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# THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist



To all the selfless women who inspire,  
motivate and equip us to be a  
better person every day...  
We love you; God loves you too!

## PENTECOST

Pentecost (Pentecost from Greek pentecostē, "50th day"), major celebration in the Christian church, and falls on the 50th day of Easter.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples following the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts 2).

This Sunday (this year, May 28) marks the beginning of the Christian church; it's birthday! Red – the color for Pentecost – represents the Holy Spirit coming as "tongues of fire."

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Through prayer, we are able to tap into God's wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention.

As we pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are "one nation under God," and whose currency states that it is "in God we trust," we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over all. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a special time of prayer wherever you are on May 4.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### DOWNTOWN & DAVIS PARK

On Sunday, May 28 the Summer Worship Schedule begins.

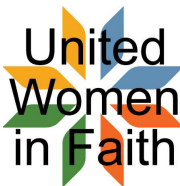
9:00 a.m. Outdoors at Davis Park  
4507 Nichol Avenue  
10:45 a.m. Downtown in NS Parlor  
1215 Jackson Street  
See you next Sunday!

# We Worship Together

## Adult Ministries

### Worship Schedule for May 2023

May 7	Choir Sunday & Communion 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 (MSG); Colossians 3:16-17 (MSG) Present, Practice, Praise Music: All Choirs
May 14	Mother's Day 1 Timothy 6:3-8 (NLT) Nurturing Families Music: Wesley Bells  11:15 a.m. Children's Showcase
May 21	Ascension Sunday Our Story of Light: Stained-glass Windows Jim Ault, Lay Leader presenting Music: Alpha Brass
May 28	Pentecost & Memorial Weekend First Sunday of Summer Schedule Davis Park (9 a.m.) and NS Parlor (10:45) Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching Music: Jazz Combo



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

	Bible Study Circle	Friendship Circle
Leader:	Merrilyn Vance	Mary Falkenberry
Meeting Date:	May 4	May 4
Time:	1:00 am	
Location:	North/South Parlor	to be announced

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on Saturday, May 20 8:00 am at Primrose. Bill Brown will be telling his story.

### WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY – Spring Series

Our spring series of Wired Word Bible Study conversations continues in May, each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the church library. The series will not meet on Memorial Day but will conclude the week before, on May 22. Pastor Don Deena facilitates this conversation of the themes that are pulled from current news events in the light of God's word. Through our conversation together, we listen to one another and to God and discover anew ways of best living together in our world as God's beloved children. Come and share in our conversations together.

## 2023 Easter Lilies

### In Memory of Our Parents

Audrey & George Ambler  
Phyllis & Roy Bieberich  
Our Friends, Carolyn Goldsmith  
Thommy Brown

Rev. William & Betty Kaiser  
Christy Briles Bez  
Shirley Fisher  
Frank Cramer  
Bob Dyer

Marge Dyer

Bill Hardacre  
Ed & Gail Brant  
E. Russell Stewart  
Fred M. Kean III  
A Friend

Standish & Hazel Crews

Robert West

Michele's parents  
Standish & Hazel Crews

Mark's Mother, Jacqueline Murray  
Delores Teter  
Our Parents, Lee & Leah Jemison

### In Honor of My Children

Andrew, Jamie, Rebecca, Joel & Ben  
My Grandchildren  
Nora, Landen & Lucas

### Given by

Cliff & Karen Ambler

Cliff & Karen Ambler  
Troy & Denisse Ambler  
Brent & Jessamyn Ambler  
Corinne Boruff

Dick & Beverly Briles  
Ernie & Johanne Coleson  
Doris Cramer  
Jim Dyer, Janet Dyer-Gott, Jeff Dyer  
Jim Dyer, Janet Dyer-Gott, Jeff Dyer

Ann Hardacre  
Kathy Kean  
Kathy Kean  
Kathy Kean  
Kathy Meagher

Elizabeth Murray & Jason Sherron  
Elizabeth Murray & Jason Sherron  
Mark & Michele Murray

