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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist

'LIFE IS GOOD!'

A Musical for Kids will be presented on Sunday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Anderson First United Methodist Church.*

Life is Good! We all know life is good but also has some rough spots.... and kids know it too. The Bible is jam-packed with stories of God's love, grace and goodness through all the storms of life. The children will present various Biblical characters and stories and discover the joy of the Lord.

The musical will feature the children of Anderson FUMC as well as children from other churches and the community who are joining us for this special event. If you know a child ages 5-12 encourage them to come! There will be a brief meeting for all children and parents on Wednesday, July 12 from 5:30-6:00.

But.....**WE NEED A LITTLE HELP!** How?

1. Come to the service when this is presented. ***Note the time change for the service at 10:00 a.m. on July 23 in the sanctuary.** There will NOT be a 9:00 service at Davis Park that day.

2. Could you provide some snacks for the kids? We are rehearsing July 12, 13, 14 from 6-8 p.m. Could you provide some ice cream sandwiches or cookies?

We will rehearse from July 17-21 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Could you provide snacks for times when we take a break? How about bottles of water, or LUNCH? We have already had Ann Bull & Eddie Stephens offer to provide lunch on Monday – Thank you Ann & Eddie! We still need to eat Tues-Fri ☐

3. We may need help with some simple costuming or set design.

The musical will be directed by Sue Finger, Rachel Hochstetler and Erin Stout.

If you can help or have questions reach out to Sue Finger at sfinger@acsc.net or call her at 765-620-3170.



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Adult Ministries

We Worship Together

Worship Schedule for July 2023

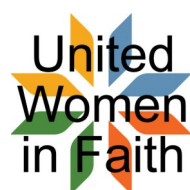
SUMMER BUCKET LIST

As we enjoy the freedoms that come with summer because of warm weather, changes in our schedules and planned vacations, let us remember that God has been and is a part of all we are enjoying. And has a message for us in our summer bucket list of activities.

July 2	Holy Communion Fireworks! Exodus 7:1-11 (NLT) 9 a.m. Music: Freeman, Bell, Molter Trio 10:45 a.m. Music: Michele Murray
July 9	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Riding the Waves Mark 4:35-41 (NLT) 9 a.m. Music: Inspiration Trio 10:45 a.m. Music: Inspiration Trio
July 16	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Campfires and S'mores Numbers 2:1-17 9 a.m. Music: Alpha Brass 10:45 a.m. Music: Michele Murray
July 23	ONE SERVICE @ 10 a.m. in Downtown Sanctuary Children's Musical: "Life is Good!"
July 30	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching Blessing for the Beginning of School 9 a.m. Music: Arrows of the Almighty 10:45 a.m. Music: Susan Finger

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on Saturday, July 15 8:00 am at Primrose. David Kyle will be sharing about his trip to Alaska. On Saturday, August 19, at 8:00 am also at Primrose Horace Chadbourne will be presenting a program.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

	Bible Study Circle	Friendship Circle
Leader:	Merrilyn Vance	Mary Falkenberry
Meeting Date:	no meeting in July	no meeting in July
Time:		
Location:		



Want people to know about your ministry?
Want to invite others to join you?
YOU NEED TO WRITE
for the bulletin (weekly Wednesday deadline)
and
the newsletter, VOICE (by third Sunday each month).
Submit your articles to Peg Peter in the church office at peg@andersonfirst.org

A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Fourth of July is a special time to applaud the birth of our nation while keeping the peace, justice, and freedom found in Christ at the center of the celebration. "For freedom, Christ has set all free." (Galatians 5:1)

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all those responsible for the government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and people may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen. ~ Andy Langford, UMC Discipleship Resources, Prayer for Independence Day



Thank you!!

Miriam and Charlie Jones would like to thank all of their church family for helping to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 24 at Davis Park.

Looking forward to many more years together!!!

RE-APPOINTED!

In the United Methodist Church ordained clergy are appointed by our bishop to serve a particular church one year at a time. At the Celebration of Ministry service during Annual Conference (June 8-10), Bishop Trimble announced that appointments in the Indiana United Methodist Conference were officially fixed. In commitment and renewal to my covenant as a clergy person in The United Methodist Church, I now reverently and with joy, accept my continued appointment to Anderson First UMC!

Praising God!

Rev. Corinne Boruff

PLUG INTO WORSHIP!

Worship with us at
9:00 a.m. Outdoor at Davis Park
(Lodge for Rain)
10:45 a.m. Downtown Sanctuary
Live stream & recorded online
(YouTube, Facebook and
Website)
2 p.m. Primrose Worship
Stay "plugged in" to hear God at
work

HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO GOD'S WORK HERE?

Weekly offering on Sundays
Online at www.andersonfirst.org/give
Mail

Bank Issued Checks

If you have questions about any of these,
please contact the church office or Pastor
Corinne directly at
corinne@andersonfirst.org; 317-902-1843

We Continue to Seek DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

As we look ahead at the ministries of this church and the appropriate staff to fill those positions we have decided to seek a full-time Director of Family Ministries who will be responsible for development, administration, supervision, and leadership of programs for children, youth and families in the areas of Christian education, discipleship, mission, and outreach. This person will work with your Senior Pastor. Job Descriptions are available at the church office and the website (www.andersonfirst.org). Interested and qualified persons should send a resume to corinne@andersonfirst.org and ddawillia@gmail.com. Please keep this in your prayers!

