November 2026

Acton *in action*

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



PLEDGE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd

place your pledge card in the offering plate

or email your pledge to Kay Lynne Zietlow

NOVEMBER

8th Wear WHITE for Lung Cancer
12th God's Bounty
15th Bake Sale
18th Fellowship Dinner
21st Singles Thanksgiving Feast
22nd Pledge Sunday
22nd Hanging of the Greens
29th First Sunday in Advent
29th Roberts Park Meal

DECEMBER

6th Advent Tea
10th God's Bounty
12th Kids Night Out
13th Health Awareness Sunday
16th Christmas Pitch-In
24th Christmas Eve Worship

JANUARY

10th Bake Sale
10th Health Awareness Sunday
14th God's Bounty
20th Fellowship Dinner
23rd Cancer Care Bag Event

TEAM MEETINGS

Property Mngmt. . . . . November 16th
AUMC Board. . . . . November 19th
Mission . . . . . .November 25th
UW of Faith. . . . . .January 25th

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER



November 18th, 6:00pm

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00pm. Our Girl Scout Troop 1938 is hosting. Come out and support scouting. All are welcome to this free-will offering meal.

MISSION FOCUS

Fletcher Place cc.org Community Center
Hope. Compassion. Renewal.

Fletcher Place Christmas

This month we are collecting girl's clothing for the Fletcher Place Christmas Event. Grab a tag off the display and return your donation unwrapped by November 29th.

GOD'S BOUNTY

November 11th 6-7:00pm
November 12th 10am, 1-6:30pm

Scan or click the QR code to volunteer during our week at God's Bounty. See Charlie Walters or Sheila Sexton for info.

HEALTH FOCUS

Lung Cancer



Did you know that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the US and worldwide? Wear WHITE on November 8th and learn more.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Give Thanks

Pastor Tina Patterson

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)

Have you ever paused to count your blessings, especially during a season when life has not gone according to plan? Sometimes, it is in the midst of our greatest challenges that we discover just how faithful God has been. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it reminds me to slow down, reflect, and give God praise—not only for the blessings I can see, but also for the grace, strength, and comfort that have carried me through difficult times.

While I am grateful for every day God allows me to see, this season provides a special opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness. It reminds me to give thanks for what God has done, what God continues to do, and even for the blessings we sometimes overlook.

The year 2026 has been a challenging one, filled with transitions, trials, and loss. Yet, even in the midst of these experiences, I remain thankful. Scripture reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances. This does not mean we will never experience hardship, disappointment, or sorrow. Rather, it reminds us that regardless of what life brings, we are never alone. God remains present, even in the moments when the journey is difficult.

Throughout this year, God has sustained me through challenges and comforted me during some of my lowest moments. For that, I am deeply grateful. I refuse to allow life's difficulties to overshadow my gratitude or silence my praise. Instead, I choose to lift my heart and say, "Thank You, Lord, for all You have done for me!"

As we gather with family, friends, and loved ones this Thanksgiving, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for God's abundant grace and unfailing love. Let us also remember those who may be experiencing loneliness, grief, or hardship during this season. May we extend to them the same love, kindness, and compassion that Christ has shown us.

From my heart to yours, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving. May we continue to walk together in faith, encourage one another in love, and give thanks to God in every season of life.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving season?

Pastor Tina

SMILING FACES OF ACTON

BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to those who donated at our Fall Blood Drive.





BABY SHOWER

Celebrating Uriah & Moriah and baby Woodbury.



FALL PARTY

The women had fun roasting hot dogs and marshmallows.















YOUTH HAVING FUN

The Youth celebrated fall with pumpkin carving and a campfire.



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
Family of Betty Lou Reasoner, Family of David Phillips

CONTINUAL PRAYERS
Cole Dewell (Fansler's grandson), Steve Taylor (Fansler's brother), Alison Martin (Hixsons' daughter), Karen Fulk, Maryln Kerlin, Josette Randolph, Rich Reasoner, Chris Rosemeyer, Jeanne Carman, Bill Ayres, Richard Stephenson, Linda Miller, The Shonfelds, Barb Koertge, Stan Ensch, Kevin McMahan, Kathy Phillips, Cheryl Herron

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.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Stay after worship on November 22nd and help decorate the church for Christmas. Jobs for all ages. There will be chili served for lunch.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

The Acton Singles group will be holding their Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, November 21st. Please RSVP to Trudi Wolfe, Susan French, or the church office.

BAKE SALE

On November 15th stop by the Acts of Kindness Bake Sale and get a sweet or savory for lunch. Money collected goes to pass on kindness to those in our congregation and community.



KIDS NIGHT OUT

On December 12th, we will host the kids of our community for a morning of fun games, crafts, breakfast, and more. This is a great time for the parents to get some Christmas shopping done.



WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE

The Reading Circle is discussing *The Drummer in the Dark* by T. Davis Bunn on November 16th at 6:30 pm. They are meeting at Sandy Grubb's home.