Mark & Michele Murray  
Nicole Ross  
Linda Verhulst, Marcia Byrer, Patti Hopkinson

### Given By

Corinne Boruff  
Corinne Boruff

### Do you know a GRADUATE?

All High School, College or Advance Degree graduates' names are requested so that we can recognize them and celebrate this accomplishment on Sunday, June 4 during the 9 a.m. worship service. Please submit the following information to the office or Pastor Corinne: Name, graduating from, degree, family connection to AFUMC and plans after graduation.  
Call 765-643-6977 or [corinne@andersonfirst.org](mailto:corinne@andersonfirst.org)



## MUSICIANS

Thank you! You have given to the Lord through your music and blessed each of us! Know that we appreciate you and have been inspired by all you have created. Our musicians will be honored on Sunday, May 7 – Choir Sunday.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Why bother to become a member of the church? Isn't attending enough?

Here are four reasons why church membership matters:

1. In joining a church you make visible your commitment to Christ and his people.
2. Making a church commitment makes a powerful statement of faith in a low-commitment culture.
3. Church membership keeps us accountable to each other.

When you become a member here, you make promises to pray, give, serve, attend worship, to witness to what God is doing in your life, accept the spiritual guidance of the church, and seek the things that bring unity, purity, and peace.

Interested in learning more? Contact Pastor Corinne Boruff at [corinne@andersonfirst.org](mailto:corinne@andersonfirst.org); 317-902-1843 (phone or text).

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

Carlene Westerfield-Gunter

Carlene made her profession of faith as well as a commitment to the United Methodist Church and this congregation on April 16, 2023. Be sure to welcome Carlene!

### Treasurer's Minute for: March 2023

	MARCH ACTUAL		2023 YEAR TO DATE	
	2023	2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Monthly Contributions	\$19,139	\$23,761	\$121,649	\$135,937
Other Income	\$4,057	\$4,374	\$10,522	\$13,050
Total Income	\$23,196	\$28,135	\$132,171	\$148,987
Total Expense	\$47,117	\$55,580	\$153,887	\$160,768
Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw	(\$23,921)	(\$27,445)	(\$21,716)	(\$11,781)
Endowment Earnings Distribution	\$12,264	\$13,895	\$36,792	\$36,792
Remaining Excess (Deficit)	(\$11,657)	(\$13,550)	\$15,076	\$25,011

*DID YOU KNOW: That 97.5% of the \$354,000 amount pledged to support FUMC in 2022 was received?*

## STEP BY STEPPERS WALKING GROUP



Saturday, May 13 – Shadyside Park. We will meet at Bobber's Café parking lot at 9 a.m. for an easy figure-eight walk around the lake. Every walk is an opportunity to enjoy the out-of-doors with friends and get a little exercise as well. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, May 27 – Kotweewei Park Trail. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool west along 8<sup>th</sup> Street toward Cicero. This is a moderately easy walk around the lake, along the river and through the fields. Watch out for the horses walking the trails with us. All ages are welcome.

## BON AMIS

### Traders' Point Creamery



Thursday, May 11 – This event, scheduled for May has closed. However, if you missed the registration deadline and would still like to go, please check with Pastor Don Deena who can put you on the waiting list. Occasionally, spots do become available.

### Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory



Tuesday, June 13 – Kokomo Opalescent Glass is one of the world's leading manufacturers of art glass. Founded in 1888, KOG is the oldest producer of hand cast, cathedral and opalescent glass in the United States. Proudly based in Kokomo, Indiana, KOG is known worldwide for its high-quality, hand mixed sheet glass.

Come join the tour and visit the gift shop. Lunch at Cook McDougal's Irish Pub is included in this trip for a total cost of \$55. The van will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Registration and payment are due by May 26 in the church office.

