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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 14 at 7 p.m.

Downtown Sanctuary

An inspirational and reflective service to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's death and resurrection. The service includes a re-enactment of Foot Washing and the Lord's Supper. Special Music will be offered by guest musician, Doug Anderson. Doug Anderson is a Grammy nominated, multi-Dove award winning singer from Lapel, IN. He tours all over the world as a soloist and member of Cana's Voice.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 15 at 7 p.m.

Downtown Sanctuary

A service leading the darkness of Jesus' death. The extinguishing of candles, music and readings will move us into the darkest time of human history. Join us as we continue to prepare for the contrasting Light of Easter.

EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE

April 17 at 7 a.m.

Coyner Lodge, Davis Park

Journey into the Garden to meet Jesus.

BREAKFAST

7:30 a.m. at Coyner Lodge

EASTER CELEBRATION

April 17 at 10 a.m.

Downtown Sanctuary

A resurrection celebration service.

World Premiere

WORK BY ROBERT GROSS



Variations
on a Theme by
Stefan Wolpe



Performance by




KOEUN GRACE LEE, PIANO

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022
7:30 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
1215 Jackson St.
Anderson, IN 46016
Masks required.

Event information @
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/249948682237>
Live Streamed @
<https://youtu.be/oD4mM1Jo3b8>
Please use the QR code above for donation.



Anderson FUMC is pleased to be the home to a recital written by Robert Gross and performed by Koen Grace Lee, Piano. The recital is free and open to the public. The concert will be in the sanctuary on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

We Worship Together

Worship Schedule for April, 2022

April 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Communion
Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching
Pastor Peggy Nunley presiding over Communion
Music: Wesley Chorale

April 10 PALM SUNDAY

Unbridled Passion
Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 27:15-23
Pastor Corinne Boruff preaching
Music: Sanctuary Choir

April 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY

@ 7 p.m. Music: Doug Anderson, guest vocalist
Harmon Cowart, guest musician

April 15 GOOD FRIDAY

@ 7 p.m. Music: Sanctuary Choir

April 17 EASTER

Sunrise Service at Coyner Lodge, Davis Park
7 a.m. followed with 7:30 breakfast
Pastor Peggy Nunley preaching
Music: Michele Murray

Downtown Easter Celebration -- 10 a.m.
Raised to Life
Matt: 28:1-10; Ephesians 2:4-8
Pastor Corinne Boruff preaching
Music: Sanctuary Choir and Brass

IT'S A MIRACLE!

This sermon series helps us know what Christ's miracles reveal about who He is and what He desires to do in and through us. The goal of this study is not to simply help you know more about Jesus' miracles, but to deepen your trust in Jesus.

April 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Wow!
Luke 7:1-10 (NLT)
Pastor Corinne Boruff preaching
Music: Arrows of the Almighty

Easter Outreach Offering

You have received a letter from the Outreach Committee highlighting our Easter Outreach offering for 2022. One hundred percent of this offering is given to assist those in our community who are in crisis. We do this through our own congregational ministries as well as those who serve our community in ways that we cannot. We do all this to carry out our mission of living our faith, nurturing families and serving our community. Won't you join us?

Your designated gifts for this offering may be given in the offering envelope that you received or online at any time during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Thank you for your love and your generosity.

Other Church News

SOCCER

April 16 - May 21

Davis Park soccer fields host multiple groups, including YMCA and Liberty Christian soccer teams Spring and Fall. This church offers devotions prior to each game, assistance with parking and the face of Christ to over 250 families each week.

THANK YOU to Dick Falkenberry for his supervision and coordination. We are also grateful for his faithful parking team: Jim Hudson & Jim Olive.

Be sure to thank these men for facilitating this ministry!

SPRING CLEANING -- DAVIS PARK

Thank you to those who are preparing Davis Park Coyner Lodge and property for our Spring/Summer activities.

