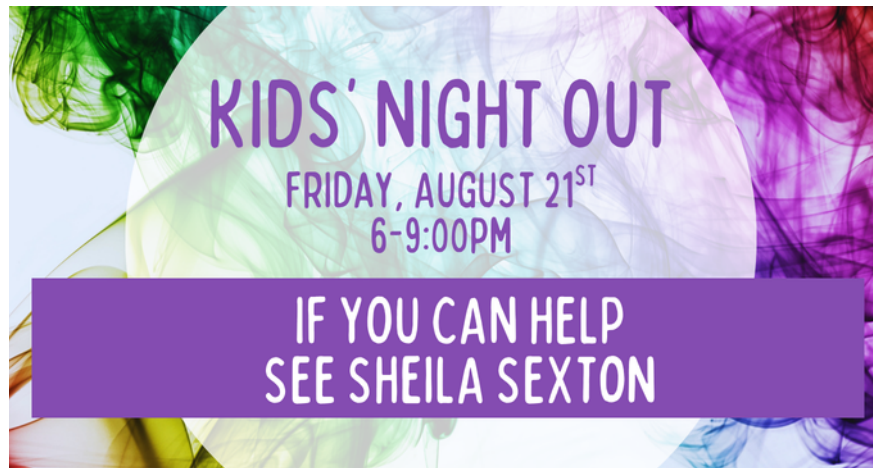


August 2026

Acton *in action*

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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



AUGUST

- 13th God's Bounty
- 9th Wear Orange
- 19th Fellowship Dinner Pitch-In
- 21st Kids Night Out

SEPTEMBER

- 7th Office Closed for Holiday
- 10th God's Bounty
- 13th Health Awareness Sunday
- 16th Fellowship Dinner
- 20th Bake Sale

OCTOBER

- 1st Blood Drive
- 2nd Kids Night Out
- 4th Women's Fall Party
- 8th God's Bounty
- 10th Troop 219 Car Show
- 11th Health Awareness Sunday
- 21st Fellowship Dinner
- 24th Craft Fair
- 31st Trick-or-Trick

TEAM MEETINGS

- Property Mngmt. August 18th
- AUMC Board. August 20th
- Mission Sept 23rd
- UW of Faith. October 12th

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER

August 19th, 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of fellowship and Bluegrass music. Bring your favorite summer entree, side, or dessert to share. We will be inside this year. This is a free-will offering meal to support for our dinners.



MISSION FOCUS

Roberts Park Soup On

Roberts Park UMC's Soups On ministry provides a hot meal and other support to the local community. Learn more about this ministry that is part of our mission outreach on page 7.



GOD'S BOUNTY

August 12th 6-7:00pm
August 13th 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.

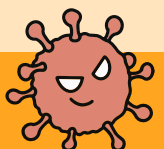


HEALTH FOCUS

Allergy Awareness



Do you know what the most common plant based allergy is? Wear **ORANGE** on August 9th and learn more.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Look for God

Pastor Tina Patterson

It has now been three Sundays since I began preaching at Acton United Methodist Church. As I reflect on each message, you have probably noticed a common thread: I am always looking for where God is in the story—what God is doing and how God chooses to work through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary kingdom purposes.

On my first Sunday, I preached “Be the Church” from Matthew 11:1-10. John the Baptist, while in prison, sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Rather than simply answering, Jesus pointed to the evidence of God’s kingdom at work—lives being transformed, the sick being healed, and the good news being proclaimed. Through His response, John would know that Jesus truly was the promised Messiah.

The second Sunday, the sermon was titled “Divine Direction” from Acts 16:1-10. During Paul’s second missionary journey, he traveled with Timothy, Silas, and Luke. Although they had their own plans, the Holy Spirit prevented them from entering Asia. Instead, God gave Paul a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading, “Come over and help us.” In obedience to God’s leading, they went to Macedonia, where the gospel was proclaimed and many lives were forever changed.

Last Sunday, I preached “Desperation and Deliverance” from 2 Kings 7:3-9. Four lepers, driven by desperation, made the courageous decision to enter the enemy’s camp, hoping only for mercy. When they arrived, they discovered that God had already gone before them. The enemy had fled, leaving behind food, supplies, and great abundance. After satisfying their own hunger, the lepers recognized that the good news was too important to keep to themselves, so they returned to tell the people of Samaria, allowing others to share in God’s provision.

