November 2021 Newsletter
A Month of Thanksgiving
–giving is so much more–

At Avon Christian Church we are devoted to generosity of finances, resources, time, and most importantly in sharing God’s love! During our season of stewardship we have opportunities to give and serve. We hope you will make plans to join together with us to be the hands and feet of

November 7- Blanket Them with Love

Join us after church to help make fleece no-sew tie blankets for the refugees from Afghanistan at Camp Atterbury.

November 14- Blood Drive

Donate blood with Versiti: Blood Center of Indiana in the fellowship hall from 9-12. Sign-up for a time on their website here

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/151618?fbclid=IwAR3zHAWtizC28X70N6rf9JGi6XJNS7uMVZ3UGcKN-9Kx4uyEKr01VhbgcQ

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 5pm-7pm

Everything will be provided and fixed in the church kitchen.
Greetings and Happy “Giving-Thanks” month! “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth” – Psalm 34:1 (NRSV). I was preparing to write this article and realized after reviewing my article from November 2020 that I had planned to share the same thoughts. Therefore, I will re-share it with you (with a few changes)...

“In life, there is much to complain about, if we so choose. It IS a choice as is gratefulness. For as many complaints as we have, there are also opportunities to express gratitude. I encourage you, in this season of Thanksgiving especially, to think about all that you have and all that you’ve experienced that is worthy of thanks to God and others. I thank God for each of you and my heart is full of gratitude for the privilege of serving Avon Christian Church. Thank you for your trust and confidence in me.

Thank you, ACC, for your thoughtfulness during Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for your cards, gifts, kind words, and goodies. Your love and support are felt and deeply appreciated.

Thank you to every person who has volunteered in any way to help me, and in serving our congregation. To every individual, ministry, working group, circle, club, and committee, thank you for all you do. Your work does not go unnoticed.

Thank you to those who maintain our building, grounds, property, and more.

Thank you to the Board who carefully and prayerfully attends to the business of the church.

Thank you to each staff member for all you contribute and for making ACC such a pleasant place to work and serve. What a team!

Thank you everyone for your commitment, dedication, and faithfulness to God, to each other and to our community!”

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Paula

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- Treasury Report -

I wanted to provide the congregation with continued financial updates through the end of September and into October.

Giving trends this month have continued, on course with no major surprises. There was one low giving week that happened just before our mortgage payment was due, and we had to pay the mortgage from the capital expense fund. This is a good time to remind the congregation that the operating expenses also include the mortgage payment. There is no longer a separate campaign to fund the mortgage payments. We have limited funds left in the capital funds account and each time we pay the mortgage from the capital account it takes away from savings that we have. So far this year, we have had to do this four times, reducing overall cash balances.

In the next few weeks, the financial team will be preparing the 2022 budget. We will be looking at expenses from the past year, the needs of the ministry teams, and working with the stewardship team as the congregation makes their pledges for 2022.

Beth Roberts

- time for poinsettias -

Who will you honor this year? Look for the Poinsettia envelopes Sunday!

Write on the envelope how many plants you’d like and who the Honor or In Memory is dedicated. $10 per plant.

Contact Michele Lynch for details.

- advent preparation -

As we begin our preparations for Advent we are seeking angels to help adorn our sanctuary. Do you have an extra angel tree topper you won’t be using this Christmas? Is there a special angel figurine or wall hanging in your Christmas decor? For our Advent theme, Angels Among Us, we are creating a heavenly host of angels in our worship space with angels from the Christmas decorations of our ACC families. If you would like to participate, please bring your angels to church (marked with your name on a tag or post-it note) by Sunday, November 21 so that our team can get the FLC decorated for the first Sunday in Advent. Thank you for helping us prepare our space for the season of Advent and Christmas.

Peace, Danielle

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- anniversaries -
  Bob & Marianne Berlin 11/18
  John & Sharon Merchant 11/9

- birthdays -
  Simon Castagno 11/3
  Aaron Claus 11/3
  Sharon Martin 11/7
  Barb Younce 11/8
  David Brooks 11/9
  Kathy Owen 11/13
  Jean Schaller 11/13
  Rayna Burke 11/13
  Eric Rickert 11/17
  Elaine Conklin 11/18
  Ed Vaughan 11/19
  Vicki Champion 11/21
  Kayla Rainbolt 11/25
  Andy Olson 11/26
  Brent Saucerman 11/26
  Andrea Olson 11/29
  Bob Row 11/29

Tuesday Evenings
7 – 8 pm in the FLC
$5 Freewill offering is appreciated

YOGA

Youversion Bible app
Download the app for you and also one for the littles, click on the icons for more info. Watch a video here to learn more.

Helping you seek God every day. A digital mission of Life.Church.

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Host week Nov 21—Nov 27

Follow the link to sign up
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4e4a82ea5f49-family27

For opportunities to help contact
Family Promise @ 317–296–3742
Or visit their Resource Center at
238 North Vine Street, Plainfield

- **Juliets** -

Juliets will be going to Emmy’s Pancake House and Grill on Rockville Road in the shopping center behind Dairy Queen on Friday, Nov. 5 at 1 PM. Please let Carol Flinn know by email at mcflinn13@hotmail.com or calling 317–939–2968. Hope to see everyone there.

- **it's time to count our blessings** -

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 5pm–7pm

Soup (Chicken Noodle, Tortellini, Potato, Chili and Beef Stew), Bread, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly, drinks, and deserts. Come and Enjoy time with your Church Family. Everything will be provided and fixed in the church kitchen.

Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall or the link below.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C44A9A82ABFB6–accthanksgiving

CONTACT: KENDA HAMERSLEY 317–902–2191 (YOU CAN TEXT)

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How can we pray for you?

your grace finds me

Find it on AvonChristian.org

• Worship Bulletin
• Newsletter
• Calendar
• Past Sermons

-the nuttiest -

Nuts, decadent chocolate treats, dried fruit and More!

A portion of every product sold on this fundraising website benefits Avon Christian Church-Disciples Women!
**Giving**

Online Giving on our Website

https://www.avonchristian.org/mega_menu_contentgiving/

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**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](https://vimeo.com/88298407)

View this video for more details on how to get started, [https://youtu.be/8RVHosolvi4](https://youtu.be/8RVHosolvi4)

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**Electronic Giving**

Please contact Linda at lindaa@avonchristian.org.

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**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.

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**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

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Kathy Owen
Deb Claus
Kelly Payne
Dora Faye Shelley
Freda Strehle
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Mary Ann Otto, Diaconate
Deb Claus, Member-at-Large
Andy Olson, Member-at-Large
Ann Hodson, Member-at-Large

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS
Vacant, Co-op
Rev. Paula Pettis-Garrett, Christian Ed
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Kelly Payne, Disciples Women
Rick Olson, Disciples Men
Kenda Hamersley, Fellowship
Larry Champion, Outreach
Greg Cochran, Personnel Working Group
Rachele Baker, Sports
Laura Cochran, Stewardship
Cheryl Croghan, Worship
Marianne Berlin, Worship

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