THANK YOU

Grounds upkeep and mowing: Dick Falkenberry, DeWayne Landwehr, Lee Robinson, Keith McFall, Curt Leach, PT Morgan and Phil McDonald

Carpet cleaning in Coyner Lodge: Ann Bull and Eddie Stephens

Coyner Lodge general maintenance: Cliff Ambler

Sandblasting and Staining: Stage and Coyner Lodge: Tom Cullop

New lightweight round tables: UMW

CONNECTIONS NEEDED

Have friends or family who are not currently attending worship anywhere?

After getting their permission, let Pastor Peggy or Corinne know who they are and how best to reach them. We are seeking non-churched persons who will join us in conversation about Alternative Worship. They will have an opportunity to share what they would be attracted to without commitment. Day? Time? Content? Talent to share? Help us connect in the community for their input!

Outreach Ministries

Highlight: Gateway Association

Gateway Association, Inc. was founded as the Madison County United Cerebral Palsy Association in 1953. The focus of the agency grew to include services for children from birth to age 6 with a variety of special needs at which time the name was changed to Gateway. Since then, Gateway expanded its services further and is now a full-day licensed child-care program with before and after school programming that welcomes children of all abilities to the age of twelve.

Currently housed in the south wing of our church building, Gateway is a high-quality, inclusive, developmental childcare program that is licensed by the state of Indiana and is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The program holds the highest rating for child-care providers, a Level 4 with Paths to QUALITY.

As Gateway serves children with a variety of special needs, it also serves families who experience various economic and family needs through CCDF Child-Care Vouchers and Military Funding.

Our congregation supports this ministry financially through our reasonable rent for classroom and office space, through our Christmas and Easter Outreach offerings, through your generous participation in the Angel Tree at Christmastime and in helping provide classroom supplies at the beginning of the school year. Gateway teachers and children are also included weekly in the list of prayer concerns printed in the bulletin. Our congregation is represented on the Gateway Board of Directors by Pastor Don Deena Johnson and Candy Short.

Gateway Executive Director, Sara Krumme, has expertly guided the institution and its staff through difficult financial times, and along with the Board, is working to establish a salary schedule that represents a living wage. Through her efforts and that of her staff, Gateway has maintained its Level 4 Paths to QUALITY rating for ten years.

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

The Helping Hands Non-Food Pantry will again be open on April 13 to distribute non-food items to the community. Currently the pantry needs toilet paper, deodorant for women and men, and toothpaste to replenish their supply.

Thank you for your generosity—Linda Verhulst and Juanita Slattery

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School Classes

Class	Location	Led By
Pathfinders	North/South Parlor	Kenny Hall

Classes begin at 9:00 am

United Methodist Women

Bible Study Circle Friendship Circle



United Women in Faith

Leader:	Merrilyn Vance	Mary Falkenberry
Meeting Date:	Thursday, 4/7/22	Thursday, 4/7/22
Time:	1:00 pm	10:00 am
Location:	North/South Parlor	North/South Parlor

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April

Muscatatuk Wildlife Refuge and Café Batar – Wednesday, April 27

Registration for this event is closed, however, if you missed it and would like to go, please sign up on the waiting list. Occasionally there are unexpected openings.



May

Beef and Boards – Wednesday, May 25

Seats have already been reserved for the dinner/theater matinee performance of Mary Poppins. Vans will leave by 10 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$70 and you must register and pay by April 15. Stop by the church office to register. Don't miss out!



J.O.Y. LUNCH

Container Gardening with Marnie Tupling – April 22

It's spring once again and it's time to begin working in our flowerbeds, filling pots and containers with the flowers of springtime. Marnie is just the person to inspire you and offer tips that will make your spring gardening a success. She works at a nursery in Muncie and will be with us at JOY Lunch this month. Usually, our gatherings are on the third Friday. Due to Holy Week and Good Friday, we will meet on the 4th Friday instead. Please make sure you call the church office and sign up by Wednesday, April 20 in order to secure your lunch reservation. The cost for lunch and program is \$10.

