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**HOSPITALITY – WHY IS IT IMPORANT?**

When you genuinely care about people because you know that God cares about them, those people will pick up on your sincerity, and they will want to hear what you have to say. Theodore Roosevelt said it this way, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

**Who can or should offer hospitality and to whom should it be offered?**

Romans 12:13 encourages us all to practice hospitality, whether it is our spiritual gift or not. In fact, the Greek word philozenia is actually a combination of two words—philos, meaning "affection" and zenos, meaning "stranger." While usually translated to mean hospitality, philozenia signifies affection toward strangers.

*"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:9-10*

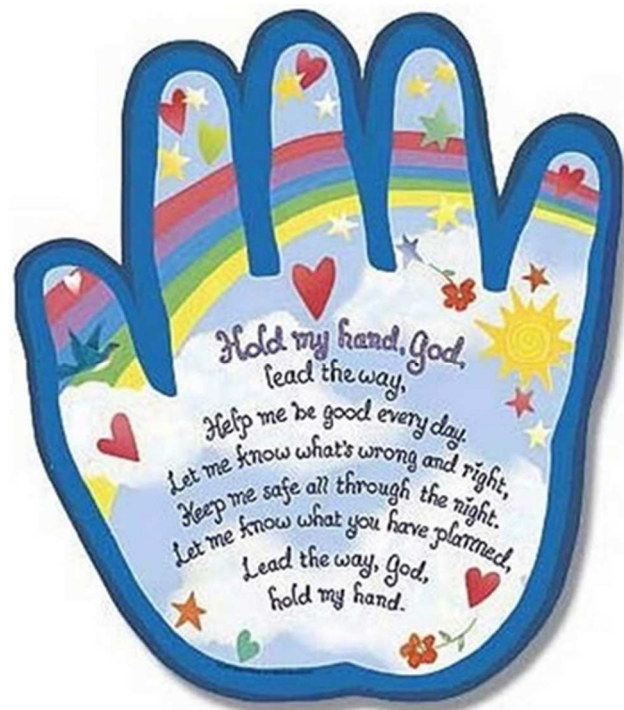
As a result of the 4-session Hospitality Trainings in June and July a Hospitality Plan will be rolled-out in way that we all can participate!

Keep up God's good work! It makes a difference in the lives of those you know and the friends you have yet to make.

**AUGUST HOLIDAYS**

August is a month that we nationally emphasize care and kindness for ourselves and others. Keep these weeks in mind and practice simplicity, smiling, friendship and kindness. What a great month we can have!

- Week 1 National Simplify your Life Week
- Week 2 National Smile Week
- Week 3 Friendship Week
- Week 4 Be Kind to Humankind Week



# We Worship Together

## Worship Schedule for August, 2022

### JESUS

Christians are follower of Christ, so who is this Christ we follow? This series will explore who Christ was and is today. Pastor Corinne Boruff will explore with you what "being like Christ" looks like in 2022.

August 7	Holy Communion He Made It Memorable Music: 9 a.m. -- Director's Jazz Orchestra 10:45 a.m. – Michele Murray
August 14	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost He Did Not Whine; He Hummed Music: 9 a.m. – Ernie Coleson's Trio 10:45 a.m. – Ernie Coleson's Trio
August 21	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost He Drew Circles Instead of Lines Glimpse of Giving Music: 9 a.m. -- Alpha Brass 10:45 a.m. – Michele Murray
August 28	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost He Connected the Dots Music: 9 a.m. – Resolution 10:45 a.m. – Michele Murray

## Adult Ministries

### J.O.Y. LUNCH

#### "Wendell Wilkie Returns to Elwood" – August 19

Madison County Historian, Steve Jackson, will be the speaker for our August J.O.Y. Lunch. We've enjoyed Steve's presentations many times over the years and one thing we've learned: there is more than enough history in Madison County to keep us in stories for many more years to come. Please sign-up in the church office by Wednesday, August 17. The cost for lunch is \$10.

### SMALL GROUP

led by Pastor Don Deena Johnson

#### Step by Steppers Walking Group –

This is an open group. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in.

