Serve in Love

25 But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles rule over their subjects, and those in authority over them are called ‘friends of the people.’ 26 But that’s not the way it will be with you. Instead, the greatest among you must become like a person of lower status and the leader like a servant. 27 So which one is greater, the one who is seated at the table or the one who serves at the table? Isn’t it the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” Luke 22:25-27 CEB

The third part of our vision statement at First UMC is Serve in Love. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are commanded to serve others, and Jesus gave us many examples of what that service looks like. As we think about our ministry at First UMC, one of the things we need to think about is how our ministry has us out in our community serving others. Fishes and Loaves gives us the opportunity to deliver meals to those who need them and to invite others into our building for a meal and fellowship. The Hope Chest gives us the opportunity to help people in need of clothing and for those who visit the store, it gives an opportunity to have conversation with the staff and volunteers that is encouraging and uplifting. We pray for our military personnel and our college students, we offer Caring Covers to those who are welcoming new babies or who are recovering from illness or surgery. We volunteer at Operation Help in July to assist those in need of food. What are others ways we can be present in the community to show the love of God and to help those in need?

What would it look like if First UMC was serving each day in our schools through reading, tutoring, and mentoring the next generation? What if we took a Saturday and paid for people’s laundry or dry cleaning, or pumped their gas? What if we walked our neighborhoods and asked our neighbors if they needed prayer, and then prayed with them on the spot? How about a Saturday serving with Habitat for Humanity? What are other ways we can show God’s love and help those in need? I am sure you can come up with many other ideas. To become mature disciples of Jesus, to live out our faith every day, we must be serving others. How can we do that as a church and how can we provide opportunities for our church members and friends to serve?

On October 3, the eight United Methodist Churches in Adams County will have a day of service for the people of Adams County. It is called, This is the day. You will hear more about this day, but opportunities to serve will include games and refurbishing at Golden Meadows, paying for people’s laundry and praying for them at laundry mats throughout the county, gathering with others to write notes of appreciation and encouragement to the staff at our county schools and first responders, and possibly helping with flood recovering for persons in the county. This will be a great way to Serve in Love and to connect with our fellow UM’s in the county. What are ways we can do these kind of things on a regular basis?

Please be in prayer for the team organizing This is the day, as well as the leadership of First UMC as we begin organizing opportunities for our own mission/serve in love ministries. If you would like to be a part of a mission team, please let me know. And watch for more information on how you can be involved in This is the day and other ways to serve.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Amy
FIRST CHURCH @ THE MOVIES

AUGUST 2ND
PSALM 130:7
REDEMPTION

AUGUST 9TH
PROVERBS 29:25
FEAR

AUGUST 16TH
PROVERBS 11:2
PRIDE

AUGUST 23RD
PROVERBS 17:22
JOY

AUGUST 30TH
JOHN 1:1-5
CHRISTY'S LIGHT
First United Methodist Church
502 West Monroe Street

PEACH FESTIVAL
Sunday, August 23rd @ 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Menu
Chicken Sandwiches
Brats/Sauerkraut
Hot Dogs – Chili & Plain
Peaches
Ice Cream
Peach Cobbler
Peach Crisp
Drinks

Games for the Children

Children 5 and under 1/2 price

Everybody Come !!!

Proceeds go to various ministries
Winter snow and spring flooding has caused a lot of problems here at the Mission.
- The roof on both our office building and our warehouse developed leaks in several places. We had to make costly repairs to both roofs, replace flooring and replace ceiling tiles and insulation throughout due to mold problems.
- We also had a major plumbing problem in the office building which necessitated the backyard being dug up and pipes replaced.
- Over one weekend, we had a pipe burst in the processing area of the warehouse building.
- Our heating and air system in our office building was not working properly and had to be replaced.

These problems were very costly -- to date we have spent approximately $41,600 on them.

In addition, we have constructed a building on our property to house our clothing bales. This will help us to be able to get top dollar for our bales -- this is a big help to our budget. Cost for labor and materials for this building totals $12,900.

Please consider giving a donation toward these costs. This would be a huge help! Your donation could be given to the driver when the truck comes around or you can mail it to:

Methodist Mountain Mission
P.O. Box 888
Jackson, KY 41339

And please continue to give your "stuff" generously when the truck comes around. Our warehouse is no longer empty. Thank you! But we continue to need:
* Lots of clothing for men, women and children, including underwear, socks and shoes
* Dishes, pots and pans, small appliances
* Good, usable furniture
* Other household items

And remember! We can bale clothing, belts, purses and caps (even those items that are not good enough quality to put in our stores)

Items donated may be placed in the Family Life Center (along the east wall) starting August 14. The Mission truck will pick up the donations by August 17.
Thank You Notes…

My Church Family,
Thank you for the prayers for my venture to IU. Thank you for the Bible. I appreciate all the prayers and support throughout high school.

