The Holy Spirit Poured Out

"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I'll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below: Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Judgment Day of God, the Day tremendous and awesome. Whoever calls, 'Help, God!' gets help. Joel 2:28-31 The Message

Peter quotes this prophecy on the Day of Pentecost when he explains to the people how they can understand the disciples in a variety of languages. The Holy Spirit had been poured out on them and they proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ so others could understand. I am excited by what I have been hearing as the Holy Spirit is being poured out over First UMC!!

Joel told the people that before God returned the Spirit would be poured out over every kind of person. Jesus promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be given to them as a guide and comforter. It was a gift of God for the people. I believe that we are seeing what the Holy Spirit poured out today looks like and how it is a gift for the people.

I believe that our time of worship on Sundays has been filled with the Holy Spirit. In both services, people are sharing how God is at work in their lives and the lives of those around them. Members of the Praise Team have said they feel the Spirit over them as they lead worship. When worshipers leave they have shared how the music—all of it, the message, and the feel of the service moved them; that they felt something happening in their lives and around them. The Holy Spirit is being poured out and we are stronger because of it.

What have you experienced? Have you allowed the Spirit to guide you to live and proclaim the Gospel message? Have you shared with others what God is doing at First UMC? I am seeing new people on Wednesday helping with the meal. I know new people are serving at the Hope Chest. Our children have been blessed by persons taking a step out of their comfort zones and sharing with them a hobby or talent on Sunday mornings. We have a community of people at Brianna’s Hope who are asking for the church to pray for them as they seek a better life. We have people sharing in worship about healing God is bringing to their lives. The Spirit is moving! How are you opening your life to the movement of the Spirit?

In the coming months we will continue to focus on what the Spirit is doing and we will have the opportunity to write about it. We will experience Vacation Bible School, two different ways of worship, a chance for journaling our experiences, and prepare for a church wide study of God’s dream for our lives. I am excited about what is happening and I look forward to hearing more stories of how the Spirit is being poured out in our midst!! Pray for the Spirit to come into and over your life, and pray for the courage, faith, and trust to act on what the Spirit is doing!!

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.
July 2   Holy Communion
Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-12
Title: God’s Heroes Have Heart

July 9   Greg Andrews preaching
Scripture: 1 Samuel 25
Title: God’s Heroes Have Courage

July 16
Scripture: Luke 2:41-52
Title: God’s Heroes Have Wisdom

July 23
Scripture: Matthew 4:23-5:12
Title: God’s Heroes Have Hope

July 30   ONE WORSHIP @ 10:00 am
Scripture: Psalm 100
Title: Worship: The Heart of Discipleship

August 6   VBS Sunday ONE WORSHIP @ 10:00 am
Scripture: Psalm 34:14b
Title: Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God

August 13   ONE WORSHIP @ 10:00 am on PARKING LOT; Blessing of the Backpacks
Scripture: Acts 2:44-47
Title: Church Can Happen Anywhere

August 20   Holy Communion
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40
Title: Church Happens When We Work with Hungry, Sick, & Forgotten

August 27
Scripture: Micah 6:6-8
Title: Church Happens When We Stand Together for Justice and Inclusion
Thank You Note
Dear First United Methodist Church Congregation,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to your congregation. Thank you so much for your labor of love with the Outreach Program. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the ministry of your church. For all your time, effort, hardwork and prayers. Please accept the thanks and appreciation of Golden Meadows Home residents, and me. You have truly been a blessing to all who call Golden Meadows their home.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Kristina A. Nichols
Administrator

Children’s Bibles Needed
Any new or used Children’s Bibles needed for distribution at J29 Hope in Fort Wayne. Give to Mary Pilkington or drop off at the Church office by June 27.

Available Dates for Decatur Heights
The cost is $550 for the week and the following weeks are available:
July 30-August 5
August 6-12
August 13-19
August 20-26
August 27-September 2

July Birthdays
7/01 John Miller - G.M.
7/01 Ginny Vanhorn
7/02 Patrick Piper
7/03 Carter Kaehr
7/05 BriAnne Brown
7/05 Adam Clark
7/07 Noah Burgin
7/07 Carly Smith
7/08 Nancy Price
7/09 Charlie Brune
7/09 Jordan Smith
7/09 Marilyn Whitman
7/10 LeAnna Noble
7/10 Adeline Poling
7/11 Teresa Simon

July Anniversaries
7/01 Roger & Nancy Thompson
7/01 Joe & Melanie Wolpert
7/13 Ron & Beverly Hill
7/13 Robert & Nateshia Thompson-Witte
7/14 Mark & Karen Stahl
7/18 Gerald & Phylis Ulman
7/25 Terry & Linda Smitley
7/28 Ryan & Kate Brickley
7/28 Adam & Susan Miller
7/30 Chris & Amy Covington
Pizza & VBS prop building will take place every Sunday in July, right after 10am Worship, in the family Life Center. Everyone is invited!

