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THE VOICE

A Newsletter of First United Methodist



SUMMER
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DOWNTOWN & DAVIS PARK

On Sunday, May 26, two worship services begin!
9:00 a.m. Outdoors at Davis Park
(inside lodge when it rains)
4507 Nichol Avenue
10:45 a.m. Downtown in North South Parlor
(Enter Door #3)



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, 2024

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

GIFT OF LOVE

Sunday, May 12

We recognize all those who
"mother" us --

- Biological mothers
- Adoptive mothers
- Grandmothers
- Friends
- Teachers

Persons reflecting Christ.

Receive our gift to you which represents our love and gratitude for YOU!



Church Phone Extension Directory

Ally Hall	1002
Rev. Corinne Boruff	1001
Gene Brueggen	1006
Kathy Kean	1004
Peg Peter	1005
Outreach (Selby's)	1003
Church Office	0006



PENTECOST Sunday, May 19

God came to His disciples as fire – the Holy Spirit – inspiring his disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! (Acts 2:3) Let us show that the Holy Spirit has touched our lives on this special Sunday --

WEAR RED to worship.

(If you have no red clothing a ribbon will be available to pin on your clothing.)

Adult Ministries

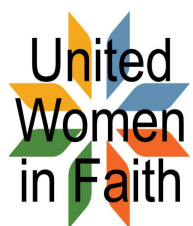
May Worship Schedule

- May 5 Holy Communion
Choir Sunday
Psalm 98:1-9
Sing a New Song
Music: Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Welsey Chorale
- May 12 Mother's Day
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 1:1-3
Power, Promise, and Presence
Music: Wesley Bells
- May 19 Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Birthday of the Church
Music: Alpha Brass
First Kids Show Case – 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary
- May 26 Memorial Sunday
First Sunday of Summer Schedule
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29:7-11
Here I Am
Music: 9 a.m. Jazz Combo
10:45 a.m. Michele Murray

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet at Primrose on May 11, 2024 at 8:00 am. Ron Watson will present the program.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



Leader:
Meeting Date:
Location:

Bible Study Circle

Merrilyn Vance
May 2

Friendship Circle

Mary Falkenberry
May 2

Bible Study and Friendship Circles will enjoy a joint lunch on May 2.

2024 Easter Lilies

In Memory of

Our Parents
Audrey & George Ambler
Phyllis & Roy Bieberich
Rev. William & Betty Kaiser
Christy Briles Bez
Edward & Lois Fischer
Marion & Stella Briles
Frank Cramer
Diana Haggerty-Cooper
Darryl Gustin
Bill Hardacre
Ed & Gail Brant
E. Russell Stewart
Fred M. Kean III
Paul McConnell
Claude & Catherine Trimble

Josephine Shaw
Leah McNabney
John Mendel

Husband, Son,
Parents & Grandparents
Standish & Hazel Crews

Robert West

Michele's parents
Standish & Hazel Crews
Mark's Mother, Jacqueline Murray
Jim Slattery
Bertie & Ed Lawson, Ken Lawson
Virginia & John Slattery
Phil & John Slattery
Shirley Strock
Elizabeth (Cookie) Bailey
Our Parents, Lee & Leah Jemison

In Honor of

Our Grandchildren
Gigi, Jackson, Maddy & Brayden
My Children
Ben, Andrew, Jamie, Rebecca, & Joel
My Grandchildren
Nora, Landon & Lucas
Pastor Corinne
Church Family & Friends
Thanks for the love & support

Given by

Cliff & Karen Ambler
Corinne Boruff
Dick & Beverly Briles
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Doris Mathews-Cramer
Jon & Diana Cooper
Ann Gustin
Ann Hardacre
Kathy Kean
Kathy Kean
Kathy Kean
Kay McConnel & Family
Janet McDaniel &
Cindy Shortridge
Ron & Sharon McNabney
Ron & Sharon McNabney
Mary Mendel
Cameron Mendel
Lucas & Natalie Mendel
Grace, Ryan, Emily & Levi Shouse
Debbie Milliken

Elizabeth Murray &
Jason Sherron
Elizabeth Murray &
Jason Sherron
Mark & Michele Murray

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Juanita Slattery
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Jim & Vicki Strock
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Linda Verhulst, Marcia Byrer,
Patti Hopkinson

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Treasurer's Minute for: March 2024

	MARCH ACTUAL		2024 YEAR TO DATE	
	2024	2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Monthly Contributions	\$48,848	\$19,139	\$144,716	\$135,079
Other Income	\$3,688	\$4,057	\$10,758	\$10,450
Total Income	\$52,535	\$23,196	\$155,474	\$145,529
Total Expense	\$51,367	\$47,117	\$165,327	\$162,083
Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw	\$1,169	(\$23,921)	(\$9,853)	(\$16,555)
Endowment Earnings Distribution	\$12,292	\$12,264	\$36,877	\$36,877
Remaining Excess (Deficit)	\$13,461	(\$11,657)	\$27,024	\$20,322

DID YOU KNOW: That nearly 40% of annual pledge giving is received in the first 3 months (25%) of the year?

NEW CHURCH PHONE SYSTEM

New phones have arrived at the church, and with that each staff person has an individual voicemail box. When you dial the church number (765-643-6977) the message will ask you to enter the person's extension if you know it. After ringing the extension, the system will take you to voicemail so you may leave a message. Extensions for Church Staff are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Music Ministries

Summer Worship Music at the Park

<u>Date</u>	<u>Musician(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Musician(s)</u>
May 26	Jazz Combo	July 21	DJO
June 2	Ernie Coleson's Trio	July 28	Children's Musical
June 9	Rachael Lashbrook	August 4	Lora Dingleline
June 16	Matt Finger	August 11	Mark Murray
June 23	Joyful Jazz	August 18	Arrows
June 30	Elizabeth Murray	August 25	Plainsong Girls
July 7	Freman Bell & Molter Trio	September 1	Mark Murray
July 14	Alpha Brass		

SPECIAL CONCERTS at Davis Park;

Rain location in the Downtown Sanctuary

June 10 Fall Creek Valley Concert Band 7:00 p.m

June 25 38th Infantry Division Band 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CONCERT MAY 19

Matt Finger will be presenting a marimba concert on Sunday, May 19 at the First Presbyterian Church in NewCastle at 3:00 p.m. The concert is free and everyone is invited!