Thanks,
Amberly Gutierrez

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for remembering me in prayer during my surgery and recovery. Thanks to Pastor Amy and Pastor Harold for their visits and prayers.

God Bless You!
Kent Koons

Dear 1st U.M.C. family,
I just want to let you know how much I have appreciated all of the prayer cards that have come my way. Your prayers have meant a great deal during these past months. I have finished with my last surgery. Looks as though the radiation took care of the cancer tumor. Now I need to work on getting my sight back in that eye. They say it takes time. I return to UCLA in September for a check up. Just wanted to catch you up on my prayers.

Love & prayers to all,
Janine Felabom

Dear FUMC Staff,
Thank you for the beautiful family tree tapestry. Family was Mom’s most important part of her life. This will serve as a great reminder of her love for us. Thank you.

The Family of Kathryn N. Ritter

To First Church Family,
Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers, visits, and expressions of love shown to our family and me with the passing of Noel. He is whole now and at home with God.

Blessings,
Maurine Reed & Family

Custodian’s Closet:

Safety is a concern while you are in First Church. You may have noticed:
- Electrical Panels
- Fire extinguishers
- Alarm pulls
- Emergency care kits and a
- Defibrillator

Please be aware of those items as they are for your safety.
State regulations prohibits anything from being placed in front of the emergency equipment and electrical panels at least 3 feet.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Debbie Bolduc, Custodian

Wisdom People

The Wisdom People will be gathering at Richard’s on Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 noon. Pastor Amy Covington will be giving the program on Missions.

Help Needed for Peach Festival

The Peach Festival will be Sunday, August 23, from 4 to 6:30 pm and will need lots of help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for peelers, servers, dishwashers, bussers, crisp and cobbler bakers, pop donations and more. Thank you in advance for signing up and helping.

August Birthdays

8/02 Carter Friedt
8/02 Madison Jones
8/02 Kyle Porter
8/03 Ken Jung
8/06 Trevor Callahan
8/07 Sarah Anderson
8/09 Mary Pilkington
8/09 Melanie Wolpert
8/10 Ken Heyerly
8/12 Ron Putteet
8/13 Diane Valentine
8/14 Melissa Dotson
8/14 Vicky Koning
8/14 Jeff McIntosh
8/14 Maggie Tyner
8/16 Tim Wilson
8/19 Janice Jones
8/20 Annabelle Wiedtfieldt
8/21 Kelly Colclasure
8/21 Matthew Haggard
8/23 Caleb Brune
8/22 Susan Miller
8/22 Katie Rieth
8/22 David Smith
8/23 Drew Elzey
8/23 Wilma Pilkington
8/23 Harold Vanhorn
8/24 Scott Smith
8/25 Barb Jung
8/26 Calynn Bassett
8/27 Taylor Arnold
8/29 Cloe Frey
8/29 Anita Fruth
8/29 Jean Koons
8/30 Kim Brune
8/30 Jim Habegger
8/31 Samuel Burgin II
8/31 Linn Fore

August Anniversaries

8/02 Jon & Lou Anne Stevens
8/03 Chad & Sarah Johnson
8/03 Lowell & Judy Martin
8/03 Jim & Jean Newton
8/05 Rod & Maggie Hawkins
8/06 Rick & Barb Minnich
8/07 Alex & Sherie Noble
8/08 Chad & Mandy Poling
8/09 Randy & Cheryl Hisner
8/09 Steve & Mary Pilkington
8/13 Bob & Katie Gent
8/18 Eldon & Carolyn Habegger
8/19 Jeff & Tara Sheets
8/26 Fred & Harriet Soldner
8/29 Mike & Carol Pettibone
Praying Scripture

as your children go

Back-to-School

Philippians 4:6-7 — Lord, I pray that my children will not be anxious for anything as they go back to school. Call them to Yourself in prayer so that they will submit their requests to You with thanksgiving. Grant them Your peace in their hearts and minds in such great measure that they are blown away.

Colossians 3:23 — Father, help my children to understand that whatever work they do is not to please teachers or even to please their parents, but it is ultimately to please You, their Heavenly Father. They work for You and not for anyone else.

2 Corinthians 12:9 — Lord, grant that my children may rest in the fact that Your grace is sufficient to carry them through whatever comes their way. When challenges arise that are too much for them, You are carrying them by Your great strength.

Philippians 4:8 — Jesus, when we compare ourselves to others, it is easy to focus on ways we don’t measure up instead of focusing on what You have made us to be. In those moments, remind my children to focus on what is true, what is noble, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and of good report. Lord, if there is anything good or praiseworthy, help her to meditate on those things.

Matthew 5:9 — Jesus, You teach us that those who make peace in troublesome situations will be called Your sons. May my children be instruments of Your peace in situations full of strife and arguing.

Psalm 133:1 — Lord, according to Your word, it is good and pleasant when Your children live together in unity. Father, give them godly friends at school with whom they are united. Provide friends who share the same beliefs and interests so that they will have strength in numbers to stand against the schemes and temptations of the Enemy.

