#SEEALLTHEPEOPLE

34-36 Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites? It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone.” 37-38 “You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him.” (Acts 10:34-38 The Message)

#SEEALLTHEPEOPLE is a movement within our United Methodist Church to focus on our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. When we unpack what this means for the Church, we find out that we must first be open to transformation ourselves if we want to live into our mission. So, I ask you:

Are you begin transformed by God?
Has your relationship with Jesus pointed you in a direction of seeing who God created and called you to be?
Do you desire to grow daily in relationship with God by growing more like Jesus?

I ask these questions, because this is what it takes to begin a life of transformation. Peter walked with Jesus for three years; he heard Jesus preach about the Kingdom of God; he watched Jesus perform miracles and heal persons; and yet at the end of Jesus’ life Peter denied knowing him. It was only when Jesus was resurrected and forgave Peter, and then when the Holy Spirit came over the disciples, that Peter was transformed. He was able to look back and see what Jesus’ teachings, preaching, and healings were about. He began preaching as if he were on fire so that others could hear the Good News, be transformed and saved. And, God continued to transform him throughout his life as he saw more and more what the Kingdom of God was really about.

#SEEALLTHEPEOPLE is a discipleship effort to help us who believe get back in touch with our “why” of following Jesus. So many people, 83% of the residents of Decatur, don’t have a church affiliation. That is a lot of people. If we want to be a part of growing the Kingdom, of making disciples and not just church members, then we have to seriously look at our own life and ask if we have been transformed, or are being transformed. We will know that we are being transformed when we begin to see those who are not in a church and want to see their lives transformed too.

God calls us to follow Jesus, go into the world, and teach others. God doesn’t call us to grow a church. God calls us to grow the Kingdom. The Church grows when more people are seen, loved, and told about Jesus. Each of us have a role in that process. We can see all the people, and begin having relationships with those who don’t know Jesus. I pray you will be one of those who says “yes” and begins to see all the people!!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Amy
July 1  Pastor Joe Preaching
Scripture: Matthew 4:18-25
Title: Find Adventure on the River!

July 8  Commissioning Youth Mission Team
Scripture: Luke 10:36-42
Title: Find Acceptance on the River!

July 15
Scripture: Luke 19:1-10
Title: Find Joy on the River!

July 22  Holy Communion
Scripture: Luke 22:14-20
Title: Find Rest on the River!

July 29
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20
Title: Find Peace on the River!

August 5  VBS Sunday ONE WORSHIP @ 10:00 am
Scripture: Isaiah 43:2
Title: Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

August 12  ONE WORSHIP @ 10:00 am on PARKING LOT; Blessing of the Backpacks
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16
Title: Build Up...In Love

August 19  Holy Communion
Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Title: Live...In Love

August 26
Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20
Title: Give Thanks...In Love
Thank You Note…
Greg and I would like to give you our most sincere thanks for the gift cards given to us through your Good Samaritan program. Beyond that, we are so blessed to have so many prayers offered up as we continue this journey. We are so blessed.

Much love,
Greg & Tina Steward

2018 First United Methodist Church Endowment Announcement
Next distribution: The next grant cycle is in July.
Due date: The due date is the last Friday in July (July 27) by 4:00 pm (in the FUMC office). No exceptions: Postmarks, electronic submissions, and faxes are not considered.
Five copies: Each applicant must submit a total of five copies of their request (this is one original and four copies or a total of 5 copies of the original).
Application: The FUMC Endowment Committee invites our church / our community to submit requests for funds. An application is available at the FUMC office. Interested applicants may contact Janet during office hours: M-F, 9-4 (closed 12-1) for details. Phone: 260-724-3158.
Questions? Please contact an Endowment Committee member: Coni Mayer, Sandy Collier, Penny Hinsky, Aaron Gower, Chad Johnson, Lou Koning, Frank Montgomery, LeAnna Noble, Mable Pettibone, Scott Porter, Pastor Amy Covington or Lowell Martin.

