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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist

ROOTED IN LOVE

Our Stewardship theme "Rooted in Love" draws inspiration from Psalm 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season." The Psalmist invites us to imagine all the good things we can bear when well planted, when rooted in love.

This Stewardship season you are invited to reflect on the ways Anderson First United Methodist Church tends the roots of our lives and the lives of our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider your response to these questions

- How does worship change your life?
- How does the fellowship of this community impact you?
- When did pastoral care matter to your life?
- How has the love of our church changed your life?
- Where do you see the love of our church changing lives?

Beginning Sunday, September 18 we will reflect in worship on what it means for our lives to be rooted in love and how our giving makes life-changing ministry possible. You will receive a Pledge Card in the mail the week of September . We are all invited to bring our Pledge Cards to church on Stewardship Celebration Sunday October 9 and dedicate our giving commitments. Our celebration will culminate with a pitch-in meal in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. on October 9 (following worship).

With all of our support, our church shares God's love. What a privilege to do ministry

BE A PART OF CREATING A MINISTRY OF WELCOME

...and learn what to do!

Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the North/South Parlor
 Missi Koenig from St. Mark's UMC will offering training for everyone interested in serving as a
GREETER OR USHER

- What do I say to someone I don't recognize?
- What are my responsibilities?
- How do I help people with questions?
- These and many more questions will be answered!
- God is calling YOU to extend God's Welcome!

RETURN SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Following our tradition from the 1970s we will have a Return Sunday Pitch-in and cook-out at Davis Park on September 11 at 6 p.m. Bring your dishes to share and your chair. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and paper products will be supplied. Music and delightful conversation will round out the evening.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!



We Worship Together

Worship Schedule for September, 2022

September 4 Labor Day Sunday; Communion

Come As You Are

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NLT)

Music: Mark & Michele Murray (9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m)

September 11 Return Sunday

One service at 10 a.m. in the Downtown Sanctuary

Just One More

Matthew 21:23-32 (NLT)

Music: Sanctuary Choir and Brass

All-Church Pitch-in Celebration at Davis Park – 6 p.m.

September 18 Stewardship Kick-off

Rooted in Love

Ephesians 3:6-12 (NLT)

Glimpse of Giving

Music: Sanctuary Choir

September 25 Stewardship – Rooted in Love

Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching

Music: Wesley Chorale

Adult Ministries

J.O.Y. LUNCH

“Walking Coast to Coast in England” – September 16

Pastor Don Deena Johnson just returned from her 190 mile walk on the “Coast to Coast” trail across England from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. At JOY Lunch this month, she will tell the tale of her adventures and share some of her pictures taken along the way. Please sign-up in the church office by Wednesday, September 14. The cost for lunch is \$10.

SMALL GROUP

led by Pastor Don Deena Johnson

Step by Steppers Walking Group – September 10

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

Saturday, September 10 – 9 a.m. Fall Creek Park Pendleton. Meet at the church parking lot to carpool. Rating: Easy.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Will meet Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 am in the North South Parlor. At the present time we are hoping Pastor Don Deena will be available to tell us of her trip coast to coast across England.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Peggy Nunley

Pastor of Next Generation Ministries

General Next Generation Ministry Task:

Plan, prepare, oversee and implement all ministries for children and youth.

These ongoing ministries include:

- First Kids on Sunday mornings
- Weekly Children's messages during worship
- Monthly 3-4-5 Crew activities

Secure, train, schedule and oversee childcare personnel for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and any special events or requested times.

Plan, prepare, and coordinate special outreach events for children and families. These include:

- Monday Family Fundays
- Drive Boo
- Advent Drive Through
- Children's Sunday Worship Service
- Gateway Grab & Go Meals
- Return Sunday Picnic
- Graduate Recognition Sunday
- Mother & Father's Day Celebrations

Pastoral care of children, youth and college students through personal contacts, social media, phone calls, and written communications.

