

May 2026

Acton *in action*

Newsletter of Acton UMC

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

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

at Acton UMC

THIS IS A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
SO PLEASE PASS ON THE WORD TO
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



MAY 14 ~ 3-7:00PM

SCAN QR CODE OR SEE SUSAN FRENCH



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

June 20th, 6:00pm

Our Preschool teachers and board will be hosting the June dinner. Pork loin with potatoes and green beans are on the menu. Money collected at this free-will offering meal is for the Preschool. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors.

MISSION FOCUS



AMF Pledge Month

Please prayerfully consider how much you can pledge our Amazing Mission Fund for the coming year. This is in addition to your core giving pledge. You can turn your pledge in any time in May.

GOD'S BOUNTY

May 13th 6-7:00pm
May 14th 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

Salt Awareness

Excessive salt consumption contributes to high blood pressure and increasing the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Wear white on May 10th in Salt Awareness.



MAY

- 2nd Church Workday
- 5th Election Day
- 10th Wear **WHITE**
- 13th Church Conference
- 14th God's Bounty
- 14th Blood Drive
- 16th Women's Luncheon
- 17th Pack Away Hunger
- 17th Bake Sale
- 20th Fellowship Dinner

JUNE

- 11th God's Bounty
- 10th First Day of Kid's Klub
- 14th Health Awareness Sunday
- 17th Fellowship Dinner
- 28th Robert's Park Meal

TEAM MEETINGS

- Staff Parish. May 5th
- Trustees May 19th
- Mission May 27th
- UW of Faith. July 13th

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans
Colossians 3:23)

Church Conference

Pastor Matthew Stultz

On April 29th, the Congregational Council of Acton United Methodist Church met to go through the proposed change in leadership and governance structure. After prayerful consideration, the motion passed to move forward.

What does this mean? First it means that your church takes its charge seriously to be effective and responsible in our mission to follow Christ and make disciples. Paul writes in Colossians 3 that we should work at any task as though our souls depend upon it. Now I realize that making sure staff are trained or the lightbulbs are all updated or whatever issues come before a board of leaders might not seem to have such urgency. However, the presence, the purpose of being a church does carry a great deal of urgency on behalf of those yet to know the love of God through Jesus Christ. Making sure that there is clear and efficient structure and transparent communication to the church is very important.

The next important item is that we will hold a Church Conference to ratify the approved structure. This will be in compliance with The United Methodist Book of Discipline and has been vetted by our District Superintendent from the beginning of this process. The date is set for Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m in the sanctuary. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend and vote on the proposal.

In the meantime we will make handouts available to help inform and answer any questions. This shift for a more efficient leadership structure will enable ministry and future decisions to move swiftly with prayerful consideration and less likely to be bogged down just in structure and meeting calendars.

We will have the list of members of the Strategy Council with the information should you want to ask any questions.

Pastor Matthew

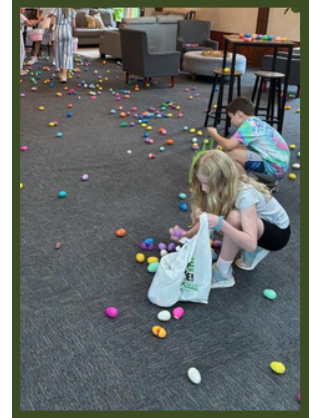
You can reach Pastor Matthew at matthewstultz@me.com or call the office to schedule an appointment.

SMILING FACES OF ACTON



EGG HUNT

Rain didn't stop us from having fun. We had a full house.



CONGRATS ON YOUR EAGLE SCOUT RANK



WELCOME



BINGO FUN

We had lots of fun playing bingo. We had many winners from bingos and trivia.

PRESCHOOL FUN



GOOD TO KNOW

PRAYER LIST

HEALING AND STRENGTH

Marilyn Kerlin, Josette Randolph, The Reasoners, Larry Gillim, Karen Fulk, Sally Grau, Larry Smith, Carla (Randolph's daughter), The Family of Beverly Aldous (Barb Wiley's sister), Kevin McMahan, Kathy Phillips, Mary Wright, David Phillips, Stan Ensich, 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 Matthew, you may also call the church office.

Sermon Schedule

May 3rd - *Fearless - Sickness, Aging, & Death*

May 10th - *Partnership in the Gospel*

May 17th - *The Christ Hymn*

May 24th - *Pentecost*

May 31st - *Trinity Sunday*



ACTON IS HOW OLD NEXT YEAR?

In 2027, AUMC will be celebrating our 200th anniversary. We will have a year long celebration featuring different aspects of our history and ministry each

month. We would like to involve every person that attends AUMC in this celebration. In May, **we would like to film each person in a 1 minute video**. It would be simple and answer three questions - your name, when you started coming to Acton, and what is one memory that you have about AUMC that you would like to share. **You can video yourself answering the questions and email them to Felicia Crowel or Samantha Warner will be available to video anyone after church in the Fellowship Hall in May.** After you have submitted the video, you will have a chance to order a 200th celebraton T-shirt that the church will provide. These shirts will be worn on special Sundays each month throughout 2027 along with other special occasions.



