200TH ANNIVERSARY
Downtown Sanctuary
September 13, 2026 @ 10 a.m.
Honoring Our Past. Investing in Our Future

OUR PATHWAY – *adopted by the congregation in 2021*
We make disciples for Jesus Christ by following our Pathway:
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.

GREETING FROM BISHOP TRACEY S. MALONE Video

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Duet
Susan Finger, Organ & Michele Murray, Piano
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***LITANY OF PRAISE** Rev. Dr. Brian White

ONE: Today we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Anderson First United Methodist Church.
ALL: For 200 years God's Word has been claimed in this place.
ONE: For 200 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this place.
ALL: Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been part of Anderson First United Methodist Church.
ONE: Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place. They are more than can be numbered.
ALL: Countless witnesses have gone out from here to spread the gospel in this community and throughout the world.
ONE: All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies are offered in praise to God.
ALL: O God, many are your wonderful works; they are more than can be numbered.
ONE: With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future we celebrate this anniversary.
ALL: Praise God for who we are, whose we are and who we are called to become!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #545
"The Church's One Foundation"
Processing: Light, Cross, Bible, Communion Chalice, Communion Bread, Clergy & Sanctuary Choir

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Brass interlude

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

DEDICATION OF GYMNASIUM BLESSING Tim Kline, Chr. of Trustees

….We say, "Thank you," to all those that made this gift possible – those who established and gave toward the endowment to pay for this remodel, the Board of Trustees who work tirelessly and diligently to maintain our beautiful facilities, those who successfully applied for grants, and for those who remodeled the gym.
ALL: We, the Body of Christ at Anderson First United Methodist Church, accept the remodeled gymnasium as a sacred trust and will care for it und use it regularly as a tool to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and further God's Kingdom. Amen.

OFFERING TO GOD
FAITH OF OUR FATHERS Jim Ault, Lay Leader
OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir & Brass
"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
***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** Rev. Corinne Boruff

ANTHEM "Forevermore" Sanctuary Choir & Brass

CONFERENCE GREETING Rev. Kimberly King
Assistant District Superintendent
West Central Plains District

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Brian White
LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH & MISSION
Rev. Tom Ream
District Superintendent - West Central Plains District

HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117
1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST – AND POWER FOR THE PRESENT

SCRIPTURE Psalm 77:11-14 (NRSVUE) Rev. Dale Mendenhall

EMPOWERED BY MEMORIES Susan Finger

GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST – WITH PROMISES FOR OUR FUTURE

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140
1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 89:1-8 (NRSVUE) Rev. Dale Mendenhall
This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Celebrating God's Faithfulness:
Past, Present, and Future
Rev. Donna Goings
Served as Associate Pastor at AFUMC 2005-2016

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89
1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

***INVITATION & BLESSING** Rev. Boruff

***POSTLUDE** Susan Finger & Brass
"Ein Fest Burg"

CELEBRATION CONTINUES!
Catered Meal in Fellowship Hall (basement)
Speakers: *Members of congregation past & present*

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Gymnasium at 1:30 p.m.

Open Houses (1-3 p.m.)
Get your card stamped at each open house, return a full card to Reception Table and receive your free church logo T-shirt!
Bounce Houses – parking lot

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
Guest Pastors: Rev. Kimberly King, Rev. Donna Goings, Rev. Tom Ream, Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Rev. Phil Klinger
Director of Music/Organist: Susan Finger
Pianist: Michele Murray
Vocalists: Sanctuary Choir
Brass:
Mark Murray & Nancy Weaver - Trumpet
Luke Spencer & Don Hoffman - Trombone
Erin Stout -French horn
Worship leaders: Jim Ault, Tim Kline, Susan Finger, Rev. Dr. Brian White & Rev. Corinne Boruff
Live Stream: Matt Stout
Sound: Jim Hudson

PROCESSION PARTICIPANTS
Tim Kline, Trustees Chr. (Light)
Marissa Childs, Co-Chr. Staff Parish (Light)
Jim Ault, Lay Leader (Cross)
Lucas Tupling, Student Min. Rep. (Bible)
Joe Snyder, Co-Chr. Church Council (Chalice)
Betsey Bachman, Member since 1958 (Bread)

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
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST:** 85 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **GRATEFUL!** We thank you for join this special day of celebration! Please join us throughout the year as God continues to do good works in us and through us!
- **FALL BIBLE STUDIES:** Pastor Brian White will lead a study on Philippians on Mondays, September 14 – November 16 at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in person and Zoom. Books will be available at the church and cost $10. Peg Peter's Friday Bible Study began August 7 at 9 a.m. in the N.S. Parlor.
- **J.O.Y. LUNCH**: Join us for this month's J.O.Y. Lunch on September 18 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.to hear our presenter John L. Beeman, Madison County Sheriff. Make your reservation by Wednesday, September 16 by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977. Cost of the meal is $12 per person and is paid upon arrival. All are welcome!

Weekly Schedule

Sun 09/13			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Roesch Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 09/14			
10:30 am	Bible Study-Philippians	North/South Parlor	
11:00 am	Buddy Bag Packing (Central Christian)	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:30 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 09/15			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
5:00 pm	Gateway Board Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
1:00 pm	Visitation & Funeral for Ruth Jackson	Sanctuary	Downtown
1:30 pm	Madison Co UMC Clergy	Conference Room	Downtown
5:00 pm	Alexandria Monroe Jr/Sr HS Cross Country		Davis Park
Wed 09/16			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 09/17			
8:00 am	Leadership Academy of Madison County		Davis Park/Lodge
Fri 09/18			
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9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:00 am	Buddy Bag Delivery (Central Christian)		
11:30 am	JOY Lunch	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook
Sat 09/19			
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast		Primrose
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
2:00 pm	Smiles In The City	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Sun 09/20			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown

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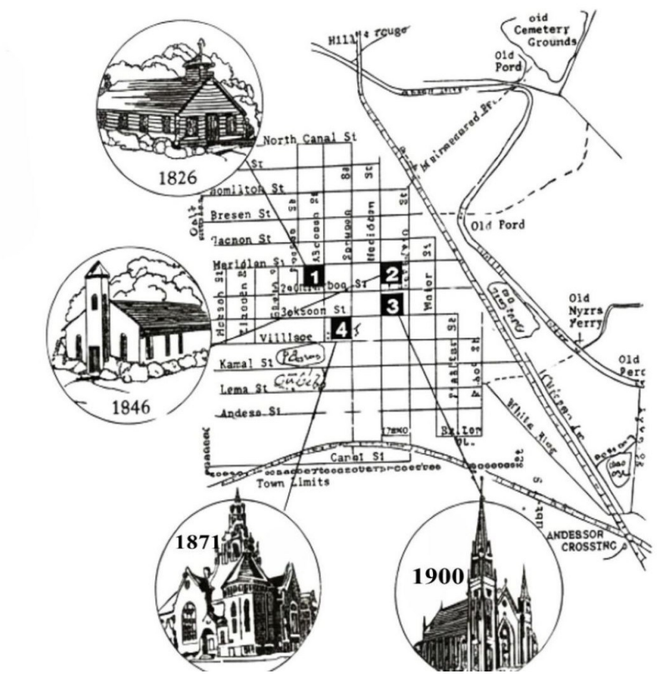

Locations of the Church in Anderson since 1826

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