Update and maintain First Kids and Pulse Youth social media platforms on a regular basis

Other ministry responsibilities AFUMC:

Coordinate Downtown Devotions contributors.

Participate in the preaching rotation at Primrose

Preach at AFUMC as needed

Assist in planning and preparation for Community Cafe each week

Serve at Community Cafe each week

Begin visioning and preparation to launch a new faith community in 2023

Assist Pastor Corinne and Pastor Don Deena as needed.

Responsibilities in the INUMC Conference:

Serve as Spiritual Director at INUMC summer camp

Serve on the INUMC Outdoor Ministries Board

Attend 2 Course of Study courses per year

PRAYER BEARS

Small stuffed bears will be available this month for you to share with another person in need of being reminded of our love and God's love for them. Every Sunday they will receive our prayers. With this poem attached others will know that we care.

Thank you to Dee Ann Williams for coordinating this ministry!

Poem

(attached to each Bear)

*"I am a prayer bear and this is what I do
I help give God's love especially to you
If you need a small hug or a great big embrace
I'll always be here to put a smile on your face
Anderson First UMC women, men and children too
Have prayed over these bears with a love that is true
In your time of sadness, illness or stress
This bear shares the love that we want to express
So when you need a reminder of God's great love
Hold tight to your bear and feel the love from above."*

Other Church News

SOCCER AT DAVIS PARK

Every Saturday for 6-weeks beginning August 27 from 9-12 p.m. 250+ children and adults from the community gather to hear a Faith-based devotion and play soccer.

Prayers are requested for all lives touched!

Thank you to Dick Falkenberry for coordinating this outreach ministry!

COMMUNITY CAFÉ GRILL

Continues outside through September.

On October 2 the meals will move downstairs to Fellowship Hall.

Meals are served from 4:30-5:30.

Become a TEAM MEMBER for this vital ministry.

Contact the church office (643-6977) or Pastor Corinne (317-902-1843)

WHO CAN SERVE AS A GREETER OR USHER?

Everyone of all ages!

(The Greeter & Usher Handbook, Yvonne Gentile)

Serving in this ministry is not only a way to get to know other people it is a way for them to get to know you!

With this in mind, everyone is encouraged to attend the

TRAINING

Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the North/South Parlor

OPERATION LOVE

(a community ministry we support)

Dessert Benefit and Concert on Thurs. September 22, 5-8 p.m.

At Madison Park Church, 6607 Providence Drive

BON AMIS

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!

November – Martinsville Candy Cane Kitchen Tour and Lunch at Gray's Cafeteria

Scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, our day trip will take us to the iconic candy cane kitchen in Martinsville where we will see the red and white peppermint (and other flavors) treat being made. Lunch at Gray's Cafeteria is included in the event price. Registration and payment of \$45 must be made by October 14.

LEGACY SEMINAR

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Two Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in NS Parlor

Led by Philip E. Lavelle Jr., CFP®, Financial Advisor

September 13 -- Where To Begin When Planning Your Retirement

The Process of Planning – Steps to Take when planning your retirement

The Risks we face

Investing for Income

Social Security Maximization Strategies

September 27 -- Legacy Planning

Important Estate Planning Documents You may need

Trusts

Charitable Gifting Vehicles

Tax Advantageous Gifting Strategies

PRESENTOR

Philip E. Lavelle Jr. is a Registered Representative and Investment Advisor Representative with Thurston Springer Financial, a registered Broker Dealer (Member FINRA and SIPC), SEC-Registered Investment Advisor Firm, and Indiana Insurance Agency. Philip is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER practitioner and provides comprehensive financial planning services including IRA and Retirement Plan Rollovers, Investment Management, Life Insurance, and Financial Planning. Since 1996, investors have been able to rely on Philip to put his experience to work and help them achieve their personal financial goals. He believes in developing a customized plan for every client who needs one prior to recommending or implementing investment decisions. His goal is to provide trustworthy and dependable service to his clients. Philip lives in Anderson, IN where he maintains an office conveniently located downtown, and is available to meet with clients in person or via video conference.



