With All Your Heart

It’s not too late—God’s personal Message!—
“Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!”

Change your life, not just your clothes.
Come back to God, your God.
And here’s why: God is kind and merciful.
He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot,
This most patient God, extravagant in love,
always ready to cancel catastrophe. Joel 2:12b-14a The Message
37-40 Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.” Matthew 22:37-40 The Message

As we finish the season of Lent and enter the season of Easter, we must ask ourselves, “Have I given my heart and my life fully to God?” Why ask this question? If we truly want to follow Jesus, then we must surrender our lives and offer them to God for the Holy Spirit to transform and take over. God spoke this to the prophet Joel, and I love Eugene Peterson’s take on the scripture, “‘Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!’ Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to God, your God.” We lay our lives, our failures, our desires, our prejudices, our thoughts, our words, our strength and our will, down and return to God—truly sorry for what we have done and what we try to do on our own. God receives our lives, he offers forgiveness, and he transforms us.

Easter is about transformation. When the women and disciples saw the living Christ, their lives were no longer the same. Is your faith just a Sunday morning faith that is renewed each week for the sake of your personal salvation? Or is your faith forming all of your life? Does your relationship with Jesus; your resurrection life and story, live out all he commanded and showed you to do? If not, then why? What is in the way? Loving God passionately and with all our hearts is what we need to do. Loving others as we love ourselves is what we need to do—this will give us life and bring transformation. I pray you are able to do this and experience the resurrection like Mary did. Hear Jesus calling your name and never be the same!!!

See you Sunday,
Pastor Amy

Our mission is To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.
At First UMC Decatur, we do that as we Connect in Community, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love as followers of Jesus Christ.
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 8:15 & 10:00 am
Making a New Thing
Isaiah 45:16-21; Philippians 3:4-14

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 14, 8:15 & 10:00 am
Preparing
Isaiah 50:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:25-40

Easter Sunday
April 21, 8:15 & 10:00 am
Believing

Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 8:15 & 10:00 am
Believe in Me
John 20:19-31
Thank You Notes . . .
Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for blessing the clients of the Hope Clinic with the wonderful baby shower gifts. We were blessed with so many wonderful items to help stock our shelves! This ministry is truly a community effort, and would not be possible without your prayers and support. Thank you so much for your on-going partnership with us.
We consider it an honor that you choose to join God’s hand at work through the ministry of the Hope Clinic!
Sincerely,
Hope Clinic Clients, Board of Directors, Volunteers and Staff

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you for lifting my churches and me in prayer. It is challenging to pastor 2 very different flocks, and God gives me strength through your prayers, and wisdom as I need it.

God bless you!
Pastor Lin Wilson
Etna UMC & West Point Trinity UMC

April Birthdays
4/01 Gavin Johnson
4/01 Austin Tricker
4/03 MaCenzie Witte
4/04 Jeremy Friedt
4/05 Michelle Harvey
4/06 Sydni Wolpert
4/08 Rob Pettibone
4/09 Gavin Hiner
4/09 Erik Porter
4/11 Roger Thompson
4/14 Vincent Quinones
4/15 John Adams-G.M.
4/15 Brooks Myers
4/15 Bob Stuck
4/16 Aaron Wilson
4/17 Kara Martin
4/17 Quincy Wolpert
4/20 Joe Andrews
4/21 Olivia Hake
4/22 Allison Busse
4/22 Chad Johnson
4/24 Cindy Rieth
4/25 Lou Koning
4/28 Phyllis Irwin

G.M. - Golden Meadows

Men’s Lenten Breakfast
Time: 8:00 am - 9:15 am
Date: April 6, 2019 at:
Union Chapel United Methodist Church
2999 E 700 N, Decatur, IN 46733
Speaker: Matt Moore

Contact John McCullough at john72561@eawifi.com or Al Arnold at pamalarn@centurylink.net with questions.

Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer need during the week, please contact the prayer chain via the Church office, Monday-Friday, 9-12; 1-4; 724-3158. After office hours, please contact Helen Walters at 724-4831.

April Anniversaries
4/16 Joe & Dee Friedt
4/16 Nick & Jenna Koons
4/30 Tim & Allena Wilson

April
What's happening in Children's Ministry on Sundays?

There's space ninjas battling pirate squirrels, a golden shoe hanging from the ceiling, houses as tall as the kids built with straws and connectors, candy flying threw the air, cups of M&M's, green paper bracelets being taped on wrists, pictures drawn as fast as we can while others guess, spraying silly string, playing crazy loud music, mixing oil, water, dish soap, and one week there was even sand.

