

# The Spirit News

A PUBLICATION OF ACTON METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2017



**Summer Fun!**  
**Last Camp for the Summer!!!**

## Discovery Family Day Camp

August 12 ♦ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For Families with kids of all ages

Bring the whole family for a FREE day

of fun at Glen Lake Retreat Water Park as we celebrate the end of summer together!



To register, pick up a form at the church office or register

online at: [www.actonumc.org/summer-camps](http://www.actonumc.org/summer-camps)

Questions or to volunteer, please contact Kim Schultz, Director of Children's Ministries at (817) 326-4242 or [kim@actonumc.org](mailto:kim@actonumc.org).

## Club M.A.D. Starts September 6



Club M.A.D. registration is currently open for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> for the 2017-2018 school year. You may register on-line at [www.actonumc.org/ministries/children](http://www.actonumc.org/ministries/children) or pick up a form at the church office.

**What is Club M.A.D.?** For those of you who do not know, Club M.A.D. is our once-a-week after school program (3:15 - 5:15 pm) for children in grades K-5, that includes children's music, art, and drama. Club M.A.D. provides a unique and very fulfilling opportunity to serve in the church, by being the face of Christ to the wonderful children in our program.

**It Takes a Village...** "It Takes a Village" to make Club M.A.D. a success. Working with these wonderful children is so rewarding. There are many volunteer opportunities. Please contact Kim Schultz, Director of Children's Ministry, at [kim@actonumc.org](mailto:kim@actonumc.org) or at 817-326-4242 to learn more and to discover where you would like to volunteer. Each position could involve about 3 hours of your time on Wednesday afternoons. If you only have one or two Wednesdays that you can volunteer, Kim will help you arrange that as well.



## Notes

from the Music Ministry

By Ken McDonald

Director of Music Ministries

I am excited to share with you the plans for the Music Department for the 2017 Fall Season!

The Choir rehearsal information is to let you know the multiple opportunities that are available to Children, Youth, and Adults beginning this Fall. No auditions are required.

### Here is the schedule for rehearsals

**Angel Choir** (ages 5 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:15 pm. Begins September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bethlehem Choir** (grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesdays 4:15 - 5:15 pm. Begins September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Choir** (grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Handbell Choir** (High School - Adult)

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:45 pm

**Chancel Choir** (College - Adult; \*High school)

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm

\*High school students can participate in Chancel Choir as long as they keep 75% attendance in the Youth Choir\*

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ken McDonald, Director of Music Ministries, at [ken@actonumc.org](mailto:ken@actonumc.org) or at 817-326-4242.

**Check out page 5...** for a thought provoking article entitled, "Is it Really Important that My Child Sings in the Choir?". Ken McDonald, our new Choir Director says YES!

## What's Going On at AUMC?

**August 3 - A to A - Farm Day:** FREE Class, taught by Pastor Margret. From 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Project 44 Farm. Sign up by email at [actonumc.org/a2a](mailto:actonumc.org/a2a). This is a great opportunity to invite your friends in the community.

**August 4 - First Friday Food Pantry:**

At First United Methodist Church in Granbury (off of highway 51) from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Contact Pastor Ben at 817-326-4242 or [ben@actonumc.org](mailto:ben@actonumc.org) for more information.

**August 5 - Porch Group: "Devotions & Donuts"**

- Do you enjoy coffee? Do you enjoy getting to know other women? Then please join the new Porch group that will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at the Coffee Shop in the Pecan Plantation Villages, at 10:00 a.m. We will share some coffee, a devotional, and just get to know each other better. Women supporting women-of all ages. This group is not limited to Pecan residents. Coffee & sweets will be on your own. Any questions? Call Judi Kinder @ 817-573-2822 or 515-291-5593.

**August 12 - Discover Family Day Camp:** Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Glen Lake Camp ~ For Families with kids of all ages ~ FREE. Bring the whole family for a day of fun at a family water park as we celebrate the end of summer together! To sign up for this camp, go online at [actonumc.org/summer-camps](http://actonumc.org/summer-camps)

**August 12 and 26 - Grief Support Group -**

**Saturday Breakfast Group** - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (June - September) at Fuzzy's Tacos on the Square from 9:00 - 10:30 am. An informal get together for anyone experiencing grief and loss. Join us for conversation, coffee and/or breakfast tacos. No need to call ahead, just show up. Questions? Email Amy Dwight [alane1814@gmail.com](mailto:alane1814@gmail.com).