July Birthdays
7/01 John Miller - G.M.
7/01 Ginny Vanhorn
7/02 Patrick Piper
7/03 Carter Kaehr
7/05 Brie Anne 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
7/11 Charlie Swoveland - G.M.
7/13 Parker Gower
7/13 Owen Johnson
7/13 Sarah Shaw - G.M.
7/14 Jeff Miller
7/15 David Grimm
7/16 Mary Call
7/17 Annette Gower
7/17 Katlyn Wallace
7/18 Shelley Porter
7/19 Gabriel Snyder
7/20 Ethan Poling
7/21 Shaelynn Pettibone
7/23 Krista Miller
7/23 Monika Brecht-Murray
7/24 Phil Clark
7/24 Aric Noble
7/25 Cameron Friedt
7/25 Beth Hart
7/25 Shannon Irwin
7/26 Janet Torson
7/26 Sarah Wolfe
7/27 Brenda Garrett
7/28 Terry Smitley
7/29 Thomas Folli - G.M.
7/30 Terri Boyd
7/30 Jared Friedt
7/30 Alton Taylor
7/31 Jean Brune
7/31 Gabriel Diaz
7/31 Jaime Loshe
G.M. - Golden Meadows

July Anniversaries
7/01 Roger & Nancy Thompson
7/01 Joe & Melanie Wolpert
7/04 John & Kay Clark
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

Red Bird Mission Trip for Adults
September 16-22
If you are interested in going on the Red Bird Mission Trip, there is a meeting at St. Mark’s UMC Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm or please call Cindy Thieme at 260-692-2716 or the Church office at 724-3158.
It's VBS time!!!!

Can we please borrow your Christmas Tree???

For VBS this year we'll be turning the whole place into an outdoor, raging river adventure complete with TREES! If you are willing to let us borrow your Christmas Tree, could you please bring it to the Family Life Center/Gym during the first 2 weeks of July? Please be sure to put your name on the box and on the base of the tree. Have other camping, fishing, hiking, outdoor or water type gear you think would work well to decorate with? We'd love to borrow that too. Thanks!

VBS will be Sunday, July 29th—Thursday, August 2nd from 6-8pm.

Family Dinner will be served beginning at 5:20pm each night.

Friday, August 3rd will be our Family Fun Pool Party at the Decatur City Pool including dinner from 5:30-7:30pm.

Now accepting volunteers for Crew Leaders, Games, Crafts, Snacks, Registration and most importantly Bible Stories. Want to help us decorate? We'd love to include you in that fun.

Don't miss the most important outreach event our church does each summer, see Annette or Jeni if you'd like to help!

Ready to register the kids in your life? You can do that here: https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/DecaturFirst
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 16.
Items may be dropped off at the store
Monday thru Friday from 10 am till 5 pm.

Side Walk Sale
July 14
Join us for fun,
Walking Tacos and store specials.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Hope Chest Staff
Tana’s Colorful Words
Child Care Challenges & Solutions
Teaching Self Control

Challenge: Does your child yell, hit, or just have meltdowns when not getting their way?

Solution: Children benefit when parents talk to them about their different feelings, “emotion coaching,” is associated with better outcomes. Take some time to talk with them, asking what’s the reason for their actions. Discuss the cause and effect of their actions and how they feel experiencing good and constructive ways to help them cope with difficult emotions that might occur. When talking about our feelings, you could suggest or show your child how to take a deep breath, sing a song, or walk to another area through those difficult times. It’s important for children to understand, we all can feel frustrated or angry, yet need to find a positive outlet (talking, singing, or breathing) to help get through those yucky times. Feelings or emotions are a big part of everyone’s life we all can experience being happy, excited, sad, etc. normal feeling for everyone. As understanding parents, we help today’s children learn, it’s okay to express our feelings in a proper way. Talking about your good or yucky feelings can help. Once children start to understand and deal with their feelings they will become more caring and responsive to their friends, family, and others. Self control is also giving thanks to God, our heavenly Father.

Until the come out again!

That’s A Fact
In the summertime

We all enjoy being outdoors during the summertime, having lots of fun in the sun. Here are some summer safety reminders.

Wear light-colored clothing and shoes this can help keep you cooler. Also help you spot any ticks that may be crawling on you. Tucking your pant legs into your socks won’t win you any fashion awards but can help minimize ticks on your legs or into your shoes.

Check yourself, children, and pets for bug bites or ticks after being outside.

Look for creams that contain menthol or peppermint to reduce mosquito bite itch.

Wear sunscreen, apply sunscreen when outside and reapply often, suggestion every hour.

Stay hydrated keep water or sports drinks (with electrolytes) on hand and drink. Staying hydrated in hot weather can help reduce the risk of heat-related illness. During the heat of the day try to stay in the shade or in air-conditioning.

Remember while driving keep alert! More children riding their bikes or darting out into traffic.

WOW!!! Summer fun is camping, swimming, laughing, roasting marshmallows, ball games, boating, biking, zoo, travel, celebrations, vacations, busy and happy family time.
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Mission Trip
July 15-21
To Blue Knob, PA

God's Work
Our Hands

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

Return Service Requested

July 29-August 3
Vacation Bible School
6-8 pm