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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Trudi Wolfe
6th Cherilynn Spicer
8th Rob Wilsey
12th Matt Smith
13th Terri Smith
26th Luke Jordan

**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

Kids summer klub

Wednesdays - June 10th through July 22nd
10-12:30pm

games, lessons, crafts, lunch & more
4 years old thru 5th grade

**We will be heading to True North to learn
how to trust Jesus in the wild world!**

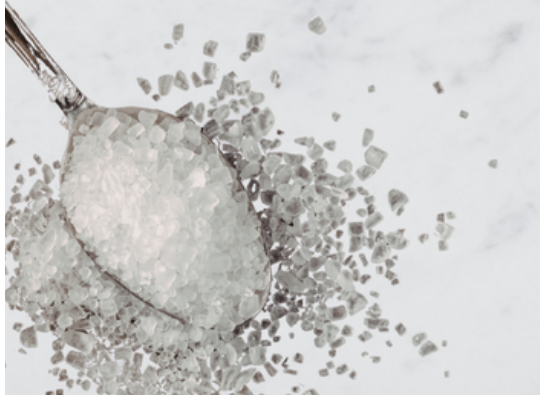


REGISTER

SALT AWARENESS

**WEAR WHITE
MAY 10th**

Do you know how much salt you
had today?



MAY LOOSE CHANGE GOD'S BOUNTY

GREETERS

May 3rd

Cheryl H. & Joyce H.

May 10th

Dan & Becky R

May 17th

Dick & Josette R.

May 24th

Eric & Lynne N.

May 31st

Mark & Aimee H.

**CHURCH
CONFERENCE
May 13th
6:00pm**

**Acts of Kindness
SWEET & SAVORY
MAY 17TH
For Local Special Olympics**



NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD

The Nominations Team is considering members for the new single board proposal. Board members must have served in previous ministries or teams and have a working understanding of more than one area of AUMC's ministry needs. If you or someone that you know is interested in being considered, please let Pastor Matthew know. There will only be 9 positions for the new board.

AMAZING MISSIONS

FOOD DRIVE RESULTS



Thanks to everyone who was able to donate to our food drive in April for God's Bounty. This

was done in conjunction with Scouting for Food, which our two troops participate in. They collected food throughout Franklin Township and combined with our donations, **1.6 tons of food was collected**, sorted, dated, delivered, and stocked at God's Bounty. Wow!

PACK AWAY HUNGER

We have a few spots open for our Pack Away Hunger event on May 17th. Make sure to sign up with the office so we can reach our goal of packing 10,000 meal kits.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up for our community blood drive on our website or with Susan French. The drive is on Thursday, May 14th. This is a community drive so pass on the word to family and friends.

JUNE ROBERTS PARK MEAL

If you can help prepare or serve the meal at Roberts Park on 28th, please see Barb Wiley. This is a great mission experience and several folks are needed.

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE

The Southport Meijer is extending the Simply Give program for God's Bounty through June 27th with double match on June 20th. Cards are available at the check out or at church.



MISSION GIVING THRU MARCH 31ST

Amazing Mission Fund

Balance: \$10,706.85

God's Bounty: \$270.32

Kairos Prison Ministry: \$750

UMCOR US: \$1,000

UMCOR International: \$1,000

Congregation Giving

Compassion Center: \$642.80

UMCOR US: \$85

UMCOR Sunday: \$790

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

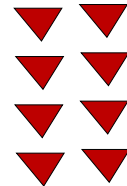
Next Mission Meeting

May 27th, 6:00pm



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

MAY MISSION FOCUS



***A total of \$20,357.53
was used from the Amazing
Mission Fund in 2026***

AMAZING MISSIONS

In 2012, AUMC's Missions Team established the Amazing Mission Fund (AMF). This fund is a pledged backed fund used to support the various mission ministries at Acton. This allows the Missions Team to quickly support needs of our mission partners and our community. The AMF is funded by the congregation and their ongoing commitment. This pledge is separate and in addition to your core giving to the church budget. The intent is not to detract from your regular gifts and tithes on which the very bases of our church finances depend, but to strengthen our level of commitment to God's work.

MAY IS OUR AMAZING MISSION FUND PLEDGE MONTH

Who did we supported in 2025?

Compassion Center
Crop Walk
ECHO
Exodus Refugee Immigration
Fletcher Place - Christmas Meal
Fletcher Place Christmas - Girls' Clothing
Greater Indianapolis Habitat for Humanity
Kairos Prison Ministry
Operation Classroom
Pack Away Hunger Event
Roberts Park UMC Soups On Ministry
UMCOR - California Fires
UMCOR - Texas Flooding
UMCOR - Sunday for Administrative Costs



How do I pledge?

There are pledge cards available at church that you can fill out and place in the offer plate any Sunday. You can also email your pledge to our Financial Secretary, Kay Lynne Zietlow, at klz23@icloud.com. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

LEARN AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SUNDAYS

ADULT CURRENT EVENTS

The Wired Word

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Kitchen

Sandy Grubb & Charlie Walters

YOUTH

A STUDY OF NARNIA

The Magician's Nephew

Sundays, 10:35-11:15am

Youth Room off Kitchen

Denise Gaunt

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 Matthew 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

The book of John

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

LEARNING WITH PASTOR MATTHEW

More in depth on the Sunday message

Thursdays, 6:30pm, in the sanctuary

See Pastor Matthew

WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING

Luke - Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws

Fridays, 9:30am, at church

See Connie Walters

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING

Christian Leadership

Saturdays, 8:00am, at church

See Dan Repass

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth, 6th-12th grade, meet on Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 for dinner, a lesson, games, and more. It is a fun evening of fellowship. See Andy or Diane Crane with questions.

Youth Calendar

MAY 3 - @Church

May 10 - No Youth Group
Happy Mother's Day

May 17 - No Youth Group
Pack Away Hunger

May 24 - No Youth Group
Happy Memorial Day

May 31 - At the Crane's