Saturday, August 13 – 9 a.m. at Shadyside Park. Gather in the parking lot at Bobber's off Alexandria Pike. Rating: Easy.

Saturday, August 27 – 9 a.m. at Mounds State Park. Gather in front of the Ranger Office. Rating: Moderate.

## STAFF HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

### Ann Bull

Caretaker at Coyner Lodge, Davis Park  
Security for Downtown Church  
Part time Custodian for Downtown Church

- An occupational therapist for 38 years, retiring in 2015.
- A substitute teacher for all 7 Anderson Community Elementary Schools until Covid hit and they went on line.
- Care for and oversee usage of Coyner Logde, Davis Park for 5 ½ years. Began when Don Moore retired from that position.
- Serve as security as needed during the week and weekends. Begam this position when there were staff changes and back up help was needed.
- Clean the downtown church at the onset of the pandemic and was kept on as cleaning procedures have changed since Covid.
- Work part time cleaning at the animal shelter in Anderson which explains why I share my home with many animals.

## Other Church News

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.



Carol and Ron Watson participated in a GriefShare group during the winter and found it so helpful that they are now trained and ready to offer this healing experience with you. There is no time limit to grief – days, months, years – so whenever you lost a loved one, this program can help. Watch for additional information as registration will be in July and the first of 13 sessions is on Monday, August 1 from 10-12 in N.S. Parlor.

### 3'Cs FAIR

Anderson First UMC will participate in the 3'Cs Fair hosted by Anderson University as a kick-off for all their student body on September 1 from 4-6 p.m. If you desire to engage with our neighboring college students at our display table, contact Pastor Corinne at 317-902-1843 or [corinne@andersonfirst.org](mailto:corinne@andersonfirst.org)



**The Librarian of Saint-Malo-**  
Marie Escobar

**In a Book Club Far Away-**Tif Marcelo

**The Prophet's Wife-**Libbie Grant

**Alone Time:Four Seasons, Four Cities-**Stephanie Rosenbloom

**The Van Gogh Sisters-**Willem-Jan Verlinden

**Woman on Fire-**Lisa Barr

**Lightning Strike-**William Krueger

**A Dog's Courage-**Bruce Cameron

**Tea,Scones, and Malaria-**Katlynn Brooke

**The Ones We Keep-**Bobbie Jean Huff

**Everything I Never Told You-**Celeste Ng

**Forever Across the Marsh-**Jeff

### Adult

**The Spoon Stealer-**Lesley Crewe

**West with Giraffes-**Lynda Rutledge

**The War Nurse-**Tracey Wood

**The Women of Chateau Lafayette-**Stephanie. Dray

**Wish You Were Here-**Jodi Picoult

**The Judge's List-**John Grisham

**The Garden House-**Marcia Willett

**The Lincoln Highway-**Amor Towles

**The Christie. Affair-**Nina de Gramont

**Glory Road-**Lauren Denton

**Water From My Heart-**Charles Martin

**Forgiving Paris-**Karen Kingsbury

**Are You Kidding Me?-**Lesley Crewe

**I Kid You Not!-**Lesley Crewe

**Dreams of Falling-**Karen White

### BON AMIS

**September— Crown Hill Cemetery Tour and Lunch at Spaghetti Factory – Thursday, Sept. 15**

Have you ever been curious about the history of Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis and some of the interesting people who are buried there? Join the Bon Amis group as we make our way with a tour guide through the cemetery, visiting some of the most recognized monuments and statues and viewing the downtown skyline from James Whitcomb Riley's tomb on top of beautiful Crown Hill. This event costs \$55. You must register and pay for this event by August 12. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 9 a.m. and return around 3 p.m.



**October – Brown County Artisan Tour: An Overnighter**

Scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, the Artisan Tour, stops at five or six artists studios in Brown County in the beautiful season of fall. It gives everyone a perfect chance to enjoy the changing colors of the leaves on the trees and to enjoy the artistry of many of Brown County's artisans. This overnight trip costs \$180 per person and besides the transportation, it covers your hotel stay at the Graduate in Bloomington, a meal at The Farmhouse Café on Friday and brunch at the Abe Martin Lodge at Brown State Park. Friday's schedule will take us to artists' studios. On Saturday, you may choose to hike or simply sit and enjoy the fall weather at Brown County State Park or, "shop 'til you drop" in Nashville. Registration and payment must be made for this trip by Thursday, September 15. Join us!