J.O.Y. LUNCH
(Just Older Youth)
May 17

Come to hear the "Stories of a missionary" presented by Jzel Rouch at this month's J.O.Y. Lunch May 17 at 11:30-1 p.m. Mary Falkenberry's Sorority will provide the delicious meal. Make your reservation by Wed. May 15 by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977. Cost of the meal is \$12 per person and is paid upon arrival. All are welcome!

Do you know a GRADUATE?

All High School, College or Advance Degree graduates' names are requested by the church office so that they may be recognized and celebrated on Sunday, June 2 during the 9 a.m. worship at Davis Park. Please submit the following information to the office: Name, contact information, graduating from, degree, family connection to AFUMC and plans after graduation. Call 765-643-6977 or peg@andersonfirst.org



We hold the deepest gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have given their lives over the ages, defending our freedoms and families. As we remember them, let us also remain aware that Jesus, too, gave the ultimate sacrifice. He laid down his life to secure a freedom which transcends any earthly freedom. Jesus gave his life to gain spiritual victory over sin, death, and hell. Memorial Day gives us a chance to praise our Lord for the price he paid, and the triumph he secured. As you commemorate our fallen heroes this year, take the opportunity to remember the day's significance while also honoring Christ.

BOOK CLUB

The May Book Club meeting, usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am will meet **MAY 7 AT 11:15 am.** They will meet in the church parking lot at that time and carpool to Ruby's Bakery at 8th and Brown/Delaware. Their reservation is for 11:30 am at Rubys.



Family Ministries

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Community Egg Hunt a massive success. Because of your donations and willingness to serve we were able to welcome 300 people out to Davis Park, gift 3 Easter baskets to local families, and our Egg Hunt was front-page news in the Herald Bulletin! Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

At First Kids, we are starting a new month and a new series! This month, our Simple Truth is, "I Am Set Apart" and our theme is *Stand Out*. We want our kids to know that God has created them to live in a way that glorifies Him! Standing out and being set apart requires strength, patience, and trust. We hope our Bible stories this month will help kids know that they can truly stand out!

MAY EVENTS



GAME NIGHT

It's our last First Kids Game Night of the school year!

All children are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 8th for a game night. This is a time for kids to bond and have fun together. Snacks will be provided, and the Kids' Choir will be at its normal time. We can't wait to hang out and play games with our awesome Anderson First Kids!

FAMILY MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Come one, come all, to the Family Ministry Showcase!

All our kids and students are incredible, and we want to give them an opportunity to demonstrate who they are and what they love. If your child or student has a talent or interest (big or small) that they would like to show, we would love to have them join us in the Sanctuary on May 19th at 11:15. We are talking about art, karate, singing, reciting poems, dancing, musical instruments, 3D printing, and so much more. This is also a time for our church to get to know our families better, so all children and students are invited onstage to answer a few questions during the showcase, even if they don't want to do a demonstration. Please register by May 11th by scanning this code with your smartphone camera. Registering for the showcase beforehand is preferred. However, we know that kids are spontaneous, and we will welcome everyone who wants to participate. Please direct any questions to Ally Hall or Sue Finger. We can't wait to celebrate our talented Family Ministry!



God Bless, Ally Hall, Director of Family Ministries



Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

At our Pantry on April 10th, we were able to give bags of personal hygiene items and laundry detergent to 54 Women and 39 Men, which was 23 more guests than we had in March. Our next Helping Hands Pantry will be on May 8, 2024 and we will be open from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM, as noted in the April VOICE. We would like to request donations of toilet paper, women's or men's deodorant, or toothpaste for that Pantry. The donations of our congregation help us to serve more people in need and we are very blessed to have such a giving congregation. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sincerely, Linda Verhulst, Juanita Slattery and Karen Ambler

NEW TIMES

Emergency Utility Assistance – 8-9:30 a.m.
Helping Hands Food Pantry – 9-11 a.m.
Both will still be on the 2nd Wed. of the month.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greetings! It was brought to the attention of the Outreach Committee that Al Rowley was interested in and concerned about Man 4 Man. The committee listened and voted to add this organization to our external outreach list this year. Only after hearing Al's report of Man 4 Man did I fully understand the scope of their ministry. Upon his encouragement, more information was gathered by stopping in and obtaining written materials to be made available to our Community Cafe, Food at First, Utility Assistance and Helping Hands guests. We now have mobile kiosks with community resources made available to our guests. We continue an attempt to meet the multiple needs of our community. If you have information regarding an organization that could benefit our community please see me or leave a message at church. Together we form the body of Christ. Thank you for your support.

In Christ, Susan Selby, Outreach Coordinator

Other Church News

SPRING CLEANING

It's that time of year! For most of us it means thoroughly cleaning our homes and yards, removing clutter, and making more space available (for more stuff!) Our church is also in the process of spring cleaning. I am updating our congregational database. Thank you to the 67 families that have turned in the pink half sheet with contact information. I would like to hear from our folks who listen to service from home as well as our adult children. You may contact me through the church office 765-643-6977 or email kathy@andersonfirst.org. Let's make our next church directory as accurate and helpful as we can. Thank you.Kathy Kean