Calling ALL kids age 3—entering grade 5! Join us for Hero Central!!! Sunday, July 30th—Thursday, August 3rd with family dinner at 5:20pm and kids’ Hero Central from 6-8pm. Family Fun Night will be Friday, August 4th from 5:30-7:30pm. Register now at http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/DecaturFirst

Have you heard about the Summer Family Bible Reading Challenge? It’s a reading plan through the gospel of Mark. There are copies of the plan in the church Lobby. Complete the readings between May 25th & July 30th then bring it to Miss Annette to receive a full size 1/5 lb tin of Crazy Aaron’s Thinking Putty for each child 18 or under who participates! We understand that you may not be in church every week this summer, just don’t let that keep you from growing in your faith! Remember, children imitate what they see, If they see you enjoying God’s Word, it’s likely they will too. So, let’s make this a priority and earn a fun prize too!

There are still spots available for adults and youth to share with the children their hobbies, talents or collections in “The Church’s Got Talent!” Ready to Sign-up or want more info? Contact Annette—(260) 223-2288 or gowercrew@gmail.com

The fine print...Serving in children’s ministry is subject to Safe Sanctuary Policies including 6-months in attendance guideline, background check and approval by Director of Children’s Ministry.
SAVE THE DATE

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
@ 10:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

CHURCH PARKING LOT
WITH PICNIC AFTER
Wisdom People: Pastor Joe shared the Blessing at the June 19 luncheon at The Galley. Guest speaker was Eileen Eichhorn who shared "Gems of The Bible." As Eileen held the Holy Bible she stated, "The directions are all in this book!" Eileen is often asked about birthstones and "Exodus 28 describes the connection between the 12 tribes and 12 stones." She continued reading Exodus describing Aaron's high priestly breastplate made with 12 stones (Gems), showing examples of the precious stones with explanation. She explained how they are found, cut, possibly placed on the breastplate and today in fine pieces of jewelry. The Holy Bible refers to Precious Stones in 38 different Bible verses. There are 42 Bible verses about Jewels and Gems are referred in 8 Bible verses. Another God given gift to us all. Eileen is a "Gem" of a person who is proud of her family's Eichhorn Jewelry Store, and a wealth of knowledge. She also shared her wisdom saying, "One needs to be extra careful in making purchases as some stones today, are colored glass and not real Gems."

Come and join Wisdom People July 19 at The Galley 12:00 noon, the more the merrier. Guest speaker will be Pastor Jim Compton sharing, his travels with God. "Happy Trails to you until we meet again."

News from Staff Parish Relations Committee:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee was saddened recently to receive the resignation of Kris Hawkins as our Church Custodian. Kris has done a wonderful job of keeping our facility clean and in order for the many and varied ministries that take place at First UMC, showing attention to detail, a willing spirit, and a great work ethic. Please join us in thanking Kris for her service and wishing her the best.

Kris has agreed to stay on for a short time to help us with the transition to a new Custodian, but the Committee’s goal for filling the position is no later than the end of July. If you or someone you know has the gifts and the skills for this job, feel free to stop by the church office to pick up an application, or request one via email at office@firstumdecatur.org. Applications will be accepted through July 15th and interviews scheduled soon thereafter. Please direct any questions regarding this position to Pastor Amy or Mike Boyd (mboyd@formulaboats.com).

Thank you for your continued prayers as we work together to hire the best person for the job.

Sincerely,

Staff Parish Relations Committee
The Hope Chest
The Little Shop with a Big Heart

HAPPY JULY 4th
HAVE FUN
And
BE SAFE

We will begin to collect
School supplies July 12
Items may be dropped off at the store
Monday thru Friday
From 10 am. till 5 pm.

Side Walk Sale
July 15
Join us for fun,
Walking Tacos
And store specials.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Hope Chest Staff
Tana's Colorful Words

Being Outdoors Is Fun

Family outdoor fun can be running, swinging, swimming, or walking. Playing outdoors can be a time to share, talk, see, hear, and smell God's wonderful world, His gift to us all. Family play can help children learn. Also promote early literacy by writing a simple book together. It's easy just jot down what your child tells you they see, hear, or smell. Draw a simple picture to go with their words. Together read their created story sharing the joy of family outdoors fun. DON'T FORGET while outdoors in the sunshine, use plenty of sunscreen and stay hydrated by drinking lots of water. God created a beautiful world for us to enjoy and to take care of our surroundings.

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. 1 Timothy 4:4

Until the come out again!
A Better Life - Brianna’s Hope

Support/Recovery Group for Those Battling Addiction

Wednesdays @ 6:30-8:00 pm (meal @ 6:00 pm)
First United Methodist Church
502 W Monroe (enter the 6th street door, go downstairs)

260-517-3077 www.ablbh.org 260-724-3158
A Better Life - Brianna's Hope

Will you pray for our group? We need persons to pray during our meetings and for concerns that participants bring. Please let Pastor Amy know if you will be part of the Prayer Team for Team Hope.

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Church Organist: Judy Martin
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

2017 Mission Trip to Tennessee
Chapel Run
July 9-16, 2017

COKEBURY'S VBS
HERO CENTRAL

VBS 2017
July 30-August 3
6-8 PM

August 4, 2017
5:30-7:30 pm
Family Fun Night!