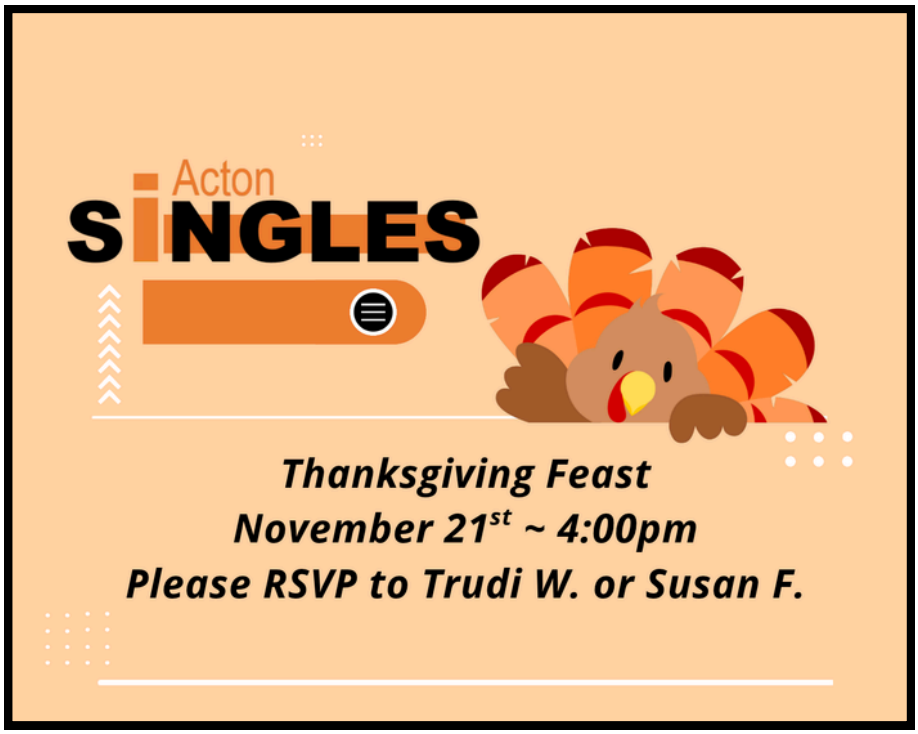
United Women in Faith

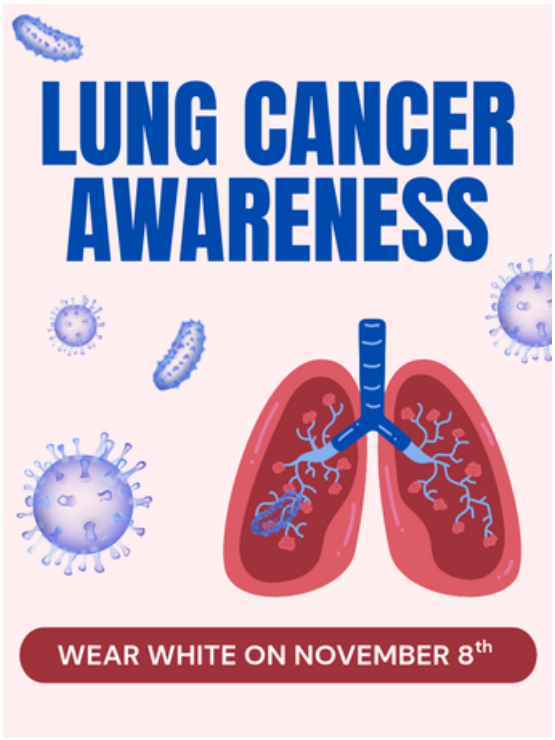
At Acton, there are opportunities for all women including helping with dinners, a reading circle, our blanket ministry, Acts of Kindness team, fellowship events, mission projects, our Craft Fair, and our annual Advent Tea. Please think about how you may enjoy becoming a part of the Acton United Women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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Bash Nickerson
1st Sandy Smith
3rd Ethan Boles
3rd Josette Randolph
3rd Rich Reasoner
5th Lee McCarty
7th Linda Selke
13th Mark Woodrow
14th Maddie Woodrow
15th Mac Hamon
18th Raye Lynn Jordan
26th Cheri Spicer





NOVEMBER LOOSE CHANGE
FLETCHER PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER

GREETERS

November 1st
Gary & Karen F.

November 8th
Linda M. & Sandy S.

November 15th
Tom & Gayle K.

November 22nd
Barb T. & Margie T.

November 29th
Larry & Terri S.

