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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist

2024 GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Abigail Plummer

Abigail received a Core 40 high school diploma from Anderson High School. A close friend gave her the information for a job at Anderson First United Methodist Church and she was hired. She has worked here for 1 1/2 years. Abigail is going to Anderson University to study elementary education and minor in special education in the Fall of 2024.

Paris Warner

Anderson Preparatory Academy
Core 40 Diploma

Paris was a childcare provider at the church.

She plans on attending Anderson University for Elementary Education

Jessica Lynn Moore

Daleville Jr. Sr. High School Graduate
Core 40 diploma

Going to Ivy Tech to become a teacher.

Kayleigh Juillerat

Anderson University Graduate

Served as a kids program leader at Anderson First UMC for the 2023-24 school year.

Currently serving as a missionary in Uruguay for 3 months.

Hope Jones

She finally walked ...

In June 2020, after having her senior year of high school cut short by Covid, Hope's high school graduation consisted of shaking hands with the AHS principal on a makeshift stage in the AHS parking lot, alone except for Mom and a few cars containing classmates awaiting their turn. After that, she was determined to have a "real" graduation, surrounded by classmates and being celebrated by her family, friends and community. On May 11, 2024, she got her wish. Surrounded by classmates, family, friends and faculty during a ceremony celebrating both high school and college struggles and achievements, Hope Jones graduated from Xavier University, Cincinnati with a B.A in Liberal Arts, emphasis on Actuarial Science and minor in Math.

While studying at Xavier, she was a participant with several campus organizations. An active member of the Xavier LGBT+ Alliance, she took part in the 3rd Annual Lavender Graduation on May 7, 2024. Continuing her avocation for music, Hope was principal trombone with the Xavier Jazz Orchestra for three years and the Xavier Wind Ensemble for two years. She was part of the Basketball Pep Band for all four years, attending the Big East Tournament in NYC two years in a row. A four-year member of Club Fencing, Hope served as vice president and president while becoming proficient with an Epee. As member of the Actuarial Science Club, she served as president her senior year.

She is moving into the future with a position as an accounts receivable specialist at the American Pain Consortium in Carmel, Indiana.

Please join the Jones family as we celebrate Hope's accomplishments with a come & go cookout/reception at Mounds Park's Friends Shelter on Sat. June 15, 2024 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

GRADUATES HONORED

Sunday, June 9 @ 9 a.m. Service

A Prayer for our Graduates

May you have WISDOM in heart and mind
SUCCESS in every challenge you find
COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you
BELIEF in yourself to make it come true
STRENGTH to do your best and endure
And the guiding light of FAITH to ensure
That wherever you go, whatever you do,
God's LOVE will always see you through.
Lisa O. Englehardt



Adult Ministries

SUMMER SCHEDULE—WORSHIP

Every Sunday: Worship Services
 9 a.m. Outside at Davis Park
Kids Ministry during worship (lodge)
 10:45 a.m. Downtown in NS Parlor
 2 p.m. Primrose

Every Sunday: Community Grille, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Worship Theme for JUNE: Games We Play

Games we learned and enjoyed as children are still the games some continue to play throughout life. We will explore how we are still playing games and what that means for our relationship with God and others.

- June 2 Holy Communion
 Games We Play: Telephone
 1 Samuel 3:1-21 (NLT)
 Music: Ernie Coleson's Trio (9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

- June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Recognition of Graduates (9 am.)
 Games We Play: Hide & Seek
 Exodus 3:1-14 (MSG)
 Music: Rachel Lashbrook (9 a.m.)
 Sue Finger (10:45 a.m.)

- June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Games We Play: Tag – You're It!
 Esther 4:1-15 (NLT)
 Music: Matt Finger (9 a.m.)
 Michele Murray (10:45 a.m.)

- June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Games We Play: Simon Says
 Genesis 6:9-22 (NLT)
 Music: Joyful Jazz (9 a.m.)
 Michele Murray (10:45 a.m.)
 Family Ministry will be leading Primrose Worship – 2 p.m.

- June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Games We Play: Charades
 Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-28; 13:1-3 (NLT)
 Music: Mark & Michele Murray (9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The June Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, June 8, at 8:00 am at Primrose. Tom Cullop will be the featured speaker.



Why put money in the bowls or baskets when I come forward for communion? Your special financial gift on the first Sunday of each month is used for Emergency Utility Assistance (EUA). As there is more need from those who cannot help themselves, there is more need for your gift! EUA is offered to our community the 2nd Wednesday each month. A limited amount is offered in situations where a disconnect bill for gas or electricity is pending. This allows them to avoid a disconnection for a month. Your financial gift means that for this month they will have electricity or gas to keep their refrigerators running, their lights on, their heat or air conditioner working, and their oxygen pump charged, a stove to cook a meal, and the list continues. You impact a life and usually the lives of children and others in that household. Prayerfully consider giving to this ministry. As you walk forward to receive anew the gift of Christ that our generous God has given you, consider being generous as well.

"SAVE A LIFE"

Mark your calendar!

Donate blood as we host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 19
 10-2 p.m. in the East West Parlor
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE!
 Walk-ins welcome; register for no wait!