Don't just **GO** to church, **BE** the church!

STEP BY STEPPERS WALKING GROUP



Saturday, July 8 – Mounds State Park. We will meet at the Visitor's Center at 9 a.m. This is a moderately easy walk around the perimeter of the park.

Saturday, July 22 – Cardinal Greenway McCullough Trailhead. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. and carpool to the Trailhead. This is a paved but beautiful walk along an old railroad bed. Everyone of any age is welcome!

BON AMIS

Symphony of the Prairie—Monday, July 3



Join us for our annual trip to Connor Prairie Farm to enjoy the Star Spangled Symphony, a Celebration of our nation's 247th birthday. Tables are reserved for our group "down front." A box supper and beverages will be provided. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, singers, Honor Guards from the various Services, and fireworks are all part of a wonderful evening of celebration. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 5 p.m. We will return by 11:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$90 per person. Tickets are still available—Please contact Pastor Don Deena.

Indianapolis Indians Vs. Iowa Cubs – Friday, August 11

That iconic American pastime awaits: a baseball game on a summer evening followed by fireworks. Come join us at the ball game. We'll leave the church parking lot at 5 p.m. and return by 11:30 p.m. Food is not included on this trip. The cost for transportation and ticket is \$55 per person. Registration and payment must be made by Friday, July 21.

BON AMIS COORDINATOR NEEDED

Bon Amis events are scheduled through August of this year. With Pastor Don Deena's retirement, coordination of these events must change hands. We are on the lookout for a volunteer who enjoys organizing and participating in these kinds of events for groups. If you think that you might be the one and would like additional information, please contact Pastor Don Deena for a conversation.

JOY LUNCHEON

Friday, July 21 – Pat Walker: The Joy of Painting

Pat Walker is an avid painter. She loves bright colors and bold figures. She loves the quiet of this solitary activity. And Pat loves sharing her hobby with others. She will do just that following our luncheon together. 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, July 19.



Next Generation Ministries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sydni McCleery will be 9 years old on July 1 and will be a 4th grader at 10th Street Elementary School in Anderson when school begins in August.

Grace Stout will be 9 years old on July 5 and will be a 4th grader at Promise Road Elementary School in August

Jack Hasenmyer will be 8 years old on July 6 and will be a 3rd grader at Eastside Elementary School in Anderson this August.

Happy Birthday to each of these awesome kiddos!



PRAISE GOD FOR OUR BAPTISM

On June 18 we baptized
Adeline Thi Stremming
was baptized and welcomed officially into the Family of God.

Joining her were her loving family:

Parents: Tucker and Erin Stremming

Grandparents: Dick & Mary Falkenberry,

Bonnie & Doug Stremming

Uncles, Aunts and Cousins:

Matt & Maria Falkenberry, Ryan & Connor;

Tyler & Amanda Stremming

Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

Our Helping Hands Pantry in July will be on July 12th from 8:30 am until 11:00 am. We would like to request donations of the following items: Toilet Paper, Toothpaste and Dish Soap. We served 55 guests at our June Pantry. There continues to be a need for the products we provide to each guest. We are very thankful for the continued donations of our congregation that allow us to help so many people.

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ GRILLE

Community Café moved outdoors under the portico beginning in June for grilled burgers with cheese, chips, dessert and Gatorade. We regularly host 80 – 100 people, each Sunday at 4:30pm during the summer, June – September. Once a month, a small bag of groceries will also be provided. You are encouraged to come on by – check it out – and make some new friends.

Other Church News

TOLSTORIES: "FROM ARISTOCRAT TO HOLY FOOL"

Friday and Saturday, July 8, 9

In his newest show Doug Berky explores the world as seen through the writings of literary giant Leo Tolstoy. A theatrical adaptation of three of Tolstoy's short stories will give you an insight into the writer's spiritual struggles with the meaning of life. Expect a night filled with humor, insight, and even music as Doug brings some of Leo Tolstoy's more challenging stories to life. Doug Berky and his wife, Marian, were members of our congregation for a number of years and we welcome them for this return visit. Performances will be held at Davis Park in the Coyner Lodge on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday for a Matinee at 2 p.m. and later that evening at 7 p.m. The performance is presented at no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken for Ukraine Relief. You will not want to miss this opportunity. Bring a friend or several. You will be challenged as well as entertained.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

with Pastor Corinne at the Parsonage
Relax with conversation, study and dessert at the parsonage using "Life From the UpSide" by J. Ellsworth Kalas to guide our discussions.

WEDNESDAYS, July 5, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.

Topics to help us "see God at work in the world" will include:

Don't Blame the Donkey – Capitalize on Your Adversity

Party Gone Flat – When Life Loses Its Flavor

Color Her Moses – Never Give Up. Never.

Strange Victory – The Gains in Our Losses

Materials provided the first night.

Address: 2305 Sagamore Drive, Anderson

ALL ARE WELCOME!