Next Generation Ministries

“Whenever I am afraid I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

Kids today are under stress like never before and constant anxiety has become a fact of life. Children need practical help to overcome those feelings while looking to God in times of distress. Using popular fidget toys as our jumping off point, we will look at scripture to help us learn how to connect with Jesus and how to trust God when we face anxiety.



Pop Its- Jesus leave impressions on our hearts. Luke 8:40-48

September 11 - Younger students

September 18- Older Students

Peas in a Pod- Believers need each other to strengthen each other. Ruth 1:1-18

September 25- Younger students

October 9- Older students



Each week we begin our worship by stating our Pathway. One of the key pillars of our Pathway is “Nurturing families.” Well... We need **YOU** in order fulfill this part of our Pathway! 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!

- Serve one Sunday morning each quarter in First Kids
- Serve one Sunday morning each quarter in Nursery (birth-3 year olds)
- Serve once a month with the 3-4-5 Crew ministry on Sunday afternoons
- Ask for more information about how you can serve.

Please prayerfully consider how you help us to “Nurture families” and then contact Pastor Peggy to serve!



Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders...

School has started and it’s time for our 3-4-5 Crew to kick-off a new season! Our first outing is planned for Sunday, Sept. 18 from noon - 1:30. We will meet at Mounds State park for a picnic and time spent hiking and/or playing at the park. So

grab a friend and join us for an afternoon of fun and growing our faith and friendships! to come.

Want to hear firsthand what is happening in the life of the church?

Attend

CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 20 in Fellowship Hall

Many exciting and vital decisions will presented.

All are welcome to attend and share in conversation.

Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

The Helping Hands Pantry will be open on September 14 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. This month the Pantry is requesting donations of toilet paper, men’s and women’s deodorant and bar soap.

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

September Highlight – A Heart for Kids

One to one tutoring/mentoring is central to the mission of A Heart for Kids. Working with children from Erskine and 10th Street Elementary Schools, the staff of 40 volunteers and 45 paid college students, shared the love of Jesus with 75 children during the past school year. For the school year just beginning, a new school has been added. Bethany Christian Church is now partnering with A Heart for Kids in reaching out to children at Eastside Elementary. Additional volunteers are always welcome to help with check-in, worship, serving a snack, and connecting with a child on a one-to-one basis over the course of an entire school year. If you are interested in this kind of ministry opportunity, contact Pastor Don Deena and she can make an introduction for you. This ministry rooted in loving relationship is a vital part of our Anderson community and your Outreach Committee is proud to support them through your generous giving. Thank you.



Giving Tree

SUPPORT THE GATEWAY GIVING TREE



The Outreach Committee invites you to take one or more pencil or apple “ornaments” off the Gateway Giving Tree in the narthex when we return to the sanctuary for worship in September. The ornaments on the tree identify various items and supplies that the Gateway teachers can use to enrich the educational opportunities for their students. We will collect the items throughout the month of September. When you bring your “gift” to the church, place it in the wagon located beside the three and rehang your ornament on the tree to be chosen by someone else. Thank you for supporting the Gateway program.

Lucille Raines Residence

Didi you know the Indiana Conference of the United Women in Faith own, operate and support a half-way house for recovering addicts in Downtown Indianapolis? *From its inception in 1977, the Lucille Raines Residence (LRR) has sought to be one of God’s instruments to lift people up and help them rebuild their lives. LRR is a safe place for people recovering from addiction to establish a solid foundation from which to move forward in life. (copied from the LRR website)*

Raines is facing some difficult challenges in recovering from a recent fire and a need to make the facility ADA compliant. Our UWIF Chapter has donated resources to Raines, but if you feel led to donate also, please indicate so on your giving check and the church will be sure that the Lucille Raines Residence receives it.