LOST AND FOUND

If you have misplaced something, i.e. eyeglasses, jewelry, notebooks, coats, please check in the Church Office.

MUSICIAN NEEDED

Sundays, 2 p.m. at Primrose—June and August
 Pastor Corinne shares worship leadership at Primrose with Pastor Don Deena Johnson. During the Sundays of *June and August* a musician is needed to accompany hymns and offer some special music (as desired) before and/or after the service. The service is less than an hour long. About 20 residents are members of this congregation and thoroughly enjoy the music we share.
 Contact Pastor Corinne at corinne@andersonfirst.org or 17-902-1843.
Thank you for George Smith for filling this role the past year!

Treasurer's Minute for: April 2024

	APRIL ACTUAL		2024 YEAR TO DATE	
	2024	2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Monthly Contributions	\$19,846	\$41,063	\$164,533	\$167,061
Other Income	\$3,344	\$3,716	\$14,102	\$14,630
Total Income	\$23,190	\$44,779	\$178,634	\$181,691
Total Expense	\$44,220	\$51,708	\$209,547	\$210,779
Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw	(\$21,030)	(\$6,929)	(\$30,913)	(\$29,088)
Endowment Earnings Distribution	\$12,292	\$12,264	\$49,169	\$49,169
Remaining Excess (Deficit)	(\$8,737)	\$5,335	\$18,257	\$20,081

DID YOU KNOW: That annual utilities cost for the downtown FUMC facility is approximately \$75k / year?

Church News

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We are thrilled to welcome our newest member to Anderson First UMC! Welcome to Andre' Streaty who joined the church by transfer from New Hope UMC on Sunday, May 5.

AACC/YC THANK YOU!

Tuesday (May 14) was AACC/YC last rehearsal for this season and we could not have done it without you. I just wanted to send a few lines to Thank You for all your enthusiasm and support this past year. We are very grateful for your kindness by opening your doors to our kiddos. Your help into giving them a safe place to come and fellowship together is priceless! See you in August. Have a wonderful summer!

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE

Charlie Jones was recently the recipient of the 2024 Elmo Funk Ideal of Service Award made by the Anderson Noon Rotary Club. Charlie has distinguished himself in a manner that demonstrates the objectives of Rotary International, which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise. He has truly shown his participation in these ideals in many humanitarian and community endeavors. Congratulations Charlie for this much deserved award.

TWO FREE CONCERTS!!

June 10 — Fall Creek Valley Band will present a concert at Davis Park, 7 p.m. AND

June 25 — 38th Infantry Division Band Concert is at Davis Park, 7 p.m. Bring your friends & family, bring your lawn chairs, and plan to relax by enjoying some wonderful music in a beautiful setting!
In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the sanctuary.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Indiana Conference comes together annually over multiple days for worship and to collaborate on the business of the Church. Each year, we honor retirees, remember the lives and ministries of those who have joined the Church Triumphant, and celebrate those who have answered God's call to serve the Church as licensed, commissioned, and ordained clergy persons. AC2024 meets at St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis from June 5-8. Eligible to vote from AFUMC are Matt Stout, Dorinda Cassiday and Pastor Corinne. Please keep the work of the conference in your prayers.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

July 10-13, 2024 in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Jurisdictional Conferences are a collection of Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church located inside the United States. The constitution of The United Methodist Church established five jurisdictions within the United States and it specifies which states will be a part of each. Among other judiciary responsibilities, the Jurisdictional Conference provides Bishops to serve and lead conferences.

Indiana UMC will receive a new Bishop to begin September 1, 2024.

J.O.Y. LUNCH

June 21

Come to hear unpublished information on Abraham Lincoln presented Dr. Brian Dirck, AU History Professor at this month's J.O.Y. Lunch June 21 at 11:30-1 p.m. The study of Lincoln is Dr. Dirck's passion. Chicken Salad from Arby's will be the main course of the lunch. Make your reservation by Wed. June 19 by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977. Cost of the meal is \$12 per person and is paid upon arrival. All are welcome!

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Read a Chapter of Acts each weekday
June 3-July 8

Pastor Corinne invites you to embark on a transformative journey with the Read a Chapter a Day challenge! Reading the Bible is one of the essential spiritual practices of disciples. Join the summer challenge to read a chapter of Acts each weekday, starting June 3 and concluding on July 8. This challenge is an opportunity for us to grow together in faith, wisdom, and community. If you want to receive the daily reading in an email, please send an email to: corinne@andersonfirst.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMENT



United Women in Faith Circles will not meet in June, July or August. However, that doesn't mean there is nothing going on. Take time to review the Reading Program books currently in our library. It only takes 5 books in each of five categories, to earn a level 1 reading program. The five categories of books include Leadership Development, Education for Mission, Social Action, Spiritual Growth and Nurturing Community. Also, at the last North Central District Meeting we learned that the Anderson First United Women in Faith completed all 5 channels of undesignated giving for 2023, and the 3 conference askings. We were one of six units in the North Central District to accomplish that goal. Thank you all for your giving and supporting UWF projects.