Romans 12:2 — Father, this world is not our final home. Help my children not to be conformed to this world. Help them to set their minds on the fact that we live this life for a greater purpose than entertaining ourselves. Grant that they could be so gospel-minded that they aren’t swayed by the ways of the ungodly, but that they would always live with a crystal clear focus on winning this world to Your kingdom.
HOW EXCITING, sharing this celebration church picture with you, my church family! During 2016, Our church will celebrate 175 years being an active member of the Decatur community. The years have been filled with hope and serving our Lord. It is good to know the church’s history. As we appreciate the faith of our early church founders and continue to grow in our faith. Do take notice when you see the church picture, as you are being notified to participate in continuing this Methodist Church’s legacy. This church picture will give you information, share activities, and happenings during 2016. Guest Pastor Methodist Bishop Michael Coyner will join our church service April 10. Let’s get ready to Celebrate 175 years by PRAISING GOD as Methodists.

HERE’S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP Create First UMC’s daily devotional book, to be shared with our church family. Devotionals, are real happenings from our daily lives that connect us when sharing our story to assist others in our life long journey with God. As a believer your shared devotion can help others through insight, grieving, humor, and blessings that lovingly express what it means to live a faithful and fruitful life. You have received a letter with a Daily Devotional Form for your sharing. Your Devotional does not need to be lengthy, Bible scripture, and prayer. Please return to church office by SEPTEMBER 18, 2015. Yes...YOU are the church, WE are the church together.

PICTURES! Have any pictures? Any “old church” pictures possibly church, church cottage, church happenings. Sandy Collier is creating a changing display of church history. Pictures can be copied and you keep your original. Pictures provide memories of people, events, and activities.

Thank You! 175 Years Celebration Team
BRING CHANGE FOR MISSIONS

Beginning in September, we will collect loose coins for missions. Each month a new mission agency will be the recipient of our coins. This will help us fund our mission budget and help us learn about new mission opportunities for our church family. You can bring your loose coins each week and put them in the offering plate, or you can bring them in once a month, either way they will be collected and added to all other coins for the month. Thank you in advance for BRINGING CHANGE FOR MISSIONS!
THE HOPE CHEST
THE LITTLE SHOP WITH A
BIG HEART
Friend us on Facebook

We are still collecting
School supplies and
filling back packs
through 8/10/15.

August 14th
Shop with us
National Thrift
Shop Day

KEKIONGA FESTIVAL
Aug. 19 – 23
Sidewalk Sale Saturday 10am-3pm
Stop in for Sloppy Joes
**TANA’S COLORFUL WORDS!**

Highlighting...LEARNING CENTER

Children’s early years of learning, they like to “explore” in their world, relying on their creativity and problem solving. Children love to build, create, and try some new things! **BLOCK CENTER.** the children will play, learn, and develop the following skills:

*Discover & experiment with motion of movement using ramps, balls, and marbles
*Learn about size, weight & balance making comparisons (more or less, large or small, tall or short)
*Coordinates small motor, eye-hand movement
*Sharing & working “teamwork” with peers
*Use of creativity and imagination
*Pretend or create with different objects
*Increasing vocabulary
*Communication by responding to questions and following simple directions
*Responsibility for getting out and helping put things away
*Explore objects & materials independently

Thinking back to your childhood, did you play with Blocks, Cups, Lincoln Logs, objects that stack or build? Do you still use those skills? Maybe cooking, organizing, building...you betcha! What you do today did begin, as a child!

Until the crayons come out again!

**THAT’S A FACT!!**

As an adult, there’s one thing we all can agree on, no two children are alike. Each child learns differently. Everyone learns and develops at their own pace, style, and level. Some individuals learn Visually need to see what they are to learn. Auditory learners hear and say. Kinetic, another form of learning is to touch or feel. Then some of us need to listen, read, touch, possibly taste even smell to understand and learn. Learning, is not always easy. Yet we ALL learn daily. Take a moment, to think how you may learn something new. Learning technology can be a challenge for adults, programing a new cell phone or computer. Learning can be frustrating as an adult or a child. It’s not always easy trying to understand, read, or be a good listener. Children learn by using all of their senses. If a 9 month old sees a crayon for the first time they will smell it, taste it, hold it and watch to see how it is used or what it can do on paper. So when you’re helping one to learn remember, patience. It’s not easy aging and learning, but GREAT FUN when using all your senses!
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Small Group Coordinator: Mike Snyder
Kid’s First Child Care Director: Tana Sheets
Hope Chest Manager: Dot Vanhorn

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world
CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

First Church @ The Movies
Sundays in August, 8:15 & 9:30 am

Family Movie Nights
Fridays in August, 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 23
4:00 – 6:30 pm
The Loft-Youth Kick-Off
Sunday, August 2 at 6:00 pm
at Charlie & Jean Brune’s home