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THE VOICE

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RE-APPOINTED

In the United Methodist Church ordained clergy are appointed by our bishop to serve a particular church one year at a time. On the final day of Annual Conference 2024, Bishop Trimble announced that appointments in the Indiana United Methodist Conference were officially set. In commitment and renewal to my covenant as a clergy person in The United Methodist Church, I now reverently and with joy, accept my continued appointment to Anderson First UMC. We are beginning our 8th year together.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Pastor and Anderson First United Methodist Church,
As your conference superintendent, I always pray that we continue to focus on the mission of Jesus Christ in our church, community, and the whole world. For many years, your church continues to show this through your continued generous giving. Thank you!
Please know that without your generous support to ministry, the ministry of Jesus Christ will suffer. May God bless you and continue to shower blessings as you support the work of your ministries, our district, our conference, and our connection.
Please receive my appreciation through this letter. I am forever thankful for you.

Blessings and be Faithful in the Mission Field!

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Adult Ministries

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for July 2024

Worship Theme for JULY: The Secret's Out!

This series will reveal the "not so secret" ingredients for a full and meaningful life. Although chefs often keep their secret recipes locked away for generations, the ingredients that go into living a life with purpose and integrity are actually not a secret at all.

- July 7 Holy Communion
The Not-So-Secret Ingredient: Goodness
2 Peter 1:3-8; Ephesians 2:8-9
Music: Freman, Bell & Molter Trio (9 a.m.)
Michele Murray (10:45 a.m.)
- July 14 8th Sunday after Pentecost
The Not-So-Secret Ingredient: Knowledge
Proverbs 1:7; James 1:22-24
Music: Alpha Brass (9 a.m.)
Michele Murray (10:45 a.m.)
- July 21 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Back to School Backpack Blessing
The Not-So-Secret Ingredient: Self-Control
Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 25:28; Romans 8:5-6
Music: Director's Jazz Orchestra (9 a.m.)
Michele Murray (10:45 a.m.)
- July 28 Kid's Musical – "Faith News"
One service only; Downtown Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The July Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, July 20, at 8:00 am at Primrose. Ron McNabney will be the featured speaker.

PASTRY & PRAYER – continues!

Join Pastor Corinne for Max Lucado's "Before Amen"
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in N.S. Parlor.
Let's take a journey in prayer together as we enjoy for 4-weeks a video, dessert and discussion.
July 3 – Session 2: I Need Help
July 10 – Session 3: They Need Help
July 17 – Session 4: Thank you
Join us!

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND?

Most of you have many friends from all parts of our lives (work, leisure time, you're your children, church, neighbors or even family).

Sunday, August 4 is National Friendship Day.

You are requested to
BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU TO CHURCH
that Sunday morning.
We will have a special way to make our friends
feel welcomed on this special day!
Help us Celebrate Our Friends on August 4!

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Anderson First UMC has such a long and vibrant history and each of you is a part of that. If you love our heritage and would love to explore and highlight parts of it periodically,

YOU may be called to be our Church Historian!

An unoccupied room in the church will be chosen and equipped to become the Church History Room. Displays could be offered periodically for the church family and community to enjoy!

As God calls you, please let the church office know of your interest.
Call (765) 643-6977.

Treasurer's Minute for: May 2024

	MAY ACTUAL		2024 YEAR TO DATE	
	2024	2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Monthly Contributions	\$30,500	\$32,092	\$195,033	\$199,044
Other Income	\$3,527	\$3,598	\$17,629	\$18,210
Total Income	\$34,027	\$35,690	\$212,662	\$217,254
Total Expense	\$48,385	\$49,278	\$257,932	\$258,550
Excess (Deficit) Prior to Endowment Draw	(\$14,357)	(\$13,587)	(\$45,270)	(\$41,296)
Endowment Earnings Distribution	\$12,292	\$12,264	\$61,462	\$61,462
Remaining Excess (Deficit)	(\$2,065)	(\$1,323)	\$16,192	\$20,166

DID YOU KNOW: That the total annual operating budget for FUMC is just over \$600,000?

