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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

for

Rev. Don Deena Johnson

All of us have been touched by her compassion, wisdom, leadership, service, creativity and love in her 10 years of ministry at Anderson First UMC.

As she transitions into retirement, we want to show her how much we have appreciated all she has given and who she is. Join your church family in a full morning of celebration:

9 a.m. -- ONE SERVICE at Davis Park with Rev. Johnson preaching
10 a.m. (immediately following the service) – a celebration brunch with food, presentations and fellowship in Coyner Lodge.

Bring your cards and gifts to let to honor Pastor Don Deena for who she is and what she gifted to each of us.

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN.
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN.
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN.
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley

Adult Ministries

We Worship Together

Worship Schedule for August 2023

Three Simple Truths

God is Good All the Time
God Works for Good in Everything
Trust God No Matter What

"Stuff" happens every day. The next three Sundays will explore the character of God, the activity of God and the invitation of God which will guide us in dealing with the "stuff" of our lives.

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| August 6 | Communion God is Good All the Time Psalm 100 (NIV) 9 a.m. Music: Director's Jazz Orchestra 10:45 a.m. Music: Rachael Lashbrook |
| August 13 | 11 th Sunday after Pentecost God Works for Good in Everything Romans 8:18-28 (NIV) 9 a.m. Music: Arrows of the Almighty 10:45 am. Music: Sarah Taylor |
| August 20 | 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Trust God No Matter What Proverbs 3:1-8 (NLT) 9 a.m. Music: Joyful Jazz 10:45 a.m. Music: Michele |
| August 27 | ONE WORSHIP SERVICE – 9 a.m. Davis Park Pastor Don Deena Johnson preaching Music: Plainsong Girls Retirement Celebration for Pastor Don Deena Coyner Lodge – Immediately following worship Refreshments, presentations and fellowship |
| September 3 | LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE Labor Day Sunday & Communion Watch Where You Step Exodus 3:1-7, 9-10 (NLT) 9 a.m. Music: Mark & Michele Murray 10:45 a.m. Music: Mark & Michele Murray |

PICTURES/VIDEOS

Create and send all of your pictures and videos of church activities to be shown throughout the year during worship in the sanctuary. For tips on how to create videos, see our website. Send your clips to corinne@andersonfirst.org or text 317-902-1843. We are celebrating all the ways God is working among us!



Daily devotions help us connect to God no matter where we are. "Upper Room" Devotionals are available at the entrance of Coyner Lodge and the downtown office. Small booklets are \$.85 and large are \$1.30. You can also access the devotions and more online at www.upperroom.org.

Director's Jazz Orchestra

Did you know, DJO will be performing at The Jazz Kitchen on August 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm?

Did you also know DJO will be leading worship thru music on August 7 at Davis Park? And....

Did you also know DJO will be performing a concert at Falls Park in Pendleton on August 28 at 6:00?

Sounds like 3 awesome opportunities to enjoy awesome music.



Treasurer's Minute for: June 2023

| | JUNE ACTUAL | | 2023 YEAR TO DATE | |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
| Monthly Contributions | \$33,915 | \$36,294 | \$228,720 | \$225,558 |
| Other Income | \$3,410 | \$4,557 | \$21,246 | \$25,600 |
| Total Income | \$37,325 | \$40,851 | \$249,966 | \$251,158 |
| Total Expense | \$45,124 | \$50,481 | \$299,996 | \$305,984 |
| Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw | (\$7,799) | (\$9,630) | (\$50,031) | (\$54,826) |
| Endowment Earnings Distribution | \$12,264 | \$13,896 | \$73,585 | \$73,585 |
| Remaining Excess (Deficit) | \$4,466 | \$4,266 | \$23,554 | \$18,760 |

DID YOU KNOW: That through June 30, 2023 (50% of the year) FUMC has received 58% of its budgeted pledge giving?



GRIEF SHARE

Feeling the emptiness of loss of a loved one?
This 13-week support will give you tools to help yourself
move forward in you life journey.
Meet with Carol Watson on Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
in N.S. Parlor.



Plan now to be present!
Sunday, September 3 ~ Labor Day; Last Sunday of Summer Schedule
Sunday, September 10 ~ RETURN SUNDAY
(ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m. in the Downtown Sanctuary)

ASKING FOR YOUR PRAYERS

As we move into our fall schedule your ongoing prayers are requested.
Pray for:

Those filling our new positions — Director of Family Ministries
and Outreach Coordinator
Our children and their families
Our ministries of “Nurturing Families” & “Serving our Communities”
Our church family as we transition into all God has in store for us
Your pastor for wisdom and guidance
There is power in your personal connection to God through prayer.