**August 19 - A to A - Card Making Class:** FREE Class, taught by Mo Rogers. From 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the CLC. Sign up by email at [actonumc.org/a2a](mailto:actonumc.org/a2a) and if you need free childcare, please request this in the email. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends in the community. To see a full schedule of what we are offering, visit [actonumc.org/a2a](http://actonumc.org/a2a).

**August 25 - PALS (Perfectly Awesome Ladies Society)** - At 11:30 am in the White Chapel. This is a pot luck lunch. All single ladies are invited!

**August 28 - Pastor Amy's Summer Book Club** - Pastor Amy's Book Club will STILL actively meet even though she is on maternity leave! The group will meet for discussion on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. They will be reading "Jesus: A Theography" by Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola. Books are available for \$9 each and are available in Pastor Amy's office. Questions? Email Pastor Amy at [amy@actonumc.org](mailto:amy@actonumc.org).

**September 4 - Labor Day** - The Church Office and the Preschool will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

**September 6 - Club M.A.D. Starts!** - Wednesday after-school program from 3:15 - 5:15 pm for kids in grades K-5th. Sign up your kids now! Registration forms are available at the church office. We are also looking for volunteers. To sign up to volunteer or for more information, please contact Kim Schultz, Director of Children's Ministry at 817-326-4242 or [kim@actonumc.org](mailto:kim@actonumc.org).

**September 10 - 3's Company Going to Linda's Southern Kitchen** - After the 11:00 am worship service. All single senior adults are invited. Come join us for great food and fellowship! To make reservations or if you have questions, contact Dolores Guinn at 817-326-2342.

**The Porch** - The Porch is preparing for Fall and ready to MULTIPLY! For more information, visit [actonumc.org/theporch](http://actonumc.org/theporch).

## United Methodist Men

**UMM Fellowship Meetings**

Methodist Men will not be meeting in August.

**UMM Mission Project: Meals on Wheels**

Every Wednesday, UMM serves Meals on Wheels to more than 13 families in the area. We work in 2 man teams. If you are interested, please call Jim Martin at 817-910-2169.

For more information about Men's Groups & Projects, please contact Phil Newsom, President, at 832-289-0224.



## *Stitching Angels*

*A Ministry of Caring  
and Compassion for  
those in need of a  
Blessing*

Acton Methodist Church  
implemented the Prayer Shawl

Ministry in October, 2003 and we have been going strong ever since. Our main focus has been providing Prayer Shawls to be given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the middle of a crisis. They have also been given in times of celebration.

### We make Prayer Shawls for:

- ✚ Acton Methodist sanctuary.
- ✚ The women who had successfully completed the course at the Christian Women's Job Corp (now named Forward Training Center).
- ✚ The Traffic 911 organization to be given to girls that were rescued from sex trafficking.
- ✚ Cancer patients.
- ✚ Hospice patients.
- ✚ Habitat for Humanity to be given at dedication of homes.
- ✚ Pocket Prayer Shawls for a troop that was leaving for Afghanistan.
- ✚ Pocket Prayer Shawls for all the veterans that have attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Acton Methodist.
- ✚ Sweaters for the Red Bird Mission: We involved women of the church in helping us make children's sweaters for Red Bird Mission. Our goal was to make 100 sweaters. We were so proud that 135 sweaters were taken to Red Bird to be given to children at Christmas. On another mission trip to Red Bird Mission we made hats and scarves to be given to the teenagers for Christmas.
- ✚ We make mittens for the babies at Lake Granbury Medical Center.
- ✚ We make garments for angel babies born at Lake Granbury Medical Center.
- ✚ We make baby blankets for Acton Methodist babies, Lake Granbury Medical Center, the Pregnancy Center, Rainbow Room and Ruth's Place.
- ✚ Throughout the year we make lap robes that are given to all the nursing homes at Christmas.

✚ At this time we are making Prayer Shawls that will be given to the workers of Child Protective Service at Christmas for their dedication to this very worthwhile cause.

If you would like to join the Stitching Angels, we meet on Monday Afternoons at 2:00 pm in the Church Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Guerin at 817-326-2355.

## United Methodist Women

Circle groups meet in the White Chapel and/or Parlor.

Please join us! Women of all ages are welcome!

### **Circle of Love - September 8 at 10:00 am.**

Join us as we begin our Fall meetings. We are very happy that Rev. Wade Killough will be our guest speaker. We hope other circle members as well as other women of the church will join us to hear Wade speak. Please join us and visit with this wonderful young man. (Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 10:00 am.).

### **Mary Martha Circle - September 11 at 6:00 pm.**

Pastor Wade will be helping us get to know him as well as learning what our mission minded Mary Martha Circle does. All ladies are invited to come as we begin our 2017-2018 programs and projects. (Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm).

### **Eileen Lindley Circle - September 19 at 1:00 pm.**

Norma Slocum will lead the pledge service and Louise Rhodes will give the devotional. Hostesses are Louise Rhodes and Nita Merritt serving us a light dessert. We would love to invite all women interested in joining us for the new Fall season. (They meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1 pm.).

### **Literary Circle - September 20 at 1:00 pm.**

We are reviewing the book "*Radio Shangri La*" by Lisa Napoli on what she discovered on her journey to Bhutan, the Happiest Kingdom on Earth. (Meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month).

Questions about UMW and their events?  
Please contact Ann Schmidt, UMW President at  
[apschmidt@charter.net](mailto:apschmidt@charter.net) or (817) 326-2352.

## Prayer Corner...

Remember to "Pray without Ceasing"



**August Prayer Focus:** Please pray for our families as they prepare for school and Fall activities.

## Thank You!! Thank You!!



Through an active spring, where we said farewell to Joe Noelleste and Pastor Chris, and said hello to Ken McDonald and Pastor Wade, the CLC was bustling with receptions.

SPR wants to send special thanks to Linda Frossard and Laura Wood-Ferrell who planned the menus and purchased the food for all four receptions and to the members of the Seekers Sunday School Class that stepped in to help setup, prepare the food, serve and then clean the CLC. They also were responsible for the Acton Celebrates America reception.

Great job to all involved with some fun and great food options!

With much gratitude,  
Your Staff Parish Relations Committee

## Congratulations



It's a Girl!

Rilla Olive Rey Alexander

Born July 19, 2017

Rilla is the daughter of  
Pastor Amy & Brad Alexander

## Outreach

### WHAT IS: Disaster Response

Want to get involved and learn more about Disaster Response? Acton UMC has created an Early Response Team (ERT) that consists of folks who go out to the disasters (floods, tornados, etc.) and help those affected. We do this with a "Caring and Christian presence". We are trained by authorized UMCOR trainers, and are given ERT ID Badges as evidence of completing the training. The topics covered in the class include the who, what, when, where and how of doing disaster response ministry, as well as some hands-on experience in the specific tasks that ERT members are expected to accomplish in the face of a disaster.

**We are holding a training class at Acton UMC Youth Building on Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 9 am – 5 pm.**

If you are interested we do need you to register at this site:

<https://ctc-reg.brapp.com/ERTRegistrationAug2371>

The cost is \$30 and includes all class materials, lunch and ERT T-shirt & badge.

If you have any questions, please contact Candy Cane at [ceeceecane@gmail.com](mailto:ceeceecane@gmail.com) or Sheryl Crumrine at [flymomtoo@gmail.com](mailto:flymomtoo@gmail.com).



Bill Eslick and Art Nutt cleaning up flood damage that was caused by the Granbury Flooding.





## ***Is it Really Important that My Child Sings in the Choir?***

***Ken McDonald,  
Our Director of Music Ministries,  
wanted to share this article with you.***

A PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS: “The children who have received extensive training in children’s choirs grow up to become happy, well-adjusted adults on a higher percentage rate than do those having no choir experience. I would say that the reason for this is that the principles of music and harmony which are learned in choir work become part of the child and are subconsciously carried over into his everyday life.”

Dr. George Crane

A DOCTOR SAYS: “Singing helps to develop and strengthen the lungs and respiratory organs and helps the entire body resist disease.”

Dr. J. H. Moore

AN EDUCATOR SAYS: “We are only beginning to learn that the right kind of music and singing taught to children while they are young has the power to change the course and destiny of their lives.”

Dorothy Brombley

A SOCIOLOGIST SAYS: “Music and singing are extremely beneficial, not only to the well-being of a person physically and spiritually, but in every experience a person may have, whether public or private.”

Dr. J. J. Davis

A PHILOSOPHER SAYS: “Because music has so much to do with the molding of the character, it is necessary that we teach it to our children.”

Aristotle (320 B.C.)