Music Ministries

Kid's Musical.....Help is still needed!

We still need volunteers to provide lunch Tuesday, July 23-Friday, July 26 as well as donations for snacks each day (M-F). If you can help, please contact either Ally Hall or Sue Finger:

ally@andersonfirst. or sfinger@acsc.net

If you have nieces or nephews, grandchildren or neighbors ages 7-14 encourage them to be a part of this. Online registration will be posted by July 1. The cost is \$15.00 but scholarships are available. Thanks in advance for your help!

Church News

LIGHTHOUSE CONGREGATION TRAINING

Lighthouse Congregations are United Methodist Churches that receive training and make a commitment to welcome and provide spiritual care and support for individuals/groups who have been wounded by the church as a result of disaffiliation, church closure, conflict, or other traumatic experiences.

Eight of us are registered to attend a Zoom training session (90 minutes in length). Following the training session, the decision to become a Lighthouse Congregation must be approved by Church Council. You are welcome to join us in the training!

July 25, 2024 at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

NORTH CENTRAL LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

September 21, 2024

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Zionsville United Methodist Church, 9644 Whitestown Road, Zionsville IN
You are invited to join us for the Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue training for living out the call to make disciples for the transformation of our churches, communities, and world. This is a one day in person Lay Servant Academy. Registrants can attend only one class and must be present the entire day. Anyone may take any of the classes. There will be a pre-class assignment in addition to the required reading for each class. Please note: no lunch is provided. Cost: \$20.00

Registration at <https://inumc.swoogo.com/NCLsaZionsville092124> by the deadline: September 14, 2024

Classes available:

- Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course
- For the Common Good: Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts
- Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century

J.O.Y. LUNCH

July 19

Enjoy the musical talents of Mark and Michele Murray in their Patriotic Celebration

at this month's J.O.Y. Lunch on July 19 at 11:30-1 p.m.

Lunch will be a sandwich and salad from Mancinos.

Make your reservation by Wed. July 17 by notifying the church office, 765-643-6977.

Cost of the meal is \$12 per person and is paid upon arrival. All are welcome!

CONVERSATION ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

All who joined in the Summer Challenge to read a chapter each weekday beginning June 1, are invited to a conversation on

Monday, July 15 at 6 p.m. in N.S. Parlor

Refreshments and sharing will fill our time together as we share

What was meaningful to us

Questions we have from the reading

Everyone is welcome to participate.



It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Carol and Ron Watson are trained and ready to Journey on this healing experience with you. There is no time limit to grief – days, months, years – so whenever you lost a loved one, this program can help.

The program is being offered on Mondays from 10:30-12 p.m. in the N.S. Parlor.



Family Ministries

FIRST KIDS PREVIEW

This July and August at Anderson First Kids, we are going to have a remarkable time with our new theme *Remarkable!* We are teaching the Simple Truth, "I Am Uniquely Designed." Our kids will learn that God made them on purpose, with value, in God's image, and for relationship. I hope to see your family soon at Anderson First as we gather for worship at Davis Park on Sundays at 9am.

EVENTS

Summer of Service Continues!

SOS Library Event

July 1st @ 10am at Anderson Public Library

We are so excited about our Summer of Serving and we just can't hide it! We will meet at the Anderson public library on July 1st at 10am to write encouraging

messages on post-it notes. We will then hide the post-it notes in Library books as a sweet surprise for the people as they check out books. Please email Ally Hall at Ally@andersonfirst.org to let her know you and your family plan to attend this Summer of Serving event.



SOS Operation Love Event

Throughout June, we are partnering with Operation Love during their annual school supply drive!

You can donate supplies from this list and drop them off in the designated buckets on Sunday morning:

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| 1 inch Binder Backpacks (plain colors) | Colored Pencils |
| Composition Books (College/Wide Ruled) | Expo Dry Erase Markers |
| Folders (blue/orange/yellow) | Loose Leaf Paper (College/Wide) |
| Pencil Boxes | Regular Markers |
| Crayola Sharpies | Spiral Notebooks (Wide) |

We are also invited to Operation Love on July 8th from 9-11:30 to pack backpacks with donated school supplies. Please email Ally Hall at Ally@andersonfirst.org to let her know you and your family plan to attend this Summer of Serving event.

SOS Grandparent Event

During the Week of July 15th, take the time before school starts to make cards and visit with a grandparent figure in your life.

We love all of the adults who are present in our lives and show us so much love. Let's show them how much we appreciate them! This week, let's spend time with them and ask them questions about who they are, what they love, or maybe what school was like when they were younger. Make sure to grab a selfie together and tag us on socials @andersonfirstkids so we can see how much fun you have together!

Backpack Blessing

The new school year is almost here which means it is time for our Backpack Blessing ceremony! We are so grateful for our kids, students, and educators and we know how exciting and nerve-wracking a new school year can be. We would love to take the time to celebrate them, pray for them, and give them a small token to carry with them throughout the school year. Join us at Davis Park for worship at 9am on July 21st and bring your backpack or whatever bag you use at school with you to the service. We can't wait to see you there and get the school year started off right!

KIDS MUSICAL

Faith News: A Children's Musical

Anderson First is bringing back their Summer Musical! Kids in 2nd-8th Grade are welcome to join us for the "Faith News" musical.

Online registration opens on June 30th and the performance is on July 28th at 10am. It

is \$15 per child to help cover the cost of lunches, snacks, and a T-shirt for each child. Scholarships are available! Check out the full schedule below. Please invite any other children you know who might be interested in participating. Rehearsals, meetings, and the performance will occur at Anderson First UMC.

Faith News Musical Schedule:

- Early registration- June 30th- July 16th
- Onsite Registration- July 17th
- Parent and Participant Meeting- July 17th @ 5:30-6:00
- Full Cast Party/Intro Rehearsal- July 17th @ 6:00-8:00
- Full Cast Rehearsal/Auditions for Solos & Speaking parts- July 18 & 19 @ 6:00-8:00
- Rehearsal for speaking parts only- July 21 @ 3:00-5:00
- Full Cast Rehearsal *Lunch and snacks provided- July 22-26 @ 9:00-3
- Performance at Anderson First UMC- July 28th @ 10am *Performers report at 9am



Questions?

For questions or more information please contact Sue Finger at sfinger@acsc.net or call 765-620-3170 or Ally Hall at ally@andersonfirst.org.

Outreach Ministries

HELPING HANDS PANTRY

Our Helping Hands Nonfood Pantry last month was on June 12th. The guests at that Pantry received two large rolls of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, shampoo, a bar of soap, and a bottle of laundry detergent. We were able to serve 58 women and 37 men, for a total of 95 guests. We continue to have new guests at each Pantry and several of them are becoming regulars. Each time we check the Bin where donations are left, we are reminded how blessed we are to have such a giving congregation. The donations we receive make it possible for us to serve an increasing number of guests. Our next Pantry will be on July 10, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and donations of toilet paper, toothpaste or toothbrushes, and women's or men's deodorant would help us serve more people. Our guests really appreciate the items we are able to give them, and thanks to the generosity of our

OUTREACH UPDATE

Helping Hands continues to provide non-food items to our community who freely state what a help this is for them. Buddy Bags continue to provide weekend snacks to school kids for weekend nutrition when school meals are missed. Utility Assistance numbers have been increasing since the completion of other assistance programs for the winter. We transitioned to the Grille June 2 with a record high 110 community guests attending. We are so thankful for the additional grill provided by the Madison County Foundation grant. We only anticipate growing attendance with increased awareness of the program. These programs exist due to a heart for the missions, your hands in action, prayers in private and the donations of our "cheerful givers" in one form or another. The Outreach Committee would like to express sincere gratitude for your generosity as a congregation.

2 Cor. 9:6-8.
Sincerely, Susan

