

# Acton in action

## Newsletter of Acton UMC

*Love - Learn - Share - Serve with eternal purpose through faith in Jesus*

### OCTOBER 2024

Craft Fair **3**

Stop by and do some Christmas shopping and stay for breakfast or lunch. October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-3:00pm.

Trick-or-Treat **7**

Stop by on Halloween night, 6-7:30, for games, candy, and food. This is a free event for all in our community.

Food Drive **8**

October is our Ingathering food drive for God's Bounty. Bring your donations in on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Small Groups **9**

Find a small group this week. All are welcome to join at any time. See what we have to offer!

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# From the pastor's desk



*blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10*

Fall is upon us and after a deluge of rain from a hurricane, we are now setting our sights on our favorite traditions. What are you excited about? Fresh apple cider from the orchard? Pumpkin Spice in everything you come across to eat? Traditionally this season is the preparation of the harvest. If you didn't grow up on a farm it's not easy to see the Fall season as harvest because we typically do not eat the crops, except some apples. Harvest is the bulk feed corn and maybe some soybeans that can all be used from livestock to projects and food that we eat.

Harvest is the season where, in generations past, people were able to resupply their stores, to stock up for winter or until next harvest. The harvest was used to barter for goods that were needed. I grew up in Gas City, Indiana so most of my knowledge of the critical importance of the harvest came from Little House on the Prairie.

For us Fall wraps up the calendar year and as we head towards 2025, your finance team is preparing the budget. It's time for us to consider our generosity and what groups/agencies/ministries will receive our help. With our dollars not going as far as they used to, it's difficult to be excited about generosity. The annual pledge drive is the time we set our financial giving for the next year and the finance team can use that to set our priorities. We are continually growing to become more and more missional with our resources to be active in our community, region, and world. But there is one difference between giving to any other group and giving to your church. In our membership vows we promise to support the church but in Scripture, God promises to bless us. Heather and I started tithing when we were first married and qualified for food stamps. In those 25 years we haven't been perfect but have continued to tithe 10% of our income to the church I was serving. We have had financial struggles and worries, but we have never felt we wouldn't have enough to eat or eventually get every bill paid. I tell you this not to brag, but to say I would never ask of you something I am not willing to do myself. Although I am an ordained elder in the denomination and my membership is held at the conference and not AUMC, I tithe with you at AUMC.

Now, and hear this clearly, if you donate to the church, that does NOT mean you will be given more money if you are faithful or if you give enough. That is a scam. God's blessings can be tangible but most often are an open transformation in our hearts, a deeper meaning in our lives, and a clearer eye to make choices that build on that blessing for a more abundant life. You don't have to give to be blessed. But giving is part of the Christian life, not how MUCH you give, but the regular practice of giving, not matter the amount, is formative for discipleship.

So when you get your opportunity to share your pledge, please do so with prayer, stop and think about your finances and what you can do and please see it as an amazing opportunity to help shape our community and continue the safe space for Christian growth that is Acton United Methodist Church.

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

Pastor Matthew Stultz

You can reach Pastor Matthew on email at [matthewstultz@me.com](mailto:matthewstultz@me.com). He is in the church office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, or you can call to schedule an appointment.



# August & September AT A GLANCE

**Trick or Treat**  
**October 31**  
**6-7:30pm**

**INSIDE**

**Candy - Hot Dogs - Free**  
**ACTON UMC**

**craft fair**  
**entry \$1**  
**October 19**  
 from 9am to 3pm  
 Acton UMC  
 5650 Senour Road, Indianapolis



## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

October 16<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm

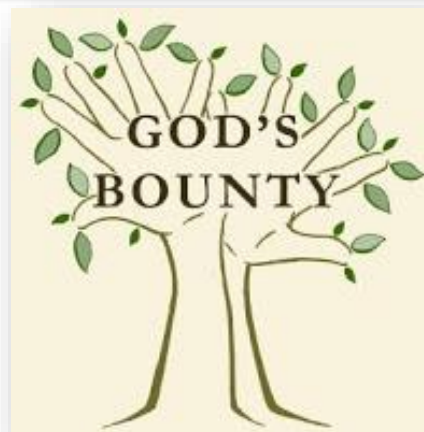
Mission is hosting! This is a free-will offering meal and all money received will go to the Crop Walk. Chili is on the menu along with a walk after dinner.

**OCTOBER EVENTS**  
 10<sup>th</sup> ....God's Bounty  
 12<sup>th</sup> ....Car Show  
 16<sup>th</sup> ....Fellowship Dinner  
 19<sup>th</sup> ....Craft Fair  
 31<sup>st</sup> ....Trick-or-Treat

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**  
 14<sup>th</sup> ....God's Bounty  
 20<sup>th</sup> ....Fellowship Dinner  
 17<sup>th</sup> ....Bake Sale

**TEAM MEETINGS**  
 Staff Parish ..... Nov 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Strategy Council ..... Nov 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Trustees..... Oct 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Missions ..... Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 UMW Board ..... Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

*See calendar on-line for times and more events.*



## GOD'S BOUNTY

October 9<sup>th</sup>  
6-7:00pm

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am & 1-6:30pm

Scan to volunteer or signup on our website.





