

IMPACT 2818 MINISTRY

Indiana United Methodist Church Impact 2818 Ministry exists to foster and promote an environment through which all generations engage their identity in Christ and live out their calling as disciples of Christ in the kingdom of God in the life of the church while being good stewards of available resources.

Impact 2818 Ministry continues to faithfully provide tools and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In 2023, life changing ministry continued across all seven of our INUMC campsites. Impact camps, custom camps, retreats, and various discipleship events all provided opportunities for individuals to experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ in a way that is unique to outdoor ministry. While Impact 2818 Ministry is a ministry of the Indiana United Methodist Conference, its ministry reaches beyond our United Methodist connection. Throughout the year our campsites host a variety of discipleship walks, custom camps, and retreats.

Caring for creation is a part of being good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. In 2014 Impact 2818 partnered with the Nature Conservancy to help manage and care for the land and natural resources of Camp Moneto. In 2023, that partnership was expanded to include Camp Indicoso and Pine Creek.

In 2023 there was much to celebrate. In September, people of all ages and from all over the state gathered at Camp Rivervale and at Epworth Forest to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of both these ministries. What a blessing and joy it was to hear how lives have been impacted over the years through these ministries. And it was exciting to watch as people reconnected with old friends, and once again were able to experience those places many consider Holy Ground.

Lives continue to be impacted and disciples made at each of our seven campsites. We celebrate God's work last year.

- 320 First-time commitments to Christ
- 498 Recommitments to Christ
- 156 Calls to vocational ministry
- 340 Churches sent campers to Impact Camps
- 1564 Total campers at Impact 2818 camps
 - 277 Custom camps, retreats, and discipleship walks
- 8775 Persons served through these custom camps and retreats.

Together the INUMC Board of Camps and Retreats and the Impact 2818 Ministry staff are looking to the future and "Praying Forward". Through the gracious funding of the INUMC, we have begun a strategic planning process to help us discern how we can better continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We continue to pray for God to reveal what the future of the INUMC camping ministry looks like.

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