

July 2026

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Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



July

- 6th Office Closed for Holiday
- 8th Kids Klub
- 9th God's Bounty
- 11th Lunch at the Lake
- 12th Pastor Tina's first Sunday
- 12th Reception for Pastor Tina
- 12th Wear **GREEN**
- 15th Kids Klub
- 15th Fellowship Dinner
- 19th Bake Sale
- 19th Graduation Reception
- 22nd Kids Klub
- 24th Summer Spectacular
- 26th Assembling Care Bags

AUGUST

- 13th God's Bounty
- 9th Health Awareness Sunday
- 19th Fellowship Dinner

TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish. July 7nd
- Trustees July 21st
- Mission July 22nd
- UW of Faith. July 13th

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 15th, 6:00pm

The women are hosting the July dinner. Money collected at this free-will offering meal is for the Lucille Raines Home in Indianapolis. It's an American Birthday party with hot dogs and burgers.

MISSION FOCUS

Cool Summer Bags

We are joining with Kids Klub and collecting items for care bags for Roberts Park Soups On ministry. Items are due by July 19th. We will be assembling the bags on July 26th. Most needed items are sunscreen, lip balm, and talc-free powder.



GOD'S BOUNTY

July 8th 6-7:00pm
July 9th 10am, 1-6:30pm

Scan or click the QR code to volunteer during our week at God's Bounty. See Charlie Walters with any questions.



HEALTH FOCUS

Handwashing Awareness



How is your knowledge on the correct way to wash your hands? Wear **GREEN** on July 12th and learn more.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

Greetings, Acton UMC!

Pastor Tina Patterson

It is truly an honor to serve as your senior pastor.

Throughout my ministry—from the local church to the Wesley Foundation, district leadership, conference service, and beyond—God has faithfully prepared me for this calling. I may not understand everything about God's plans, but I have learned to trust God's faithfulness every step of the way.

One of my favorite scriptures is Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Looking back, I can clearly see God's hand guiding, redirecting, and opening doors that led me to where I am today. I believe God has led me to Acton UMC for such a time as this.

I believe God has wonderful things in store for us. Whatever lies ahead, we can trust that God will lead us, provide for us, and empower us as we continue to grow God's kingdom together.

As we begin this journey together, may we remain the loving people God has called us to be—people who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

With gratitude and love,

Pastor Tina



We want to welcome our new pastor, Tina Patterson. Pastor Tina comes to us from Louisville, Kentucky and her first Sunday with us will be July 12th. Please stay after worship for a reception and welcome her with our wonderful Acton hospitality.

SMILING FACES OF ACTON



A HOT MEAL

Thanks to all who helped serve the meal at Roberts Park in June.

KIDS KLUB FUN

We have had over 100 kids sign up for Kids Klub this year. Thanks to all the volunteers that have made this event possible. The kids are having a blast in their True North Adventure!



Pictures of what our congregation is doing throughout the month are always appreciated. Please send pictures to Felicia (crowel862@gmail.com) and she will try to use them.

GOOD TO KNOW

PRAYER LIST

HEALING AND STRENGTH

Debi Harrison, Josette Randolph, Rich & Betty Lou Reasoner, Karen Fulk, Sally Grau, Larry Smith, Carla (Randolph's daughter), Kevin McMahan, Kathy Phillips, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Stan Enschede, Cheryl Herron, Chris Osborn (Grubb's daughter)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Cherilynn Spicer, Madison Hulskotter, Ethan Warner, Kaylynn Clark, Henry Crane, Molly Smith, Brianna Stultz, Nick Hulskotter, Luke Jordan, Maycie Wilson

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

N. Crane, B. Kerns, M. Kerns, L. Lamkin, A. Walters

If you would like to be added to our prayer list or to the prayer agapenet emails, please call the church office. If you have a confidential prayer request for Pastor Tina, you may also call the church office.

Sermon Schedule

July 5th - *Leftovers: Yummer or Bummer*, Matthew 14:13-21, Pastor Mac Hamon

July 12th - *Be the Church*, Matthew 11:1-10
Pastor Tina Patterson



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have family members, neighbors, or friends that are looking for a preschool, send them our way. We have classes for 3 year-olds and PreK.



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR T-SHIRT?

If you haven't ordered your 200th anniversary t-shirt yet, please place your order on-line. The church is providing them.



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Join after worship on July 19th for a short celebration of our two high school graduates, Adelaide Murray and Harrison Crane.



HELP NEEDED

If you can help get things ready or work the night of Summer Spectacular, please let Sam Warner know. This is a fun event and we expect a crowd!



At Acton, there are opportunities for all women including helping with dinners, a reading circle, our blanket ministry, Acts of Kindness team, fellowship events, mission projects, our Craft Fair, and our annual Advent Tea. Please think about how you may enjoy becoming a part of the Acton United Women of Faith. If you have any questions, please speak with our President, Barb Thompson.



July 27th
6:30pm

@Barb Wiley's

The Paper Bracelet
by Rachael English

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5th Sally Grau
7th Hadley Jordan
10th Christy Smith
11th Ed Puckett
14th Mariann Meyer
17th Steve Meyer
18th John Wiley
20th Marilyn Hixson
23rd Cillian Olson-Nickerson



SATURDAY
JULY 11
NOON
CORDRY LAKE
NINEVEH

BOATING
FISHING
SWIMMING
PADDLEBOARDING
FELLOWSHIP

BRING:
LAWN CHAIRS
DRINKS
SIDE OR DESSERT

RSVP to
church office

Directions available



Health Awareness
From our Parish Nurse, Margie Townsend

With school starting, it is a perfect time to focus on handwashing. Handwashing is a simple and effective way to prevent infections and reduce illnesses. Make sure to wash for at least 20 seconds!