Are you sure you're teaching the kids about Jesus???
You bet we are! We've taken on a crazy fun new curriculum this year called, "Go!"
Each lesson invites kids to become a part of the Biblical storytelling in wonderfully imaginative ways. GO! uses different storytelling methods and learning styles to help kids join the story. It's chronological, gospel centered, God focused, faith forming and filled with fun.

March was all about awakening our inner Picasso while learning the Parables that Jesus told. We've had many ah ha moments while learning, opportunities to share about what's happening in our lives, and even pray for each other. For April, kids will not only get to see some of the coolest science experiments around, but they'll also use those experiments as a catalyst for understanding the most spectacular story ever told, the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

You know we've been working on our goal to memorize scripture too. I'm happy to report it's going great! We are 3 months in and have already hidden 7 scriptures in our hearts with the help of our Jumpstart3 music.

If you have kids in your life that aren't worshipping and learning about God anywhere else on Sunday mornings, we'd love to have them join us!!! I promise you they will make memories, have fun AND learn about Jesus all at the same time.

So the next generation might know,
Annette
The Hope Chest
The Little Shop with a Big Heart

Prom Dresses are now available Monday thru Friday 10 am until 5 pm at The Hope Chest until Prom. Spread the word.

We are now collecting Spring and Summer items. Remember us with your unwanted items. They are much appreciated.

Thanks for your continued support.
The Hope Chest Staff
SPECIAL MEMO

CLOSED: April 19 Good Friday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hudson Morris
Alana Melcher

April Riddle
Looks like the letter t.
Worn on a chain around neck.
Jesus carried one to the hill.
Calvary had three.

What am I?

Tana's Colorful Words
Highlighting Purple Room

Purple Room is active from 6:30am till 5:30pm. The state allows 1 year olds ratio of 5 children to 1 teacher. Brittany Crook has been a teacher at KFCCM for five years. When children arrive their activities can vary from play or needing some snuggle time or rocking. Breakfast is served to the children with a choice of cereal, pop tarts, eggs (scrambled), milk, or juice. Then back to classroom for diapers check, play and learning. Introduction to colors, shapes, sharing, exploring centers, looking at books, and if the weather is over 32* and sunny can enjoy playground. Warm lunch is served at 11:55. Then afternoon a nap followed with a snack and play. Brittany likes the children's contagious smiles and inquisitive minds. When not at KFCCM Brittany enjoys spending time with family and friends. She can be crafty when she chooses. Enjoys board or card games, being outdoors and travel. Thank you Brittany for your kind and caring ways.

Until the come out again!

That's A Fact

Purple Room children find learning is cool and fun!

Daniel looks through binoculars to things that are far away.

Makenna looks through sunglasses to see how things can change.

Carter thought his sunglasses were really cool as his friends watched.

That's A Fact
Easter Flowers* Flower Garden Fund * Mulch
Order Form

Remember and honor your loved ones with spring flowers for Easter Sunday and support our garden funds. After filling out the form, please return it with payment in the offering plate or to the Church office by April 7th. A list of memorials will be listed in the bulletin on Easter, April 21st. Flowers may be collected after second service.

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7 pm-Nominations/Lay Leadership  
7 pm-A.A. |  2 pm-Bible Study  
5-6 pm-Fishes & Loaves  
6 pm-A Better Life - Brianna's Hope  
7 pm-Praise Team rehearsal |     |     |  8 am-Men's Lenten Breakfast at Union Chapel UMC |
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8 am-12 noon-Church office hours  
1 pm-Community Good Friday Service at St. Mark's UMC |     |  2 pm-Bible Study  
5-6 pm-Fishes & Loaves  
6 pm-A Better Life - Brianna's Hope  
7 pm-Praise Team rehearsal |     |     |     |
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8 am-12 noon-Church office hours  
1 pm-Community Good Friday Service at St. Mark's UMC |     |     |     |     |     |
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|  21 | Easter Day  
8:15 & 10 am-Worship  
11:15-Discipleship Groups |  6 pm-Faith 101  
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7 pm-A.A. |  24 |  25 |     |
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CONNECT—GROW—SERVE

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Palm Sunday
April 14, 10:00 am

Good Friday
April 19, 1:00 pm
St. Mark’s UMC

Easter
April 21