Join us in prayer-

Psalm 19:14
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Good News!
Come join us in person for worship on March 14th @ 10:35 AM. Nursery will be open for children birth through age 3. No reservation required, but the nursery will be following all of the COVID precautions from last fall’s reopening. Faith Factory will meet in the chapel during worship for children aged 3- 5th grade.
Pastor's Moment

Greetings Family! As we “March into Spring” let us also march forward with God and with each other. When I think of Spring, the words “fresh” and “new” come to mind. We “spring clean” our living and working spaces. We rid our lives of trash, donate belongings we no longer use, and rearrange or replace our furniture for a new view, a new perspective, or just a fresh style.

As a congregation and as individuals, we’ve had a year’s worth of opportunities to try something new and fresh, to learn something new, and to see ourselves in a new way. We now know what was working in our lives and what was less than effective. We learned what we could live without and it became crystal clear what our true necessities were. In the same way, as a congregation we confirmed what was working and what has been less than effective ministry efforts. And we also lived into the statement, “the church has left the building.” We continued to serve our members, while continuing our service to and sharing God’s love with our neighbors.

So now we march forward. We don’t look back and wish for what was. We move ahead and seek God’s will for our lives and our congregational ministry. We trust God and open ourselves to the new and fresh that God has for us.

_Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert._
Isaiah 43:18-19, NRSV

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Paula
Holy Week

March 28- Palm Sunday Worship in person or via live-stream in the FLC. For those joining at home, watch our Facebook group or an up-coming mid-week blast for a printable palm to wave during the service!

April 1- Maundy Thursday Service “After the Last Supper Service” at the Fire Pit near the shelter house at 7 PM. Plan to bring a lawn chair or sit at one of the picnic tables in the shelter house.

8:00 PM - Lenten Chain of Prayer follows Maundy Thursday Service and continues through Friday, April 2, at 8:00 pm

April 2- Good Friday Stations of the Cross Virtual Prayer and Meditation service- this service of scripture, art, and meditation through Jesus’ final day will be available beginning at 6 AM on YouTube so that you can watch whenever is convenient for you. You can also join Friday evening to view the service at 7 PM live on our YouTube Channel.

April 4- Easter

9:00 AM- Resurrection Park and Praise Service- Join us in the parking lot beginning at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Individually packaged muffins, donuts, and juice will be provided. Bring your own coffee if desired. Also bring fresh flowers to “Flower the Cross” at the beginning of the service!

9:45 AM- Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade

10:35 AM- Easter Worship of scripture and music in person or via live-stream in the FLC
Financial Update

As we move into the last month of the first quarter, I wanted to provide the congregation with the financial update through February.

Giving trends
January 2021 saw total giving fall short of projections with $19,192 given during the month. Longstanding members of the Finance Team note that a slow start to the new year is a common occurrence, as an uptick in year-end giving sometimes impacts January gifts. However, I’m pleased to report that February giving was very robust, so we are back on track for the year. Nonetheless, trends in giving will require careful monitoring going forward.

Spending
Overall spending for January was below projections, which is a good thing in a tight budget year. Many ministry groups have spent little or nothing at this early point in 2021. Also, virtual services and meetings resulted in savings over what we might have expected with in-person services. The Finance Team is exploring temporary savings that might be available during this period when we are not meeting at “full strength, such as a temporary reduction in cleaning services, trash removal, and the like.

Stewardship
You may have noticed a more intentional focus on stewardship during worship services and in our church communication.

The shift to a continual focus on stewardship under the theme Devoted to Generosity rather than confining it to a three-week period in November, is designed to turn stewardship from a transaction to a year-round spiritual practice that is an integral part of our faith journey. Throughout the year, we will see generosity as life-giving, but even beyond that, we will see that for the church to be the church, it has to be devoted to generosity.
As we continue to move through this most unusual time, the Finance Team will continue to monitor spending and giving closely. As we progress through 2021, the Finance Team will make adjustments as necessary and report back to the congregation often.

Interim Treasurer, Tim Campbell

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Family Promise host week is March 7-13, 2021

Any grab-and-go breakfast items and lunch items your church might be able to provide, in addition to dinners, would be greatly appreciated because these families will be coming back to the Resource Center daily for case management so will still need to eat while here!

If you are able to get these, please deliver to the Resource Center in Plainfield @ 238 N Vine St, between 9am - 5pm daily, except Sunday, when they are closed.
New Outreach Partnership to Help End Hunger

Did you know 40% of our food in America doesn’t make it to the market? In central Indiana, it is reported 1 in 5 children, do not have enough food to eat!

The mission of the Society of St Andrew, America’s lead gleaning organization, is to bridge the gap between hunger and food waste. Yes, gleaning has been around for a very long time (reference Old Testament Ruth and Naomi story) but what does gleaning look like in 2021?

Your opportunity to find out is near! Our guest will be Dawn Barnes, Indiana Regional Director of Society of St. Andrews. Save March 18, Thursday evening at 7PM, on Zoom. Find out how one person, one family can make a difference!