A CRIMINOLOGIST SAYS: “The child who receives music training and who finds joy in singing and making music will not make mischief. The girls who sing and play the piano do not pick your pocket; the boy who sings and draws the violin bow is not the boy who draws the gun.”

J. Edgar Hoover

A PRESIDENT SAYS: “Music and singing make for better citizenship; they drive out envy and hate, they unify and inspire. Music is the one common tie between races and nations.”

Woodrow Wilson

A MINISTER SAYS: “Our little children we instruct chiefly by hymns, whereby we find the most important truths most successfully insinuated into their minds.”

John Wesley

THE BIBLE SAYS: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



## ***Off the Shelf***

*by Bobbie Brownlee, Librarian*

***“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”*** Albert Einstein

Summer brings an unusual amount of “reading time.” These are new selections, and there’s something just for you and all your family. Be sure to visit our Teen and Young Adult section for books to help ‘tweens and teens avoid the “summer gap” in learning.

**TITLE:** *One Cool Friend*  
**AUTHOR:** Toni Buzzeo and David Small  
**CALL #:** Currently shelved in New Books

Elliot and his father visit the aquarium, and while Dad is distracted, Elliot asks if he can have a penguin. You cannot imagine all the mischief Elliot and his real penguin “hatch up” when they get home. This is a Caldecott Honor Book. AGES: 5-8: GR PreS-3

**TITLE:** *Moral Injury: Restoring Wounded Souls*  
**AUTHOR:** Larry Kent Graham  
**CALL #:** Currently shelved in New Books

Graham addresses an issue that is garnering much attention in our country – that of post-traumatic living. A retired theological professor, Graham acknowledges the difficulty in deciding what is right and wrong. You will want to read this book as soon as possible – it prepares us for the Wet Vets/Moral Injury event at Acton Methodist in September.

**TITLE:** *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home*  
**AUTHOR:** Traci Smith  
**CALL #:** Currently shelved with New Books

This book offers practical ways for families to live their faith together through a variety of ceremonies, traditions, and spiritual practices. In the first chapter, Rev. Smith gives ideas and guidelines for fifteen family traditions designed to deepen a family’s life together using faith as the foundation.

## Employment Opportunities

### Director of Multimedia Ministries

Acton UMC has an opening for the Director of Multimedia Ministries which is a full-time position working with church Clergy and staff to oversee all live service technology including media presentations, camera shot framing, audio and visual recording, audio mix and stage lighting for all events, manage and maintain the AUMC website. The Multimedia Ministries Director will bring technical oversight and expertise for media equipment and upgrades.

#### Essential Duties

- Develop and implement policies and procedures for the training and qualifications for all employees and volunteers involved in the media ministries, operation and maintenance of media equipment, creative content of media presentations.
- Create videos for use at events.
- Recruit and train all paid and volunteer staff for multimedia, sound, and broadcast.
- Supervise and coordinate the staffing of the multimedia systems for all regular and special scheduled worship services, related rehearsals, and other special church sponsored events.
- Manage, maintain, and update/create the AUMC Website ([actonumc.org](http://actonumc.org)).
- Serve as church consultant for media needs of all program departments.
- Manage and maintain the installation and operation of all multimedia equipment including, but not limited to, media presentation hardware, the sound boards, multimedia recording equipment, TV's, DVD's, duplicators, NLE editing system, projectors, screens and stage lighting systems, and consultation for and purchase of all multimedia equipment and equipment upgrades, and develop and administer an annual budget for the multimedia ministries.
- Provide consulting, guidance, and maintain social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, instagram)
- Provide consulting, guidance, and problem solving for the Elexio Church Management Software.

**Please submit your resume**

**with references to: [apply@actonumc.org](mailto:apply@actonumc.org)**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### July 2 - Worship

8:15 am - 230  
9:45 am - 213  
11:00 am - 283

Other services - 43

Total - 769

### July 9 - Worship

8:15 am - 169  
9:45 am - 208  
11:00 am - 232

Other services - 96

Total - 705

### July 16- Worship

8:15 am - 150  
9:45 am - 241  
11:00 am - 217

other services - 70

Total - 678

### July 23 - Worship

8:15 am - 123  
9:45 am - 194  
11:00 am - 189

other services - 11

Total - 517

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### July 2, 2017

\$41,580

### July 9

\$28,524

### July 17

\$15,974

### July 23

\$47,999

### July 1

Acton Celebrates  
America Concert

Total - 800



*Jesus said "For where your  
treasure is, there your heart  
will be also."*

Luke 12:34

# Prayer Requests

## Nursing Homes

### Glen Rose

Ellen Jones (*J. Gentry's Mom*)  
Mary Barbara Cook  
Mable Chambers (*C. Redwine's Mom*)