As you read and study Scripture, I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see where God is at work. Notice how God interacts with His people, guides them, provides for them, and invites them to participate in His plans. Then ask for the discernment to recognize how God desires to work in your own life. “Could God use me?” Absolutely. God delights in working through ordinary people who are willing to trust and obey Him. So, wherever you are this week, look for God. You may be surprised by where you find Him—and how He invites you to join in His work.

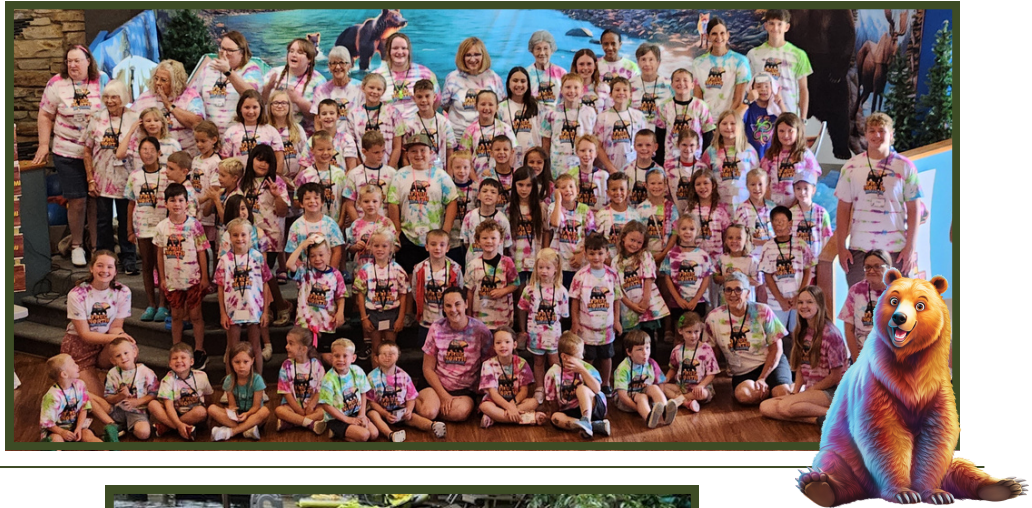
Pastor Tina

SMILING FACES OF ACTON

KIDS KLUB

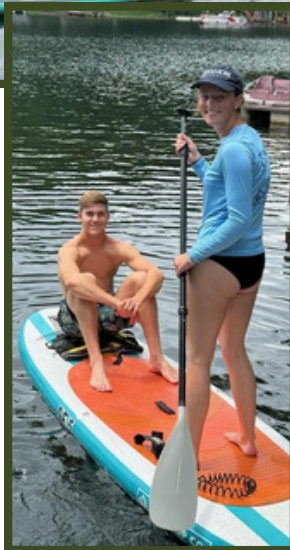


We were blessed to show the love of Jesus to about 100 kids this summer. Thanks to the 40+ volunteers that make Kids Klub possible.



LUNCH TIME

Despite the rain, fun was had at Bruce McKay's lake house. Thanks for hosting us Bruce!



GRADS

Congrats to our two grads
Adelaide and Harrison.



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, Barb Koertge, Charlie Walters, 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

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.



PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Our Preschool starts on August 4th. Some time this month we will have tags for needed school supplies. If you are able to help, please take a tag and return your donation to the church. Thanks!



THE NEXT BOOK

The Women's Reading Circle will be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn on September 14th, 6:30pm, at Mary Ann Puckett's home. All are welcome. See Audrey Roberts for more details.



GET YOUR T-SHIRTS

The church is providing special 200th anniversary shirts for next year's various events. If you haven't already ordered yours, see Dan Repass and he can get you on the list.



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

Kids, ages 4 years through 5th grade, are invited to Kids Night Out on Friday, August 21st for dinner, games, crafts, and more. Register on our website.



LOOKING FOR GOOD SMILES

We are need of greeters for Sunday morning. The rotation is about six times a year. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Stephanie in the office.



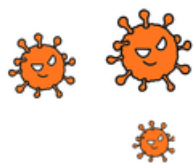
United
Women
in Faith

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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd Joyce Hamon
4th Mark Hulskotter
5th Zach Spicer
10th Mary Ann Puckett
14th Donna Groenert
15th Bobby Nickerson
21st Maggie Clark
21st Gavin Clark
26th Sandy Grubb
28th Linda Miller
29th Felicia Crowel
30th Gavin Woodrow



Allergy Awareness

Wear orange on
August 9th

Did you know that an allergy happens when your immune system misidentifies a harmless substance as a threat and overreacts? Learn more on August 9th.



