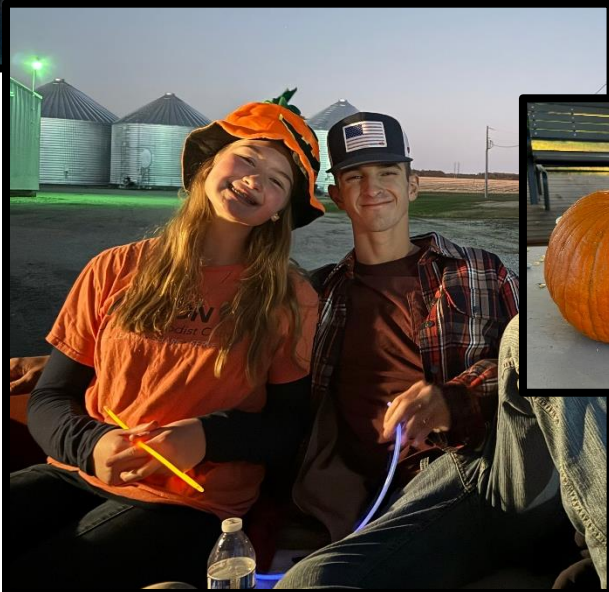
see Dan Repass





TRICK-OR-TREAT

Youth Fall Party



Congrats to Troop 219 Eagle Scout, Ava!