### Arbor House

Enid Davidson

### The Royal Estates (Abilene)

Ione Fowler

## Assisted Living

### Lakestone Terrace

Winnie Grantham  
Carolyn Meier

### Waterview (The Cove)

Burnis Henderson  
Bill Skoog (*The Pointe*)  
Norma Langdon  
Pat West  
June Cheek

### The Courtyards

Leeta Ficklin  
Charlene Kay

### Vantage (Ft. Worth)

Mary Lou Cheek

### Quail Park

Helen Shelton  
Barbara Carrell  
Virgie Davis  
Jack Wilson

## Longterm Home Care

Sally Cleveland  
Ken Sanders  
Jenny Love  
Linda Yarbrough  
Perri Ann Thompson  
Glen Harvey  
Joe Fowler  
June Buchholz  
Kathy Beech  
Bettie Hanna  
Karen Murphy  
Andre & Mary Ann Stafford  
Dan Klemp  
Carson & Ann Diggs

## Home Recuperation

Jo Sanders  
Jean Hagood  
Don Woods  
Shelia Stoudenmier  
Linda Dixon  
Warren Ross  
Marlene Carle  
Sam Helsley  
Susan Haberlin  
Ervin Merritt  
Shirley Hooks  
Bill Champion  
Paul Skoog  
Cindy Morris  
Paula Long

# AUMC Caring Services



## Pastoral Care

If you know of someone (or even yourself) that needs pastoral care (surgeries, visit request, rehab, hospice, nursing home, death), please contact the church office at 817-326-4242. We want to make sure to capture as much information as possible, so no one will fall through the cracks. Thank you for your help in making sure we see to the needs of our church family.

## Stephen Ministry Services Available

Do you know someone who is hurting and could use a caring individual by their side? A loss of a loved one, a job, an illness? We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to meet with that someone who is hurting. A Stephen Minister will listen, care and pray with that someone who is hurting. This confidential ministry is open to anyone who needs a caring person to meet with them. Simply call the church office at 817-326-4242 and ask for Pastor Margret Fields ([margret@actonumc.org](mailto:margret@actonumc.org)) or Linda Hatfield ([linda@actonumc.org](mailto:linda@actonumc.org)).



## Hospitalized

### Arlington Memorial Hospital

Lamar Burges

### Lake Granbury Medical Center

Clarence Curie

## Condolences

...To Family and Friends of LaFoyl Caudle

## A to A

### Acton People Teaching Acton People

FREE classes for the month of July!

- ♦ **August 3** - Project 44 Farm Day: Taught by Pastor Margret from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Project 44 Farm.
- ♦ **August 19** - Card Making Class: Taught by Mo Rogers from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Christian Life Center (CLC).

Classes are FREE. Sign up by email at [actonumc.org/a2a](http://actonumc.org/a2a) and if you need free childcare, please request this in the email. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends in the community. To see a full schedule of what we are offering, visit [actonumc.org/a2a](http://actonumc.org/a2a).



### *Don't Miss our Live Streaming Broadcast of Worship*

Every Sunday at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:00 am.

Go to [www.actonumc.org/live](http://www.actonumc.org/live)

You can view our entire video archive on our  
You Tube Channel at

<http://youtube.com/c/actonumc>

Like us on Facebook to get regular updates at

[www.facebook.com/actonumc](http://www.facebook.com/actonumc)

Follow us on Twitter - [@actonumca](https://twitter.com/actonumca)

**The Church Office and Preschool will be closed  
on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.**

**The next Newsletter will come out on September 6, 2017.  
Next Newsletter Deadline: \*\*Wednesday - August 15\*\* by 8:00 am.  
We reserve the right to edit copy for space/content considerations.**

**website: [www.acton.church](http://www.acton.church)**

**email: [church@actonumc.org](mailto:church@actonumc.org)**

#### **Worship:**

8:15 Traditional  
9:45 Contemporary  
11:00 Traditional

#### **Sunday School:**

8:30 Agape  
9:45 Traditional Classes  
11:00 Classes for all ages

#### **Wednesday Communion Service**

Noon - 12:30 pm in the White Chapel

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday + 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Friday + 8:00 a.m. - Noon



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