BUDGET
as of September 30th

Income
$245,035

Expenses
$202,249



PLEDGE SUNDAY

We invite you to be part of the Acton story through the resources that God has given you—your time, your talents, and your treasures. Pledge Sunday is November 22nd. By pledging you help our finance team plan the 2027 budget. Prayerfully consider how you can use your resources to help Acton in ministry. Your pledge is kept confidential and is only seen by the Financial Secretary (Kay Lynne Zietlow). Pledges may be adjusted at any time with Kay Lynne. If you are able to estimate your giving for 2027, please turn in a pledge card on November 22nd or email Kay Lynne Zietlow. See Kay Lynne or Larry Suits if you have any questions about pledging.

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

AMAZING MISSIONS

BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to all who were able to donate books during our September book drive for Roberts Park UMC. The books and magazines will be used in the Soup's On library as well as their preschool. We filled up the Wiley's car!





BLOOD DRIVE

At our Fall Blood Drive we collected 20 units which saves 60 lives! We had 16 people donate and some gave double units. As an added bonus this year, the volunteers got a Big 10 t-shirt of their choice. See you in the spring.

FLETCHER PLACE HELP

If you are available to help sort clothing and other items for the Fletcher Place Christmas Event, please talk with Barb Wiley. Help is needed December 2nd - 4th, and 7th. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. The sorting takes place at the Fountain Square Church of Christ.

ADVENT OFFERING

During the month of December and on Christmas Eve we will be doing an Advent offering for Outreach, Inc.. Outreach Inc. is a local ministry helping young people experiencing homelessness find stability, hope, and a path towards a brighter future. Look for more information during the month of December.

MISSION GIVING

THRU SEPTEMBER 30TH

Amazing Missions

Balance: $29,512.32

- God's Bounty: $270.32
- Kairos Prison Ministry: $750
- UMCOR US: $5,000
- UMCOR International: $3,000
- Roberts Park Meals: $457.87
- Pack Away Hunger: $4,000
- Exodus Refugee: $,4000
- Cool Summer Bags: $402.06
- Local Church Fire: $500
- Metro Ministries Grant: $,2,000
- Red Cross IN Flooding: $1,000
- Inday Habit for Humainty: $2,500

Congregation Giving

- Compassion Center: $642.80
- UMCOR US: $2,900
- UMCOR Sunday: $820
- Crop Walk: $378
- Shepherds: $100.62
- God's Bounty (Advent): $6,729.68
- God's Bounty: $4,042.07
- Robert's Park Soups On: $699.60

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

January 28th, 6:00pm

CLICK Or SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE TO MISSIONS

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS



Supporting the community for over 150 years

Fletcher Place Community Center

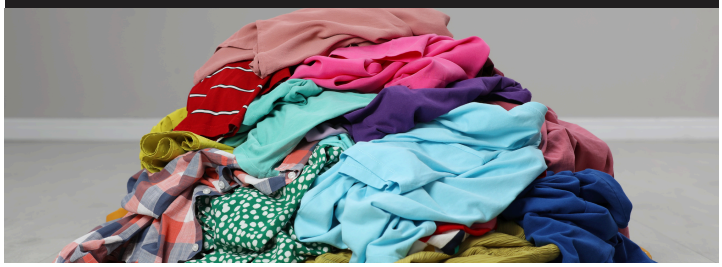
Fletcher Place Community Center has roots in the United Methodist Church. In 1872, the center was started as a small outreach in the south side of downtown Indianapolis. Fletcher Place Community Center was initially located within the Fletcher Place Methodist Episcopal Church on land donated by it's name sake. They served poor German, Italian, and Irish immigrants that had recently relocated to the south side of Indianapolis. For over 150 years, Fletcher Place has helped to ease the suffering of those struggling with life's basic needs in the near south side of Indianapolis. We support the center through our loose change collection for meals and with donations and help with their annual Christmas Event. To learn more, click or go to https://fletcherplacecc.org/.

Donations Needed



Fletcher Place holds an annual Christmas Event where families in the community can come and shop for Christmas. They can choose from clothing, toys, books, and more. They have asked us to provide 58 girl's outfits this year. Please grab a tag off the Christmas tree and help out. Return your items UNWRAPPED by November 29th.

Hands On Help Needed



There is a lot of sorting of donations needed for their Christmas Event. If you are able to help, please talk with Barb Wiley. Sorting will be December 2nd - 4th, and 7th. Several people have done this over the years and it is an easy way to give back and help out the community center.

LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SUNDAYS

ADULT CURRENT EVENTS
The Wired Word
Sundays, 10:35-11:15am
Kitchen
Sandy Grubb & Charlie Walters

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
An Unlikely Advent
Tuesdays, 7:00pm, at Diane Crane's home
See Diane Crane or Felicia Crowel

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING
The Mystery of God's Will
Wednesdays, 10:00am, at church
See Becky Repass

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING
Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White
Fridays, 9:30am, at church
See Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING
Spiritual Warfare
Saturdays, 8:00am, at church
See Dan Repass

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth, 6th-12th grade, meet on Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 at the church. They have dinner, a lesson, games, and fellowship. See Andy or Diane Crane.