AUGUST LOOSE CHANGE ROBERTS PARK SOUP'S ON MINISTRY

GREETERS

August 2nd
Ed & Mary Ann P.

August 9th
Floyd & Linda S.

August 16th
Gary F.

August 23rd
Sandy S. & Stephanie A.

August 30th
Ed & Mary Ann P.

BUDGET

as of June 30th

Income
\$176,844

Expenses
\$133,755

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Our Prayer Blanket ministry provides blankets to our congregation, family, and friends who are in need of a prayerful touch. Our beloved Earlene felt blessed to have received one earlier this year. If you have need of a blanket or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Mary Ann Puckett or the church office.



AMAZING MISSIONS

100 BAGS ASSEMBLED

During June and July the congregation and the Kids Klub families brought in items for our Cool Summer Care bags. Items included Gatorade, lip balm, protein bars, body powder, body wipes, socks, and sunscreen. With the collection and items added using the Amazing Mission Fund, we were able to fill 100 bags. The bags will be given to patrons in need through the Roberts Park Soup's On ministry. Thanks to all who donated and helped assemble the bags. Bruce McKay was able to take the left over donations to the Compassion Center.



METRO MINISTRIES

Metro Ministries, located here in Indy, connects Indiana United Methodist Churches and nonprofit organizations so that they can engage and serve their communities. The organization also provides grants to help with new initiatives and extend existing ones. In the recent Mission meeting, the team voted to send \$2,000 to Metro Ministries to support their grant program.



MISSION GIVING THRU JUNE 30TH

Amazing Mission Fund

Balance: \$2,881.30

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
Local Church Fire: \$500

Congregation Giving

Compassion Center: \$642.80
UMCOR US: \$315
UMCOR Sunday: \$820
Crop Walk: \$378
Shepherds: \$100.62
God's Bounty (Advent): \$6,729.68
God's Bounty: \$4,042.07

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

September 23rd, 6:00pm



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

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS



***A ministry serving hope
and nourishment to Indy's
homeless and food
insecure.***

Roberts Park Soup's On

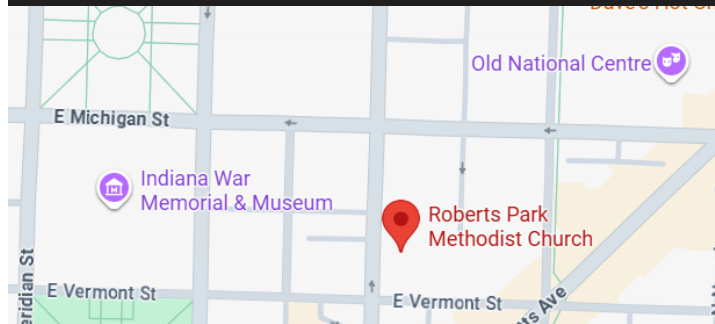
The Soup's On program is a ministry of Roberts Park United Methodist Church, located on Delaware Street in downtown Indianapolis. It began in 1999, when a member noticed a need for the homeless in their neighborhood. She saw that the homeless individuals near the church were left hungry on Sundays when nearby shelters didn't serve a noon meal. The program offers a hot sit-down meal on Sundays at noon and the patrons regularly get a second meal to-go. In October 2025, the ministry started offering a Wednesday takeout meal and meal delivery to nearby homeless people. Learn more at www.robertsparkumc.org/soups-on.

Where does the church fit in?



Several times a year Acton prepares and serves the Sunday meal. Soup's On is also part of our loose change rotation and we recently collected items and assembled 100 cool care summer bags for Soup's On patrons in need.

Who do they serve?



Of the 150 patrons they serve each week, 70% are unhoused and unemployed. 10% have jobs and housing but remain food insecure. 5% work but lack housing. 15% have homes but no jobs, often relying on disability, social security or unemployment benefits.

**LOOSE CHANGE FOR JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER
IS FOR THE SOUP'S ON MINISTRY**

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 Mystery of God's Will

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

Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind

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

AUGUST 2nd
@Crane's

AUGUST 9th
@Crane's

AUGUST 16th
@Crane's

AUGUST 23rd
@Crane's

AUGUST 30th
@Crane's