## JOY LUNCHEON

Friday, May 19 – Ann Bull has a heart for animals, particularly the elderly, sick and rejected among them. Her home has become a hospital, a care facility and a loving home for many. Ann will share with us her experience and joy of caring for animals – at home and at the Shelter. Lunch will begin at 11:30 at a cost of \$12. The program begins at noon. Please sign up in the church office by Wednesday, May 17.



## Next Generation Ministries

### GODLY PLAY AND FIRST KIDS ON SUNDAY

May 7 – The children will remain in worship with their families.

May 14 – First Kids with Chris Tupling

May 21 – Godly Play: *The Good Shepherd and World Communion* with Pastor Don Deena

May 28 – It's Memorial Day. We worship at Davis Park.

### CHILDRENS SHOWCASE!!

On May 14 at 11:15 a.m. the children of our church have been invited to share a bit about "who they are" to the congregation. You will learn each child's name, where he/she goes to school, and special interests or hobbies. Some will share their artwork, some will offer musical gifts, and some may choose to read a poem.....who knows what secret talents they may have!

Please enjoy the coffee hour for a few minutes after the service and then join us to support and celebrate our children! It is anticipated that this will last approximately 30 minutes.

### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL -AMERIKIDS! SAVE THE DATE!!

On July 23 at the 9:00 service at Davis Park, our children will be presenting a musical called "Amerikids". The children will rehearse the entire week of July 16 to prepare for the morning worship service on July 23.

Meet Yacky Doodle, Pip Squeak and other characters as they learn about the faith that made our country great!

If you have children or grandchildren between the ages of 5-12 and would like them to participate, let Sue Finger know and information will be sent to them. We hope to include some guests for this activity.

In addition, we will need volunteers who could provide snacks each day from Monday-Friday during the week of July 16. We also would like to have a simple lunch provided for the kids each day. Details are still being worked out but we may need to recruit other adults to help with minimal props, etc.

MARK YOU CALENDAR! It is going to be a fun day – July 23 at 9:00 a.m.

### WE ARE HIRING!

Interested in a part-time paid position as the Director of Next Generation Ministries? This person will coordinate children's ministries. A Job Description can be found at [www.andersonfirst.org](http://www.andersonfirst.org) or in the church office. A great opportunity for that special person who loves children and loves God!

## Outreach Ministries

### OUTREACH MINISTRIES

#### Feature: Christian Counseling Center of Madison County

Located in the Park Place Church of God building, the Christian Counseling Center of Madison County has served our community since 1985. It exists to provide a caring, healing ministry of Pastoral Counseling.

Sponsored by a group of churches in the greater Anderson area, it is an extension and expansion of their own pastoral care and counseling ministries. The counselors offer consultation and individual, marital and family outpatient therapy in a context that actively recognizes, respects, and encourages Christian beliefs and lifestyle. Counselors combine theological and biblical resources with the professional-level skills of the counselor-psychologist.

The Center's services are available to all area residents regardless of race, sex, or religious affiliation.

Anderson First United Methodist supports this ministry through our financial gifts, Board membership and our prayers. Thank you.

### HELPING HANDS PANTRY

Our Helping Hands Pantry in May will be on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 11:00 am. We would like to request donations of toilet paper, toothpaste or toothbrush, and dish soap. At our Pantry on April 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 79 guests that we served. This was an increase of 17 guests from the March Pantry. We had several first time guests and a total of 6 volunteers from our congregation. Our guests continue to be grateful for the products we give to them. We in turn are grateful for the generous donations of our congregation that allow us to provide items our guests need.

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

## Other Church News

### A CHEERFUL GIVER

It takes both faith and love to be a cheerful giver.

If you don't care for others, at best, you might occasionally give reluctantly when it benefits you in some way. So cheerful and continued giving is a sign of love and evidence you care for others. Faith is also necessary to be a giver. Without confidence that you will have enough in the future, it is unlikely you will give cheerfully.

Continue to express your faith and love by giving your financial gifts to God's work online at [www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE](http://www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE)  
by mail to 1215 Jackson Street, Anderson, IN 46016,  
drop off at the church office,  
or every Sunday as we pass the offering plates.