

STEWARDSHIP
September 21, 2025 – 10 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

*"Take a long, hard look. See how great God is—
infinite, **greater than** anything
you could ever imagine or figure out!" Job 36:26*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Mendel
based on Psalm 92

ONE: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us
shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**ALL: Let us come before the Lord with
thanksgiving, with music and song.**

ONE: For the Lord is the great God.

**ALL: The Lord is our fortress and will not be
shaken. Come let us worship the Lord!**

***HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #66

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
motherlike, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Give Me Jesus" Mary Mendel
Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Praise
him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Mary Mendel

ANTHEM "A New Jerusalem Arise" Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joe Snyder

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" #529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

NEW TESTAMENT

Joe Snyder

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud
and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable.
Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we
need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money
to do good. They should be rich in good works and
generous to those in need, always being ready to share
with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their
treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they
may experience true life.

Please stand in body & spirit out of respect for the Gospel.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is
wise, like a person who builds a house on solid
rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the
floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house,
it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But
anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is
foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.
²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat
against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Investment > Quick Fix Rev. Boruff
In this year's stewardship campaign, are we willing to
step into the "Greater Than" by investing in the future
rather than opting for the quick fix?

HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" #399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them
move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet,
and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my
King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect,
and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer
mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it
shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I
will be ever, only, all for thee.

LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Dear Lord, we come to ask you to help us be more
generous.

**Give us generous hearts so we may fully
appreciate all your many gifts to us.**

So we may give without counting the cost.

**So we may share without expecting something
in return.**

So we may know the joy that comes from helping
others.

**So we may hold all our treasures in an open
hand.**

So we may recognize the many blessings in each new
day.

**So we may learn the difference between what
we need and what we want.**

So we may ever thank you and serve you.

**Lord, we ask all of this, knowing that you are
our foundation – our forever investment. Bless
us as we live and give like you. Amen!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Mary Mendel, Joe Snyder
& Don Shults
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Sound Tech: Jim Hudson; Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:** Anderson First United Methodist Church
Downtown: 1215 Jackson St., Anderson IN 46016;
Davis Park: 4507 Nichol Ave., Anderson 46011
Website: www.andersonfirst.org
Phone: 765-643-6977
- **BOOK SIGNING:** Our resident author, DeWayne Landwehr, has published a new book. Copies will be available in the narthex on **TODAY** Sunday, September 21.
- **TODAY — CARING HEARTS COMMUNITY CONCERT:** An inspirational concert of many voices on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Don't miss!!
- **GOD IS GREATER THAN** — Wrist Bands are available today with our stewardship symbols. Wear your band to remind you of how great our God is!
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 117 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Brian White will lead "Invitation to Romans" beginning Sept. 8-Nov. 3 on Mondays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the N.S. Parlor.
- **MUSICIANS NEEDED:** Have you given any thought to being part of the music program at AFUMC? This is an open invitation to join the Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals are Weds. from 7-8 p.m. You do not need able to read music to participate and you will enjoy the fellowship and music making. Contact Sue Finger if interested.

We give thanks for today's:
Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Ryan Falkenberry, Jeff Dyer
Greeters: Jim Ault, Pat Walker
Fellowship Time: Miriam and Charlie Jones

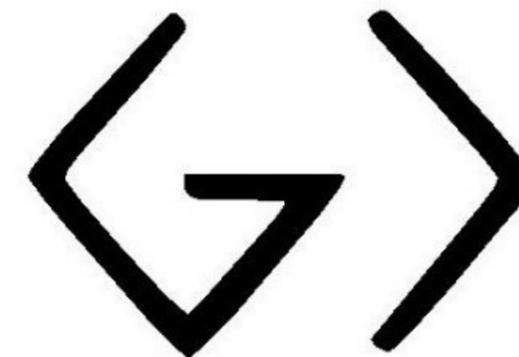
Weekly Schedule

Sun 09/21			
9:00 am	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Young Adult Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:00 pm	Caring Hearts Community Choir	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Food@First	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 09/22			
10:30 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 09/23			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Wed 09/24			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Nominations Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Classroom	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 09/25 No activities to report			
Fri 09/26			
9:00 am	PlainSong Client Appreciation		Davis Park/Lodge
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 09/27			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 09/28			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



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STEWARDSHIP
September 21, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian White
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation