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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2! Tim Denton, our church organist from several years ago, will return to APC to play the organ during worship. Tim and his family now live in Noblesville, Indiana. He currently serves as the organist/director of music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. Prior to his service at Auburn Presbyterian, Tim held similar positions at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Louisville and at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, where he shared responsibilities with Robert Hobby, director of music. Tim is also active as a composer. His choral setting of Psalm 103 is published by MorningStar Music, and his composition "Sing to the Lord" has been accepted into the Choristers Guild catalogue.

Tim's significant musical talents, shared with us in worship on June 2, will both honor our church's 175th anniversary and commemorate the 50th "birthday" of our Reuter organ, installed in 1969.

Following worship Tim, Michelle, and their two children will be recognized at a reception in the church lounge. Please plan to be in worship and stay to greet the Denton family!

A REMINDER TO ALL ACOLYTES...



ACOLYTE RECOGNITION TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. Please plan on attending.

FROM THE PASTOR:

This past Sunday John Jackson spoke to the congregation about some projects that the Mission Committee has in mind. This congregation has always had an interest in the world beyond itself. True, we struggle at times to discern how best to become involved in those issues, but we strive to be true to God's call to transform.

One of the signature missions of Auburn Presbyterian is the Friends' Table. Every Monday this committed group works hard to prepare well over one hundred meals. The on-going nature of this mission is a sign of the need that exists in our community. Right outside the doors of our church there are families that are struggling to feed their children, pay utility bills, and secure medical care.

Saturday before Easter APC participated with St. Marks Lutheran to sponsor a party for the students of McKenney-Harrison School. In spite of the cold and rain, over a hundred kids showed up for egg hunts, hot dogs, popcorn, and games. This was a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and I want to thank everyone who helped out with this endeavor.

I don't want to discount the need that surrounds us, but we are surrounded by a mission field right in our neighborhood. Mission is not about building up our Sunday worship or recruiting church members. Mission is about caring for our neighbors, sharing our abundance, and walking along-side hurting people. Rather than thinking of ourselves as helping out those in need and ignoring our own hurts, we should think about this as a mutual helping and how we all benefit from these relationships.

Although it's a foreign language for us, St Marks talks about "loving on" our neighbors and that's something we can start to do. We can show them a different way to be—a way that values individuals and embodies care for others. If we can show the world what it means to be a Christian we can challenge the powers and principalities of the earth. Enfleshing God's love provides an alternative to a culture that doesn't think of people as anything more than economic units.

Granted, forming these relationships can be challenging. A lot of times we don't have the words or know how to go about relating to people who are a little different from us. Things like the Easter gathering are ways to ease into those relationships and I will be working with the school to provide more opportunities for our congregation to get to know our neighbors.

I want to lead the church in being more of a presence in our neighborhood, touching the mission field that surrounds us. There is a very simple way for you to start participating in this mission. Just walk around the church. Look around you as you walk. Listen to the sounds of the neighborhood. As you walk just try to take in what you see. You might even want to say a prayer that God reveals God's heart to you in the midst of Auburn.

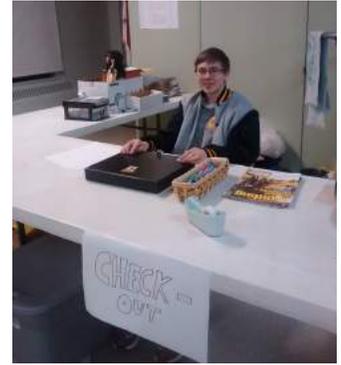
Join me in mission,

Pastor David

Vision
Mission
& Values

I would like to thank the congregation for their donations and support for my sale. The money raised will help me with my scouting journey, both to Philmont and to Eagle Scout. In the Fellowship Hall, near the entry, there is a big barrel. This barrel is to collect plastic caps that will be made into benches for my Eagle Scout project. I would ask that you start collecting plastic caps. They can be dropped off at the church while Tracy is here, or they can be brought in during church.

- Marcus Smith, Junior Deacon



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



PLASTIC RECYCLABLE ITEMS NEEDED ARE: Plastic caps from water bottles, flip-top caps (ketchup), spout caps (mustard), baby food caps, spray paint caps, milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. A full list of items will be posted by the barrel.

Congratulations, Tracy, for your years of faithful service!



We're delighted that so many of members of the congregation turned out for the Fish Fry on April 7, during which time we honored Tracy Warner for her decades-long service to our church. This spring Tracy began her 25th year as our church secretary. Joining Tracy at church that day were her husband, Russ, her three daughters, her newest grandson, her father, and sisters.

The Fellowship Committee hosted the lunch event, with fish provided by John and Linda Jackson and with Jerri Imus ordering a beautiful cake. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to help make this a special day!



MAY MUD BUCKET MISSION PROJECT

The mission survey results are in and the final tally showed a well-rounded concern for all geographic locations. To this end, our May 2019 mission project is a “Mud Bucket” project to help flood victims regardless of location.

April showers bring May flowers and in this part of the world with Spring comes flooding. We are all aware of the recent snow melt and subsequent flooding in some of our Midwest states. As this article is being written we know of heavy rains in the South. Flood waters will drain away leaving mud, destruction and the hard work of salvaging what is left. Cleanup is tough and getting some of the most basic of cleaning supplies can be difficult. Electricity can be out for days or even weeks, making cleanup even more of a challenge.

How can you help?

We are challenging you, members and friends of APC to help us assemble and complete 25 “Mud Buckets” during the month of May. These buckets will then be delivered to Church World Services for distribution in locations recently hit hard by flooding. Each bucket contains a “list” of items of essential cleaning supplies, sponges, brushes, and other practical supplies. Members can choose to purchase items and help fill our little red wheelbarrow or donate for the purchase of items. Donations should include a note for “Mud Buckets”

The Supplies needed should be new and are the following:

- Four Scouring Pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol) No spray bottles
- One package 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft or one 100 ft
- Five dust masks
- Two pair heavy duty dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gal. trash bags on a roll
- One 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

Each bucket once filled and completed costs approximately \$75.00. Please join us in collecting supplies and helping us fill the buckets to help others affected by flooding. In so doing we are the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

FROM THE CE DIRECTOR:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. Yet, here we are halfway through Spring looking forward to warmer weather and sunny days.

The youth have been studying "Other 12 Disciples." These are the women in the bible that served Jesus. We have been learning about how life was for women during the time of Jesus. It brings to light that Jesus felt women were his equal in a time when this type of thinking was not allowed. With guidance from Pastor David, we were able to use a play about these 12 Disciples to read to you **on Youth Sunday, May 5th.**

As we look to closing out our CE calendar year we (the youth) hope to get together throughout the summer for fun and fellowship.

Much Love and God Bless.
Kari Ackerman CE Director

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School has concluded for the 2018-2019 year. Class will resume in the fall. Many thanks to all who contributed programs and to all the faithful attendees this past year. Enjoy the summer!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Youth Sunday is May 5. Please join us as the youth lead us in worship that morning.

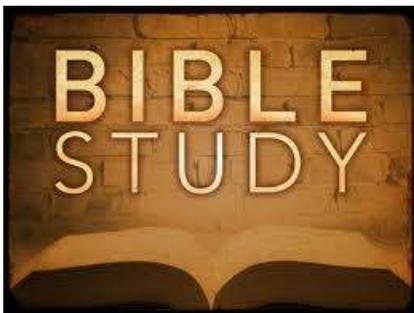
Volunteer Recognition Sunday is May 19. During worship we look forward to recognizing all who have helped with our Christian Education programming this year.

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our church continues to offer programs in recognition of our 175th Anniversary Celebration. On **Sunday, May 19**, we will invite the public to free afternoon tours of our building. The tours will highlight the stained glass windows, the woodwork in the chancel, the organ pipes, the historic framed quilt, and other artwork. The tours will be part of events planned for "Historic Auburn" Day throughout the downtown area. Please consult the local newspaper for tour times.

On **Sunday, June 2**, former Auburn Presbyterian Church organist **Tim Denton** will return to play the organ during our 10 a.m. worship service. A reception for Tim and his family will follow in the lounge. Please see related article for more information.

HISTORY QUESTION: Our beautiful stain-glass apostle windows in the sanctuary were installed the same year that our church exterior was refaced with limestone. What year?



Wednesday evening Bible study, led by Pastor David, meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The study is about the Gospel of Luke. Please join us in the lounge.

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

USHERS:

- 5: Youth Sunday
- 12: Ruth Randinelli, Troy Ackerman
- 19: Christine Cross, Peggy Jones
- 26: David & Cheryl John

ACOLYTES:

- 5: Youth Sunday
- 12: Marcus Smith
- 19: Isabella Gettys
- 26: Eva Hoolihan, Gabe Ackerman

LITURGIST: Kay Finchum

GIVING FLOWERS: Theresa Clark, Norm & Peg Yoder, Vinnie & Barbara Pietracatella, and John & Linda Jackson

COMMUNION: Youth

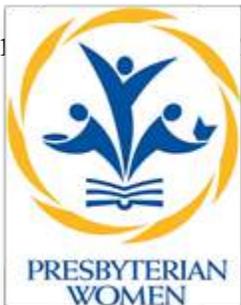


**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEN
FOR PROVIDING A DELICIOUS
BREAKFAST ON EASTER
MORNING!**

Carl Smith, who planned and organized the breakfast, had many helpers cooking, serving and cleaning up. Everyone did a fantastic job! The food was delicious and the fellowship before Easter morning service was grand!



Priscilla's Circle (formerly Priscilla and Ruth Circle) will meet at 11:30 on Wednesday, May 8, at the Cranberry Cottage. Lesson 8 & 9 will be led by Barbara Bushnell. All women are invited to attend. We will continue our discussion of bake sale ideas to be held during the November 23rd Christmas Stroll. Circle does not meet in June, July or August.



I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtful words of appreciation that I received last Sunday. I was overwhelmed with your love and support and the day meant so much to me; it touched my heart in so many ways! It has been a joy to work with each and every one of you throughout my time here, and I'm looking forward to many more adventures with you. Thank you again! ~ Tracy Warner





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

During the worship service on Sunday, April 21, 2019, Theresa Clark and Joyce Phillips were received into Active Membership of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM:

Congratulations to Aadon, son of Tracy and Keith Beck (pictured to the right) who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the worship service on Sunday, April 21, 2019



Auburn Presbyterian Church will have a booth at the Discovering Historic Auburn event taking place on Sunday May 19 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Evangelism and Church Growth committee will be promoting our church by passing out bags of goodies. A tour of our sanctuary will also be offered as well in coinciding with the 175th Celebration. If you would like to help assemble the bags please contact Jerri Imus.