SMALL GROUPS

Step by Steppers – Saturday, April 9

This walking group is an open group. Anyone is welcome to come as often as you are able. This month we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Bobber's Café located on Alexandria Pike along the Shadyside Park Trail. If you would like to gather for breakfast earlier, please join us in the Fellowship Hall at the church for the Lenten Breakfast which begins at 8 a.m.

Sermon-Talkback – Sunday, April 3

A change in schedule has Pastor Don Deena preaching on the first Sunday this month. If you would like to think further about and discuss the sermon while it is still fresh on your mind, join this small group at Riviera Maya for lunch at 11:30 a.m. following the worship service. Any thoughts on the implications of the message for your life? What did you learn? What troubles you? Let's talk about it.

Off To the Theater Group—Sunday, April 24—3:30 pm

The Off to the Theater Group will be attending "Bye-Bye Birdie" at the Main Stage Theater. The matinee begins at 3:30 pm. The cost per ticket is \$19.50.

ANDERSON AREA LENTEN BREAKFASTS

All are invited (men & women) All Lenten Breakfasts Begin at 8:00 am

April 2	Frankton UMC	Rev. Roger Gardner Terry Cunningham, Allie Greer
April 9	Anderson First, UMC	John Pistole AU Women's Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY -- Special Guest

April 14 will commemorate a deeply meaningful event in Christ's life. To assist us in our experience will be guest musician Doug Anderson and accompanist Harmon Cowart.

About Doug Anderson

Doug is a Grammy nominated, multi Dove award winning singer from Lapel, IN. He tours all over the world to sold out venues as a soloist and member of Cana's Voice. He also traveled and was a founding member of the quartet Ernie Haase & Signature Sound for 13 years, a group made popular through the Gaither Homecoming Series. His 13 Dove Awards include, Country Album of the Year, Country song of the year, and Male Vocalist. He has also been a part of two videos and one CD project to attain Gold status in Billboard sales. Doug is married to his high school sweetheart Michele and they have two daughters, Isabel and Emma.

Next Generation Ministries



Each week we "Dig Into the Bible" to learn how God worked in and through ordinary people just like us! Here's what we will be learning this month...

April

3rd - Children remain in worship

10th- First Kids-younger- "Palm Sunday"- Co-leader-Ruth Parker
Godly Play- older-"Jesus Offers the Bread and Wine"-
Door Person- Candy Short

17th- First Kids- older- "Easter Sunday"- Co-leader- Ryan Barnett
Godly Play- younger-"The One Who Was Easter & Still Is"-
Door Person- Richard Cassidy

24th- First Kids- younger- "God Sends Rahab to Protect the Spies"-
Co-leader- Susan Dauost
Godly Play- older-"Jesus and the Twelve"-
Door Person-Mary Falkenberry



It's time to begin planning and preparing for summer camp! So, mark your calendar for the following dates...

June 26-28 Early Elementary (K-2nd grade) @ Camp Rivervale

June 26-July 1 Elementary (3rd- 6th grade) @ Camp Rivervale

Did you know camp isn't just for children and youth? There are opportunities for adults to join us at camp to serve in a variety of roles as well. If you would like more information about how you or a child you know can attend camp, contact Pastor Peggy.



This year we are providing a fun way for you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us here at AFUMC for worship! The Next Generation Ministry Team will be offering **"YOU'VE BEEN EGGED"** packets in the weeks leading up to Easter.

What is a **"YOU'VE BEEN EGGED"** packet? It is a package of 13 plastic, candy filled Easter eggs and a sign to hang on your friend/neighbor's front door letting them know you have hidden 13 plastic eggs somewhere in their front yard. One of these eggs will hold a coupon for a special gift when redeemed at AFUMC on a Sunday morning. To request your **"YOU'VE BEEN EGGED"** packet, contact Pastor Peggy Nunley and be sure to pick up your packet on Sunday, April 3rd.