GRIEFSHARE

Grieving a loss? Join Ron & Carol Watson on Mondays, 10:30-12 p.m. in NS. Parlor for these 13 sessions of healing. Dates of sessions are: June 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26 and Sept. 9, 16, 23. Come as often as you can for this opportunity. Contact Carol Watson at (765) 356-2327 for more information.

PRAYER & PASTRY

Join Pastor Corinne for Max Lucado's "Before Amen"

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in North South Parlor. Let's take a journey in prayer together as we enjoy for 4-weeks a video, dessert and discussion.

June 26 – Session 1: Father, You are Good

July 3 – Session 2: I Need Help

July 10 – Session 3: They Need Help

July 17 – Session 4: Thank you



Family Ministries

This June at First Kids we are introducing a new theme, *Amp It Up*, which will focus on the Simple Truth, "I Am Here to Share Jesus." We will teach kids that part of their God-designed identity is to tell others about Jesus—they can tell their family, their friends, their neighbors, and the world! We can't wait to help kids know more about the unique way God has equipped them to share Jesus. I hope you will join us at Anderson First UMC on Sundays at 9am when we gather at Davis Park!

DP Move

During our 9am worship service, all children are invited to worship as a family on the first Sunday of the month, just like our downtown services. For the remainder of the month, we will worship as a family and then dismiss following the Children's Moment for the kids to continue our First Kids lessons in the lodge. This allows our kids to continue their regular classes with age-appropriate activities. It also gives our parents a chance to worship and ensures that our leadership can welcome new families with the same quality of care we offer downtown. Please make sure to sign in your kids before worship starts at the table by the lodge. All kids under 3 can immediately be dropped off in the sunroom before worship. All children 3 and up will be together in the lodge after we are dismissed. Please direct any questions you have about this change to Ally Hall. We can't wait to worship with you and your families this summer!



SOS

It's going to be a great summer at Anderson First Kids!

This year we are having a Summer of Serving, and we need your help! Every week in June and July, we will have specific serving opportunities for you and your families to do over the summer that will impact our community. We will have weekday and weekend opportunities to serve. That way, no matter what your summer plans are, you can find time to work some of our SOS events into your family calendar. Each event presents a unique opportunity to serve our community and show our kids that you are never too young to make a difference. Check out the SOS Events calendar below. We can't wait to spend the summer serving alongside you and your family!

- Every week in June: School supply drive for Operation Love
- June 8th @ 9-10:30- Davis Park Beautification
- June 12th @ 2pm- Blessing Bags for Community Grill
- Week of June 16th- Make baked goods and deliver them to the Fire Department
- June 23rd @ 2pm- Primrose Family Worship Service
- July 1st @ 10am- Hiding notes in Anderson Public Library
- July 8th @ 9am-11:30- Stuff Backpacks at Operation Love
- Week of July 14th- Make cards and visit with a grandparent figure
- Week of July 21st- Anderson First Kids Musical

God Bless,
Ally Hall
Director of Family
Ministries



Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

At our Helping Hands Nonfood Pantry on May 8th, we were able to give 65 women and 34 men bags that included 2 mega rolls of toilet paper, a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, hand sanitizer and dish soap. We had several first-time guests. We were glad to be able to help so many people and our guests were thankful to receive the products we gave them. The generous donations of our congregation helped us serve 99 people. Our next Pantry is on June 12, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and we would like to request donations of toilet paper, bar soap and shampoo. We feel blessed to be part of a congregation that helps us serve our community.
Sincerely, Linda Verhulst, Juanita Slattery and Karen Ambler

NEW TIMES

Emergency Utility Assistance – 9-10:30 a.m.
Helping Hands Food Pantry – 9-11 a.m.
Both will still be on the 2nd Wed. of the month.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Greetings and good news! Matthew 6:8, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Summer is approaching. That means we transition to Davis Park and for the Outreach team, we transition from indoor meals to the outdoor Grille. Last summer the Grille served 101 at it's peak. During that time, we found it difficult to cook ahead and fast enough for our community guests. Candy Short informed us of a grant that might be able to assist in our need for an additional grill. After writing the grant, our request was approved and the grill was delivered May 7th. What an answer to prayer! Cindy Shortridge, Bill Brown, Richard Cassidy, Sharon McNabney, Dave and I will be coordinating the Grille meals and hopefully be able to serve our guests in a timely fashion due to this recent acquisition. Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." *Sincerely, Susan*

A special THANK YOU to Frank and Sarah Later for providing the weekly water bottles for the Community Grille this summer. They are both purchasing and delivering. Thank you!

Music Ministries

WE NEED YOUR HELP! KIDS' MUSICAL.....

We are doing it again!!! Our second musical is being planned right now! **FAITH NEWS!** is the name of this year's musical and we ask for your help in the following ways:

1. Invite children you know to join us! Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, July 17 at 6 .pm.
2. We need snacks and lunch and bottles of water. Snacks are needed in the evenings of July 17, 18, & 19. Snacks are needed every day July 22-26
Lunch is needed July 23-26 (we already have a volunteer for July 22)
Cookies are needed for coffee hour following the performance on July 28

If you are able to help please contact Ally Hall at ally@andersonfirst.org
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