



## First United Methodist

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# THE VOICE

## Newsletter of First United Methodist MINISTRIES OF AFUMC

Listed below are ministries presently available.  
As the need arises and the Lord leads, other ministries will be added.  
*"Do to others as you would like them to do to you." Luke 6:31*

Adult Small Groups  
GriefShare  
Bible Studies/Advent/Lent  
First Kids – Sundays  
Children's Message -- Sundays  
Library Ministry  
Church Office Volunteer  
Communion Preparation/Serving  
Care Team – visits, cards, calls  
Drama Ministry  
Hospital Visitation Ministry  
Hospitality/Refreshments  
Ushers – Sundays/specials  
Greeters – Sundays/specials  
Prayer Group  
Prayer Bear Ministry  
Maintenance Ministry  
Mowing Crew  
Men's Fellowship Group  
Outreach Committee  
Buddy Bags  
Community Café/Grille/Food@First  
Blessing Bags  
Emergency Utility Assistance  
Helping Hands Non-Food Pantry  
Blanket Ministry  
Bulletin Board Ministry  
Gateway Connection  
Christmas Support/Gifts  
Appreciation Ministry  
Seasonal Decorating  
Security Team  
Altar Decoration Ministry  
Communion Team  
Communion Delivery  
Family Ministry  
Nursery Ministry  
Children – Wednesdays  
Confirmation – Youth  
Mentoring  
Children's Messages  
Prison and Jail Ministry  
Promotional (advertising) Ministry  
JOY Lunch  
Sound System Ministry

Technology Ministry  
Library Book Club  
Librarian Assistance  
Sewing/Quilting  
Festival of Lights  
Office Volunteer  
Exercise Program  
Downtown Devotions  
Music Ministries:  
Bell Choir/Chimes  
Sanctuary Choir  
Arrows of the Almighty  
Alpha Brass  
Joyful Jazz  
Children's Choir  
Wesley Chorale  
Joyful Sound  
Community Business Connection  
Health Ministry  
Soccer/Basketball Devotion Ministry  
Davis Park Care Ministry  
Butterfly Garden/Labyrinth  
Primrose Worship  
Worship Leader  
Lay Minister (training available)  
Finance/Stewardship Ministries  
Trustees/Facilities  
Prison Ministry  
College Care Package Ministry  
Fellowship Dinner Ministry  
Funeral Meal Ministry  
Bell Tower/Carillon Ministry  
AU Connection  
UMW Circle Ministries  
Stephen Ministry (trained)  
Host: IEHA Clubs  
AARP  
AA/AA Book Club  
AACC/AAYC  
Girl Scouts  
Isabelle Society  
Rotary (Anderson Morning)  
Primrose Memory Care  
Sewing/Quilting Groups

**WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?**

# Adult Ministries

## We Worship Together

### Worship Schedule for October 2023

October 1	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY/COMMUNION Luke 16:10-13 (NLT) When We Get it Right Music: Joyful Sound
October 8	STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION Galatians 5:1-23 (NLT) Live Free! Music: Brass Quartet Releasing Bubbles immediately after worship
October 15	GATEWAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY Rev. Don Deena Johnson preaching Music: Sanctuary Choir
October 22	21 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Judges 3:12-30 When Being Left Was Right Music: Wesley Bells Stewardship Celebration Meal in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am
October 29	FAMILY MINISTRY SUNDAY 1 Peter 4:8-11 (NIV) A Heart of Love Music: Alpha Brass

### DEFYING GRAVITY

A Call to Stewardship

Our Stewardship series examines the generous life—what it is and why it can be hard to experience. We want to understand why generosity brings people joy and what forces work against it. Many of us want to experience the significance of blessing others but feel trapped by past decisions and misled by a society that bombards us with messages of having more is better. The Good News is Jesus offers us a way to “defy gravity” and break free from the culture of more.

### STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION MEAL

Join us on Sunday, October 22  
in fellowship hall immediately after the worship service (11:15 a.m.).  
Meal will be catered so come and enjoy!  
We will be celebrating the results of a successful stewardship series  
and projected giving for 2024!  
Make a REAL celebration by giving all that God is calling you to give!

### GATEWAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 15

Rev. Don Deena Johnson preaching

Serving our community with excellence, it is an honor for Anderson First United Methodist Church to house the ministry of this acclaimed organization.

Some of their attributes:

Licensed by the State of Indiana

Level 4 Paths to QUALITY Provider

CCDF Child Care Vouchers are Accepted

Only NAEYC Accredited Daycare in Anderson

Participates in On My Pre-K

On this Sunday, Gateway staff, board members and families will be a part of praising God bringing for us together and the lives that are reached.

We will join them in celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> year in Madison County as Gateway Association, Inc. was founded as the Madison County United Cerebral Palsy Association in 1953. With periodic expansions, it was in 2007, the agency expanded services to include a full-day licensed child care program that welcomes children of all abilities.

### FAMILY MINISTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 28

Your children, youth and families will share  
in leading the worship service  
as they demonstrate how they are growing and  
experiencing God’s love.  
Show your support with your presence!

### NEXT STEP

Take the next step of involvement in the church by  
serving on a committee or team.

Administrative Committees include:

Church Council, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Board of Trustees,  
Finance Committee, Investment Committee and Nominations Committee.

Other way to serve can be found in the “List of Ministries at AFUMC.”

Don’t simply attend church; BE the church.

# Other Church News

## IS THIS YOU?

We all deal with our money differently. Monologues as our Call to Worship during our Stewardship Series, have invited us to hear ourselves. On September 17 Rachael Hochstetler challenged us the "Call of the Wild."

"I am about to go on a safari. For a person like me, going to the Mall is like entering a retail jungle. The big game items in the electronics department call me to secure them on my walls. Sale signs guide my trail through the clothing departments, the housewares, even the automotive department. Every aisle has trophies that have to be claimed and taken home. The shopping adventure is satisfied ...until the bills come. **I can't pass up a sale...but my financial priorities suffer.**"

On September 24, Chris Tupling called to see ourselves in "Batten Down the Hatches." "I worry about money all the time! Planning for the kids' college, saving for a vacation, preparing for retirement; some people just take in stride – they make it look easy. Not me! I am hyper-focused on saving because I feel money matters are overwhelming... and urgent! **It is difficult for me to spend anything on myself, much less give any of my money away!**"

In "Bucket List Bingo" Sharon McNabney will challenge us on October 1 to examine our priorities. "I take the concept of a bucket list very seriously. Life is finite and that day is coming when I won't be able to enjoy any more experiences. So when an e-mail offers a trip to an exotic location pops up, or a friend tells of an expensive experience, I remind myself that I only live once. I live for those big-ticket adventures, those once in a life-time events. **All my money goes to checking items off my bucket list!**"

Stewardship is more than our money; it also includes the time and talents we give back to God. "I Am the Gift" reminds us that God calls not to pick and choose but to be open to all God calls us to give, including our money. On October 8, we will hear: "Those like me who are in human service fields, such as teachers, preachers, social workers, and employees at nonprofits, often have lower salaries. We spend our time and talent each day assisting others who often are in difficult situations. **I feel that I have given my life to service sooo...I should not have to gift of my money too!**"

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Anderson First and other United Methodist Churches in the North Central District will be meeting for our annual reporting on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10-12 p.m. at New Horizons UMC, Anderson. All leaders or chairpersons are to attend. All are welcome!

## WHAT IS CHARGE CONFERENCE?

It is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. The charge conference gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Bible Study Circle

Leader: Merrilyn Vance  
Meeting Date: October 5  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Location: North/South Parlor

### Friendship Circle

Mary Falkenberry  
October 5  
10:00 am  
North/South Parlor

## J.O.Y LUNCH

All "just older youth" are invited to lunch on Friday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in North South Parlor  
Lunch Cost is \$12

(collected at the door)

Ally Hall, Director of Family Ministries will share with us about some of her favorites in ministry and in her life.

Make your reservation by Wed. October 18 in the church office.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on Saturday, October 21, at 8:00 am at Primrose where Don Shults will be presenting the program.