COME JOIN THE CHOIR

Its that time of year again! Return Sunday brings the
Sanctuary Choir back. To begin our schedule off, we
will be hosting a pitchin on August 30 beginning at 6 pm.
At Davis Park

We will be practicing a few tunes to prepare us for
Return Sunday, but regular practice will begin on Wednesday, September
6 at 6:00 pm.

We are ALWAYS in need of new voices to join us, so show up at Davis Park
on August 30th, for food, fellowship and song, and try us out!

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on Saturday, August 19, at 8:00 am
at Primrose where Horace Chadbourne will be presenting the program.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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| Bible Study Circle | Friendship Circle |
| Leader: Merrilyn Vance | Mary Falkenberry |
| Meeting Date: no meeting in August | no meeting in August |

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Bible Study will begin meeting again on August 4, 2023 at 9:00
am in the North/South Parlor. All are invited to join us in studying **Messy
People, Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes**, by Jennifer
Coward. Looking for more information? Ask Peg Peter.



STEP BY STEPPERS WALKING GROUP

Saturday, August 12 – Shadyside Park. We will meet at Bobber's on Alex
Pike at 9 a.m. This is an easy walk around Shadyside Lake. Everyone is
welcome.

Saturday, August 26 – Eagle Creek Park – Indy. We will meet in the church
parking lot at 9 a.m. and carpool to Eagle Creek. This is a beautifully
maintained park with easy trails along the creek and through the woods.

BON AMIS

Indianapolis Indians Vs. Iowa Cubs – Friday, August 11

There are still some tickets available for this summer evening ball game
complete with fireworks. If you haven't signed up but would like to go,
please check with Pastor Don Deena Johnson. 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. Come
and enjoy that iconic American pastime – all are welcome.



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, August 18 – Jeff Dyer: Emergency Management

Jeff Dyer, the Director of Madison County Emergency Management will tell us
about his work and share with us the important things we should know about the
handling of emergencies in our county. Lunch will begin at 11:30 at a cost of
\$12 per person. The program begins at noon. Please sign up in the church
office by Wednesday, August 16.

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Next Generation Ministries



"Life is Good!" That was the name of the children's musical that we all enjoyed in worship in the sanctuary on July 23. Thank you to Sue Finger, Rachel Hochstetler and Erin Stout for putting this all together and for leading the children in rehearsals. We were treated, not just to a fun service of music led by our children, but also to a meaningful worship experience.

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Children's Musical "Life is Good" - from providing lunches, snacks, prayers and continuous support—
WE THANK YOU!

What a blessing to work with the kids and we were thrilled with their performance!
Thanks! Sue, Rachel and Erin

Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

Our next Helping Hands Pantry will be August 9th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. We would like to request donations of toilet paper, bar soap and toothbrushes. These items will help us provide some of the supplies that our guests are in need of. We served 83 guests at our July 12th Pantry, which was 28 guests more than we served at our June 14th pantry. A number of the additional guests were at our Pantry for the first time. We continue to be blessed by the continued donations of our congregation that help us serve so many people.

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

NEW OUTREACH MINISTRIES COORDINATORS

With the unanimous recommendation of Staff/Parish and Finance Committees and the ratification of your Church Council, David and Susan Selby have been hired to serve as part-time Outreach Coordinators, beginning August 1, 2023. Together they will give oversight to our current Outreach ministries and to our faithful and caring volunteers. They will guide the creation of the budget and keep track of all Outreach income and expenses. They will participate in staff meetings and submit reports to the Church Council. And they will guide the Outreach Committee in imagining ways of expanding our congregation's connection to the community through our outreach ministries. We welcome David and Susan to our staff and to ministry among us.

Other Church News

AUGUST IS "HAPPINESS HAPPENS" MONTH

It's a known fact that happiness is contagious and sharing your happiness can bring a smile to someone's face. The month reminds us that happiness can be found in even little things that we might not notice. Spreading joy with others can help make the world a better place.

"Happiness Happens" was started by a group called the Secret Society of Happy People founded by Pamela Johnson in August 1998. You too can make the world a better place by sharing what makes you smile!

REFOCUS REBUILD REVIVE

The North Central District will be focusing on these three words in the coming season. Whatever we are doing within our district should be Christ-centered, freedom-giving and come from a welcoming heart. You'll hear more about this soon. We will:

Refocus

on building a Christ-centered community model.

Rebuild

by giving young people leadership and participation in the church.

Revive

our district by empathizing with and welcoming the unchurched.

VACCINATION CLINIC

Madison County Health Dept. will set up a clinic in the NS Parlor for members and community NS Parlor on Thursday, September 14, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Flu vaccinations, COVID vaccinations and boosters, as well as COVID onsite testing will be available. No appointment is necessary. Plan ahead!