May Newsletter 2021

Let this be our Prayer

Psalm 119:18
18 Open my eyes,
    so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.
Pastor's Moment

Dear Church-

It feels like this Easter season is passing quickly. Before we know it the season of Pentecost will be upon us! Our journey this Easter season has taken us through the resurrection appearances of Jesus, looking at the words he offers his Disciples as they wonder, what’s next for us? Many had been following Jesus for three years, but now the journey seemed uncertain. Things were not going back to the way they were before his crucifixion and resurrection, but they had forever been changed by Jesus’ ministry and couldn’t return to their lives from before encountering Jesus. As I’ve mentioned over the past month, Jesus’ appearances after the resurrection seem random. In the story of the Road to Emmaus from Sunday, he was there with the Disciples as they finally recognized that it was Jesus, and then suddenly he was gone! It’s hard to figure out what to do next when it still feels like the ground is moving beneath you! Thankfully Jesus’ words offer some wisdom for the Disciples leading up to the day of Pentecost and the birth of the early church.

So far we have considered the wisdom Jesus has offered in the sayings, “Who are you looking for?” from John 20:11-18, “Do Not Be Afraid” from Matthew 28:8-10, and “What are you so concerned about?” from Luke 24:13-34. It is perhaps easier for us to understand these words in the context of the Disciples’ lives, but what do they mean for us as Jesus’ disciples today? As we find ourselves slowly coming back together after a year that was difficult in so many different ways, as a church we too are asking the question, “What’s next?” Perhaps this is a question you are asking in your own life as well. These words of Jesus don’t necessarily offer us answers, but they do offer us a starting place for contemplation. As we continue on our journey through the Easter season and the seven next words of Christ, I invite you to spend some of your own time in prayer and reflection guided by Jesus’ resurrection wisdom on what the spirit might be speaking into your own life and the life of our church right now.

What is God calling us (and you) to do next?

Peace,
Pastor Danielle
My favorite part of being a professional fundraiser is sharing with our donors the impact that their gift provides, and I am finding that this is true of my role as Stewardship Chair here at ACC as well.

Last week Avon Christian Church received notification that we received a $2,500 grant from the Pension Fund of the Christian Church to assist in covering the expenses for Rev. Danielle’s maternity leave. This grant, along with a generous matching gift donation given, will allow ACC to provide Rev. Danielle with a paid maternity leave, while also providing Rev. Paula with the appropriate reimbursement as she temporarily takes over the role of Senior Pastor, without pulling any funds from the annual budget.

We are also pleased to announce that donations from the congregation have helped us to meet our matching requirement on the Connect Thru Tech grant we received from the Center for Congregations last summer. We are using the remaining funds on some additional lighting to place in our chancel area to enhance the livestream. Even as more ACC members return to in-person worship, we know that livestreaming our worship service will be a valuable tool in evangelism and outreach as people are able to virtually worship with us from within our own community, around the country, and even around the world!

Thank you for the support our congregation has provided in helping to cover projects that are outside the normal scope of our annual budget. The generosity of this congregation is allowing us to ensure that Avon Christian Church is able to meet the everchanging needs facing us currently.

Proverbs 18:16 says “A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.” As we continue through this year that is Devoted to Generosity, let us keep our hearts open to God and allow his generosity to flow through us and to pour his love on those in need.

Laura Cochran, Stewardship Chair
An Easter Season Worship Series

It’s often a tradition for Good Friday to focus on Jesus’ seven last words before his death, but what about Jesus’ next words after his resurrection? In his final teachings before Jesus leaves his followers once again, Jesus offers them and us some profound wisdom for how we are to live out our faith and build God’s church to be a witness to life, love, and resurrection in the world.
GRADUATION TIME

CLASS OF 2021

YOU DID IT!

WE WANT TO HONOR OUR ACC 2021 GRADUATES

PLEASE SEND YOUR GRADUATE’S INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE, INCLUDE A PHOTO, BRIEF BIO DESCRIBING WHAT SCHOOL AND/OR PROGRAM SHE/HE IS GRADUATING FROM, POST-GRADUATION PLANS TO OFFICE@AVONCHRISTIAN.ORG BY MAY 10TH
Onsite Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday - Saturday
CLOSED

Sunday
See you in Worship @ 10:35 am

We remain available by phone and appointment

Monday - Thursday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
May Book Club
May 26, 2021 @ 7pm
Proof of Heaven
A Neurosurgeon’s Near-Death Experience and Journey into the Afterlife
By: Eben Alexander

Juliets
Juliets will be going to Metro Diner on Friday, May 7th, at 1 PM. It is located at 302 North Dan Jones Road in front of the Meijer’s Store. Please let Carol Flinn know by e-mailing mcflinn13@hotmail.com or calling 317-939-2968. Hope to see you all there.

Set Avon Christian Church up for your Smile recipient.
Code 35-1559768
Winners of the Baby Shower Contests!

With the arrival of Harper Lee Claus, we can announce the winners of the Baby Shower Contests!

- Carol Flinn won the closest arrival date!
- Mary Ann Otto won the closest birth weight!
  Debi Campbell has your prizes!

Dear ACC Family,

Thank you for the beautiful celebration of our little one, Baby “LEGO,” last Sunday. We feel overwhelmed by your love and support and are grateful to know that he is going to be a part of such an amazing church family. We can’t wait until we can introduce him to all of you!

Love,
Sam and Danielle
## Birthdays

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## April 2021

### Worship Attendance and Giving

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Worship Bulletin
Attached on the Sermon of the week’s post

Newsletter
News & Updates on the Newsletter tab

Calendar
ACC Calendar is available on the website right next to the Newsletters

June Newsletter Publish date: June 2, 2021
June Newsletter Deadline: Noon May 31, 2021
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/8RVHos0ivi4

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:
Avon Christian Church
Attn: Linda Aders
7236 E County Rd 100 S
Avon, IN 46123
AVON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)
www.avonchristian.org
office@avonchristian.org

OFFICE HOURS

APPOINTMENT HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:30am - 4:00pm

ONSITE OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
12:00pm—4:00pm
CLOSED—FRIDAYS

General office email not monitored over weekend

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Danielle Cox, Senior Minister
Rev. Paula Pettis-Garrett, Associate Minister
Linda Aders, Financial Assistant
Melissa Shriner, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Merchant, Nursery Director
Kurt Schakel - Organist/Accompanist

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Megan Mathena, Co-op
Debi Campbell, Christian Ed
Beth Roberts, Church Growth
Kenda Hamersley, Fellowship
Larry Champion, Outreach
Greg Cochran, Personnel Working Group
Rachele Baker, Sports
Laura Cochran, Stewardship
Cheryl Croghan, Worship
Marianne Berlin, Worship
Kelly Payne, Disciples Women
Rick Olson, Disciples Men

ACC BOARD

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Mary Ann Otto, Diaconate
Deb Claus, Member-at-Large
Lura Lawson, Member-at-Large
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Bob Burns
Deb Claus
Rob Hanesworth
Kathy Owen
Kelly Payne
Dora Faye Shelley
Freda Strehle