## Music Ministries

### Fa la la la la.....

It's almost time for CHOIR to start! The Sanctuary Choir will have its "kick off" on Wednesday, August 31 at Davis Park beginning at 6 p.m. We will begin with a pitch in meal (bring a dish to share) and will rehearse from 7-8 p.m. Regular rehearsals will begin the following Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! If you have questions contact Sue Finger at [sfinger@acsc.net](mailto:sfinger@acsc.net). Whether you are an experienced singer or would like to give it a try for the first time, you are welcome to join us!

The Wesley Bells will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Sarah Taylor



## Next Generation Ministries



It's hard to believe, but it is time for students and teachers to head back to school! This month we want to show our love, and support for all those who are heading back to school. Below you will find a variety of ways YOU can love and support these individuals.

- Daily pray for administrators, teachers, support staff and students.
- Send notes of encouragement to those teachers, staff and students you know.
- "Adopt" a student to pray for and encourage throughout the school year. (For more information, contact Pastor Peggy.)



As we begin to plan and prepare to return to worship downtown in September, we are in need additional people to help lead and care for our children. Here are some ways YOU can serve in this vital ministry!

- Pray for the First Kids' Ministry
- Serve one Sunday morning each quarter in First Kids
- Serve once a month with the 3-4-5 Club ministry on Sunday afternoons
- Ask for more information about how you can serve.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to make a difference in the lives of the children here at AFUMC and in our community and then contact Pastor Peggy!



Save the Date for **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC!** Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 11 at 6 pm! We will gather at Davis Park that evening for our annual all-church pitch-in and cookout. Watch for more details in the weeks to come.

### SUMMER ADAPT UPDATE

**Watch for the date!**

At this special event you will hear what great things have been happening due to the ADAPT initiative. You will hear also hear about a financial vision for the church – the trend if we remain stagnant and the plan to bring life.

Be sure to watch for the date and then attend the event!

## Outreach Ministries

### HELPING HANDS PANTRY

The Helping Hands Pantry will be open on August 10 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. This month the Pantry is requesting donations of toilet paper, body wash and dish soap.

Some of you may wonder why toilet paper is on our request list so often. The pantry gives 2 mega-rolls of toilet paper to each guest, and the pantry does take advantage of every sale they can find on toilet paper. However, for example in July 80 guests visited the pantry, meaning 160 rolls of toilet paper was given away. It doesn't take very long to use up several packages.

*Thank you for your giving—Sincerely, Linda Verhulst and Juanita Slattery.*

### August Highlight – Global Ministries: Larry and Jane Kies

Anderson First United Methodist Church has supported Larry and Jane Kies, missionaries with Global Ministries to Africa University, over many years. 712 students graduated on June 11 this year at Africa University. It was the 26<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at the university. Imagine how many young men and women have been spiritually shaped and trained for faithful service in God's kingdom over the years. Through the ministry of professors and other staff, as well as the financial support of congregations like ours, this ministry will continue well into the future. Larry officially retired in 2020, but Jane has not yet retired. She will, however, be doing so in September. They are on their final itineration trip and will be coming through Anderson on August 4. You are invited to join us for dinner at 6 p.m. that evening at the Olive Garden. (You will be responsible for the cost of your own meal.) The Kies will share with us of their work at Africa University and their plans to return to Zimbabwe and continue to be involved in the University, the church and the local community, even in retirement.

If you would like to come and share a meal and conversation with Larry and Jane, please let Pastor Don Deena know by Monday, August 1 so that we can arrange enough space for those who wish to come.

### Glimpses of Giving

Wonder how God is using what you give to the church? The third Sunday of each month will include "Glimpses of Giving" shared by you and others on how your giving has changed a life for good and for God.