## MAKE TIME TO PRAY

Join Pastor Corinne every Sunday in the Chapel for 5 minutes of prayer. If you can't spare 5 minutes, stop by to pick up the prayer card to pray at home. We are praying for those who God is preparing to join us! Short pray, Huge impact!

## ARE YOU LISTENING....?

God has plans for you to facilitate an Adult Class at a time and location of your choosing.

God is not seeking a person with "all the answers" but the person who has the desire to point others to Christ.

Listen because God is talking to you!

*Pastor Corinne will assist in equipping you with material and details.*





## Family Ministries

I am super excited to tell you that we have started something new at Anderson First Kids! We have launched Hyfi – a new and amazing curriculum that is all about real connection and true belonging. Each week our kids will connect with God as we focus on 12 simple truths about who they are because of who God is. They will connect with the gospel through Bible story videos, energetic games and activities, and side-by-side learning where each and every kid will feel invited to talk, share, and discover together. They will feel like they have a place to belong as they join a team, participate together, and know that they are seen, known, and valued. Our first Simple Truth is, “I am known” and our theme is Zoom In! We want your kids to know that they are known because God made them, He hears them, He sees them, and He knows their stories. So, this month, take time to celebrate the amazing ways God made each of you and how well He knows and loves you!



Leland Hochstetler

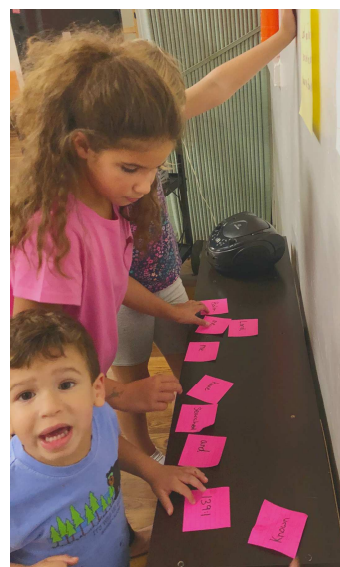
Maizen Hochstetler



Skyler St. Laurent  
Lucas, Emma & Ian Tupling  
Jack and Ella Hassenmyer

*Ally*

Caroline & Jackson  
Taylor



## Outreach Ministries

### HELPING HANDS PANTRY

The next Helping Hands Pantry is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. We would like to request donations of toilet paper, bar soap, and either shampoo or liquid hand soap. The generous donations of our congregation enable us to give personal hygiene and cleaning products to more guests. In September, we served 96 guests and we anticipate that those numbers may continue as the weather changes. The support we receive from our congregation not only blesses our Pantry volunteers, but also those we serve.

*Sincerely, Linda Verhulst and Juanita Slattery*

### COMMUNITY GRILLE

It is our pleasure to provide an update on the summer Grille at First UMC. We have seen substantial growth in the ministry, having served a record 201 meals at a recent Grille. This points to Pastor Corinne's heart for helping our guests and the dedication and commitment of our church community who pitch in to make this all possible.

We would like to thank all of the teams who help routinely and those who help as needed on short notice. Your hard work and dedication made the summer Grille a huge success. Thanks to security, volunteers, maintenance and our teams for providing the necessary assistance for this ministry.

We transition at this point to the Community Cafe and Food at First. This means inside meals and groceries for our guests. Thank you in advance for your continued participation and support.

In Christ, Dave and Susan

### Treasurer's Minute for: August 2023

	AUGUST ACTUAL		2023 YEAR TO DATE	
	2023	2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Monthly Contributions	\$31,031	\$20,711	\$293,640	\$279,372
Other Income	\$2,810	\$2,710	\$27,887	\$32,950
Total Income	\$33,841	\$23,421	\$321,527	\$312,322
Total Expense	\$50,083	\$50,119	\$394,428	\$403,361
Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw	(\$16,242)	(\$26,698)	(\$72,901)	(\$91,039)
Endowment Earnings Distribution	\$12,264	\$13,896	\$98,113	\$98,113
Remaining Excess (Deficit)	(\$3,978)	(\$12,802)	\$25,212	\$7,075

*DID YOU KNOW: That FUMC has saved over \$400/month by changing from color to monochrome copies on printing?*