**WEAR GREEN
JULY 12TH**

JULY LOOSE CHANGE ROBERTS PARK SOUPS ON MINSITRY

GREETERS

JULY 5th
Cheryl H. & Joyce H.

JULY 12th
Dan & Becky R.

JULY 19th
TBD

JULY 26th
Eric & Lynne N.

BUDGET
as of May 31st

Income
\$154,159

Expenses
\$114,281

Acts of Kindness
SWEET & SAVORY
JULY 19TH



PURCHASE A TREAT ON THE 19TH

Our Acts of Kindness team will be hosting their Sweet and Savory Sale on July 19th after worship. Money collected is used to pass on kindness to those in our congregation as well as friends and family. If you can make a donations of a sweet or a savory, please bring it to church Sunday morning.

AMAZING MISSIONS

ROBERTS PARK MEAL

Thanks all who prepared and served the hot meal at Roberts Park Soups On on June 28th. We served about 140-150 meals. The food for this hands on mission was **provided by our Amazing Mission Fund**.



COOL SUMMER BAGS

Get your donations for our cool summer bags for Roberts Park Soups on ministry in by July 19th. **We are in need of, SPF30+ sunscreen, lip balm, and small size talc-free powder.**

HANDS NEED JULY 26TH

All hands are needed on July 26th after worship to **assemble our cool summer bags**. The kids are starting the assembling during Kids Klub and we will finish with our donations on Sunday, July 26th after worship. Come join in on the hands on mission work with a side of fellowship.

LOOSE CHANGE TOTALS



What do you do with the loose coins in your pocket or your purse? Through May 21st, our loose change program has collected **\$652.90 for The Compassion Center and \$512.85 for God's Bounty**. If you want to contribute, you can give on Sunday mornings or on-line. Thank you to all who are able to help out.

MISSION GIVING THRU MAY 31ST

Amazing Mission Fund

Balance: \$2,514.30

God's Bounty: \$270.32
Kairos Prison Ministry: \$750
UMCOR US: \$3,000
UMCOR International: \$3,000
Roberts Park Meals: \$209.09
Pack Away Hunger: \$4,000
Exodus Refugee: \$4,000
Cool Summer Bags: \$46.46

Congregation Giving

Compassion Center: \$642.80
UMCOR US: \$255
UMCOR Sunday: \$820
Crop Walk: \$378
Shepherds: \$100.62
God's Bounty (Advent): \$6,729.68
God's Bounty: \$3,300

Ways to Give & Serve

Monthly Loose Change Offering
Food Pantry Collection
Amazing Mission Fund
Kroger Gift Card Program
God's Bounty - 2nd Thursdays

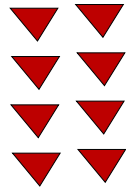
Next Mission Meeting

July 22nd, 6:00pm



**CLICK OR SCAN TO GIVE
ONLINE TO MISSIONS**

JULY MISSION FOCUS



Rebuilding Lives – Committed to Addiction Recovery

Lucille Raines Residence

The Lucille Raines Residence was started in 1977 and is located in downtown Indianapolis. The residence is a faith-based recovery facility and has always sought to be one of God's instruments to lift people up and help them rebuild their lives.

The residence is a safe place for people recovering from addiction to establish a solid foundation from which to move forward in life. This is their primary mission and the reason they exist.

Where does the church fit in?



Lucille Raines Residence is owned and operated by the The United Women of Faith in Indiana and is one of their primary missional projects. You can learn more ways to support the residence including getting a tour at lucillerrainesresidence.org.

How does housing work?



The residence is known as a “three-quarter house” for recovering addicts in transition after in-patient treatment. They consistently host 46-48 residents, evenly divided between women and men, who represent a broad sampling of races and ethnicities.

**JOIN US ON JULY 15TH FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP
DINNER TO HELP SUPPORT LUCILLE RAINES**

LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SUNDAYS

ADULT CURRENT EVENTS

The Wired Word

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Kitchen

Sandy Grubb & Charlie Walters

YOUTH

Taking a summer break

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Youth Room off Kitchen

KID'S OWN WORSHIP (4yr-5th)

After Children's Message

Sundays, 9:45-10:30am

Children's Chapel upstairs

Sheila Sexton

The Education Team is available to help resource adult and children ministries with curriculum and materials for study. If your group is interested in suggestions or recommendations, please see Pastor Tina or Samantha Warner. All materials promoted through AUMC communications will line up with the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

STUDY GROUPS

A variety of groups meet during the week to study God's word and grow in faith together. All are welcome! Reach out to the leader listed or the office.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING

Discipleship Fast Track - The Old Testament

Tuesdays, 7:00pm, at Diane Crane's home

See Diane Crane or Felicia Crowel

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Sacred Art of Listening

Wednesdays, 10:00am, at church

See Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING

When Christians Get It Wrong

Fridays, 9:30am, at church

See Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING

Christian Leadership

Saturdays, 8:00am, at church

See Dan Repass

YOUTH GROUP

This summer our youth, 6th-12th grade, are meeting on Sunday evenings, 5:00-7:00 at the Crane's home. They'll have dinner, a lesson, games, and swimming. See Andy or Diane Crane with questions.

Youth Calendar

JULY 5
NO YOUTH GROUP

JULY 12
@Crane's

JULY 19
@Crane's

JULY 26
@Crane's