Contact the Office for Zoom Details

By the way, ACC Outreach doesn’t plan to stop with just informing our congregation. We are planning a virtual convocation to invite DOC congregations and others to help end hunger. Reach out; let’s all be part of the solution! (www.endhunger.org for more information)
Easter Candy

When you're shopping for Easter goodies for your favorite little bunnies, grab another bag of treats. Drop off @ ACC beginning Sunday, March 7th.

IT Group Updates

ACC's IT group is still busy behind the scenes. We've moved to website to a new host server, Dreamhost. Their non-profit donation to us saves $200 annually. We've installed Google analytics on the website to give us a greater understanding of how our site serves our community.

We are hearing your requests. The following items are available on the website.

- ACC Abbreviated Calendar
- Newsletter
- Sunday Worship Bulletin
- Blog with current news & announcements

We'd like to thank ACC members and the IT group for their feedback, continued efforts, and collaboration. Glory to God!
I am Freda (no “i” in my name). I am a longtime member of Avon Christian Church having served as Financial Secretary, Deaconess, Elder, Fellowship Chairman, Search Committee Member, Member at Large, Choir, well you get the idea.

I had a wonderful career as an airline employee. American Airlines for nine years in Los Angeles and American Trans Air in Indianapolis for nineteen years. In 2004 when ATA was going out of business, I became a Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones. I retired in 2019, but I still help-out in branches from time to time.

While living in Los Angeles I met my California boy Mike. We were living in the same apartment complex in Alhambra. We married in 1972, had two sons Theodore (Ted) in 1974 and Andrew (Andy) in 1978. They are both great husbands, dads and businessmen.

In 1980 we made the decision to move back to my home state of Indiana. My parents were hungry to have their grandsons nearby. We have never regretted leaving California.

My loves are our seven grandchildren, keeping a nice home, feeding friends and family, traveling, live performances and being in the water or on the water. I am happiest floating in a body of water. Maybe it is because I am such a cork.

I made my confession of faith at age 10 after watching an evangelist that visited our church portray God’s love through music, art and words. I still believed in Santa.

I am happy to currently serve Avon Christian Church as one of your elders. Feel free to call on me.

I wish all of you reading this good mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health through this pandemic.
Juliets

Juliets will meet Friday, March 5th, at 1 PM. For more details please contact Carol Flinn by email at mcflinn13@hotmail.com

Busy Hands Requests Donations

If you have any yarn laying around your house that you no longer need, Busy Hands is requesting that you donate it to their group for crocheting or knitting hats, scarves, preemie blankets, or prayer shawls. You may leave your donations in the choir room at the end near the fellowship hall or in the front vestibule marked for Busy Hands.

Even if you have no yarn you can help provide supplies to make the above items or to make borders on blankets by donating money to Avon Christian Church and designate that it is to go to Busy Hands. This will help in the purchase of needed materials.

Donated monies helped to pay for the completed blankets for Sheltering Wings. It cost over $500 to make the 81 blankets. Busy Hands can provide their time and talents but could use your assistance to cover the financial expense of their many projects.
Indiana Disciples
Saturday, March 6 at 10 am
Spend the morning with women from across the region – sharing stories and reflecting on “inner peace” and what that means for each of us. Registration is required for this online free event.

Register here: https://wmt.suran.com/tool…

#prayandshare
#indianadocwomen
#indianadisciples

Tuesday Bingo
March 10th, 2021 @ 7 PM
Join us via zoom for a time of fellowship!

Look to the Midweek Blast & Announcement emails for the Zoom link.

Check out the event post on Facebook!

March Book Club
Meeting on Zoom at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 24th. Zoom info will be sent the week of our meeting. We are reading The Winemaker’s Wife by Kristen Harmel and discussion will be led by Sharon.

Contact the office for details.
# Birthdays

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Because of the church community's generosity, our total giving for the month of February was $35,130.08. After reducing the receipts by this month's mortgage payout of $5,839.00 from the General Fund, 1% of this net amount gives us a contribution to DMF of $292.91. Additionally, $175.00 was collected and deposited for Week of Compassion.

You treat us with kindness day after day, and you rescue us.

Psalm 68:19
Giving

Online Giving on our Website
https://www.avonchristian.org/mega_menu_contentgiving/

Giving with the Givelify App
Download in your Mobile App Store
Check out “Givelify Mobile Giving App Demo” from Givelify on Vimeo.
https://vimeo.com/88298407

View this video for more details on how to get started, https://youtu.be/8RVHos0lvi4

Electronic Giving
Please contact Linda at lindaa@avonchristian.org.

Online Bill pay through your bank
Phone your bank if you need assistance setting this up. You can set up recurring or one-time payments.

Mail
Write which fund to apply on the memo line and mail your check to:
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Rick Olson, Disciples Men

OFFICE HOURS
BY APPOINTMENT
VIRTUAL HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:30am - 3:30pm
CLOSED—FRIDAYS
GENERAL OFFICE EMAIL NOT MONITORED OVER WEEKEND

ELDERS
Bob Burns
Deb Claus
Rob Hanesworth
Kathy Owen
Kelly Payne
Dora Faye Shelley
Freda Strehle