Creamy Peanut Butter  
Chunky Soups  
Canned Veggies  
Canned Fruit  
Cereal  
Oatmeal

BRING IN ITEMS OCTOBER 27



November 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM  
Audrey Roberts's  
*Heaven's Keeper*  
by William Kent Krueger



WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAYS @ 9:30AM  
CHURCH KITCHEN

## Mark Your Calendar

October 3 - Blood Drive

October 12 - Car Show

October 16 - Fellowship Dinner

October 19 - Craft Fair

October 31 - Trick-or-Treat

November 20 - Fellowship Dinner

December 8 - Advent Tea

December 18 - Fellowship Dinner



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

1 in 8 women in the US will develop breast cancer in her lifetime

There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the US

Only 10% of women who are diagnosed have a family history of the disease

Once a month, women should do a self-exam

Every 1-2 years, women over 40 should have a mammogram



nationalbreastcancer.org



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kay Lynne Clark – 1<sup>st</sup>

Jeanne Carman – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rebecca Hohlt – 15<sup>th</sup>

Alex Spicer – 15<sup>th</sup>

Diane Crane – 16<sup>th</sup>

Dave Spicer – 20<sup>th</sup>

Tim Jordan – 21<sup>st</sup>

Mac Maguire – 26<sup>th</sup>

Dawn McCarty – 26<sup>th</sup>

Nick Hulskotter – 31<sup>st</sup>

## WEAR PINK – OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>

**Flu & COVID Shots**  
BRING INSURANCE INFO  
OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> after worship

*If you are not getting emails from the church, make sure to let the office know. We have changed how we are sending emails and want to make sure we have everyone. Emails “agapenets” are used to send prayer requests, details about upcoming events, and weekly reminders. You can call the office at 317-862-2588 or email [aumc@actonumc.org](mailto:aumc@actonumc.org)*



	As of August 31, 2024	
	Income .....	\$209,064.....75% of budget
	Expenses .....	\$174,784.....63% of budget

## CAR SHOW

TROOP 219



OCTOBER 12

9-2:00pm

Acton UMC

FOOD

SILENT AUCTION



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PRAY FOR EACH OTHER



**HEALING AND STRENGTH:** Family of David Stephenson, Chris Rosemeyer, Debi Harrison, Kathy Phillips, Linda Stephenson, Lynne Newlon, Joanne Jennings, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Stan Enschede, 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

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

### OCTOBER INGATHERING

We are having a food drive in October for God's Bounty. Please bring in items on October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to be at church then, you can bring items in throughout the month. Please leave items by the display.

Needed items

- Creamy peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Chunky soups
- Cereal
- Oatmeal

### GOD'S BOUNTY HELP

WEDNESDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
6-7:00pm

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

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



October Loose Change & \$1  
*Shepherd Community Center*



### GOD'S BOUNTY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thanks to all who were able to attend or volunteer at the spaghetti dinner for God's Bounty. A total of \$8,554 was raised for the food pantry.

## PASSIONATE WORSHIP

FROM THE PULPIT

October 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Golden Calf ..... Exodus 32:1-14  
October 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Hope Dies Last ..... psalm 146:3-7  
October 20<sup>th</sup> ..... God's Promise to David ..... 2 Samuel 7:1-17  
October 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Solomon Dedicates the Temple ..... 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43

  
**RADICAL  
HOSPITALITY**  
It's changes lives

### GREETERS

#### OCTOBER

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Eric & Lynne N.  
13<sup>th</sup> .... Mark & Aimee H.  
20<sup>th</sup> .... Floyd & Linda S.  
27<sup>th</sup> .... Gary & Karen F.

#### NOVEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Earlene C. & Sandy S.  
10<sup>th</sup> .... Rich & Betty Lou R.  
17<sup>th</sup> .... Barb T. & Margie T.  
24<sup>th</sup> .... Steve & Mindy F.

#### DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Cheryl H. & Joyce H.  
8<sup>th</sup> ..... Dan & Becky R.  
15<sup>th</sup> .... Dick & Josette R.  
22<sup>nd</sup> .... Eric & Lynne N.  
24<sup>th</sup> .... Rick & Betty Lou R.  
29<sup>th</sup> .... Mark & Aimee H.

# GREETERS NEEDED

## BE PART OF OUR WELCOME TEAM

Call the office or see Josette Randolph

If you have a smile you can share with our congregation and visitors, then being part of our welcome team might be perfect. We are always looking for greeters for Sunday morning worship. You come a little early and say hi to folks as they arrive, bye to them as they leave, and direct them as needs arise. It's time to share your smile!



# RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



## Mission Giving

### AMAZING MISSION FUND GIVING

Thru August 31<sup>st</sup>

Balance: \$12,175.64

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

### CONGREGATION DIRECT GIVING

Thru August 31<sup>st</sup>

Loose Change:

Shepherds Community: \$524.34

Fletcher Place: \$485.35

Brightwood Community: \$408.91

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

## Habitat for Humanity

Acton has four spots reserved on November 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's Habitat for Humanity multi-faith build. We will be at the off-site build location at Second Presbyterian church. If you are interested in helping, please see Barb Wiley no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>. Missions has designated \$2,500 for this build from AMF.

## Kroger Rewards

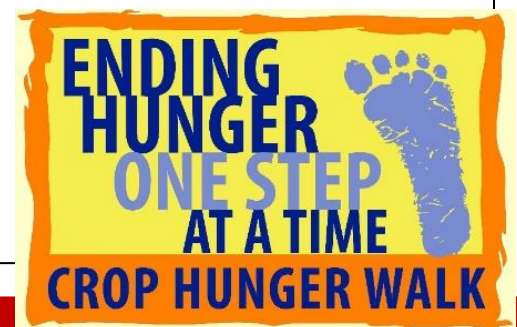
If you shop at Kroger, don't forget you can go designated Acton as a recipient of your community rewards. Go to rewards either on the app or online and select Acton United Methodist Church. All Kroger rewards are used for God's Bounty. See the office if you need help.

## Crop Walk

The Greater Indianapolis Crop Walk for the Hungry helps eliminate hunger around the world and around the corner. The walk is sponsored by Church World Services and supports local organizations such as Gleaners Food Bank, the Church Federation of Indianapolis, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Indian Christian Leadership Conference, and Second Helpings.

Acton UMC will be doing our walk at the Fellowship Dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and learn more about The Crop Walk. This is a free will offering meal and monies collected will go to Crop Walk.

If you are not able to join us at the Fellowship Dinner, you can still donate to the cause. Simply put your donation in the Sunday offering plate and mark it for The Crop Walk. You may also give on-line at [www.actonumc.com](http://www.actonumc.com) or text CROPWALK to 44321. If you have any questions, Bill Howell is our contact and can be reached at 317-407-0534 or at [abhowell6102@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abhowell6102@sbcglobal.net).





# 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-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

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 –Back to Church in September**

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

*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



# 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 annual ladies Advent Tea will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> this year.** This is a beautiful evening of entertainment, festive tables, and fellowship. If you are interested in hosting a table, please see Margie Townsend. Registration for attending will be the first part of November.

## 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 – November 17<sup>th</sup>
- ~Six times throughout the year
- ~Call Barb Thompson to help

### Reading Circle

- ~November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Audrey Robert's
- ~*Heaven's Keeper*, by William Kent Krueger
- ~See Audrey Roberts for more information

### Hosting Fellowship Dinners

- ~November 20<sup>th</sup>
- ~See Margie Townsend if you can help

### Craft Fair

- ~October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-3:00pm
- ~Our main mission fundraiser

### Advent Tea

- ~December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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



## CRAFT FAIR

October 19<sup>th</sup>

9-3:00pm

Come do some early Christmas shopping.

Breakfast and lunch served.



**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY WORSHIP & FUN**

Our Kid’s Own Worship includes kids PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*October Lessons*

Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening. 1 Samuel 3:9

- October 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Bible Games after worship
- October 13<sup>th</sup> .... Hannah .....Diane Crane
- October 20<sup>th</sup> .... God Calls Samuel .....Shelia Sexton
- October 27<sup>th</sup> .... Samuel the Judge .....Connie Walters



*Youth in action*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**YOUTH GROUP**

~October 6<sup>th</sup>  
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

**YOUTH GROUP**

~October 13<sup>th</sup>  
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

**NO YOUTH GROUP**

~October 20<sup>th</sup>

**YOUTH GROUP**

~October 27<sup>th</sup>  
~5:30-7:00pm, AUMC

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:30am

Youth Room

*High School Talk  
Sheets*

See Denise Gaunt  
with any questions.

**YOUTH GROUP**

All youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
grade, are invited  
to be part of our  
Youth Group.

Friends are always  
welcome.

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**MEALS NEEDED  
SUNDAY EVENINGS**

If you can provide and serve a meal to our youth on Sunday evenings, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak with Diane Crane for details.





Thanks to Nick & friends for playing at our BBQ.



Our students have enjoyed the playground and even had a visit from the local firehouse.

Thanks to Bruce & Janie Unruh and Dick & Josette Randolph for providing our youth Sunday super.



What can we say, it's Charlie!



Happy Birthday Donna!