#SEEALLTHEPEOPLE For the next few months, I will share the devotions of this new campaign. You can see all the devotions and work of #SEEALLTHEPEOPLE at www.seeallthepeople.org

September 23, 2018

The Quandry of Work

We have a love-hate relationship with work, don’t we? We like to get things done, but we don’t want to have to inconvenience ourselves or sweat over it.

The adage – If it were fun, they wouldn’t call it work – resonates with many of us.

Do you remember the episode from the old I Love Lucy show when Lucy and Ethel went to work in the chocolate factory?

They wanted to work, but they wound up being completely unsuccessful in finishing their assigned task. The harder they worked, the more behind they got!

Do you ever feel like that?

Do you have meetings at work? At the end of most of your meetings, do you feel like you have been successful in your task?

I have to confess, we at Discipleship Ministries have many meetings. We meet to talk about ideas, programs, and activities. We meet about making good connections with our associates in the annual and central conferences. We meet about planning workshops and events. We meet about getting our work done. We meet about building structural problems. We meet. We meet!

This isn’t unlike almost any other organization made up of a large number of employees and members. We meet. It is generally the most efficient means of allowing everyone involved to get the same information at the same time.

But, where a problem can arise is when we meet, not to determine what our work will be, but when we mistakenly believe that because we met, we worked.

In your church, do you spend hours meeting about going out and getting to know people in your community? Do you talk about the benefits of forming relationships with people you don’t know for the purpose of introducing them to Jesus then walking alongside them and discipling them?

Remember, we cannot engage in discipleship without relationship. Too often, we are content to attempt arm’s-length discipleship. Let’s be people who don’t just talk about the work of discipleship but get outside and do it.

Let me challenge you to engage in this difficult, complex, and adaptive work.

Coming next time: Helping and doing good just aren’t enough.

Praying for you to do active discipleship,
Rev. Junius B. Dotson
General Secretary
Discipleship Ministries
The United Methodist Church

See you Sunday,
Pastor Amy
Administrative Council

September 18, 2018

Present: Annette Gower, Lowell Martin, Tana Sheets, Bev Stuck, LeAnna Noble, Roger Thompson, Jo Bollinger, Nancy Thompson, Helen Walters, Penny Hinsky, Pastor Amy Covington, Aaron Gower, Mike Snyder, Mike Snyder, Frank Montgomery, Scott Porter.

Loving: Penny opened the meeting asking for God sightings. Pastor Amy offered Holy Communion and prayer.

Learning: Pastor Amy shared about “See All the People”, the theme of Annual Conference this year. She will be sending out and making available materials on this emphasis of reaching others for Christ. Charge Conference will be with the entire district on November 10 at the Auburn Military Museum. There will be an Equip Leadership Conference from 9 am to 1 pm. The teachers will be Mark Excelsior, “Teach to Obey Not Just to Know”, and Jeff Newton, “Expect to Change the World.” The Charge Conference for all churches in the Northeast District will be from 1:15 to 3:00 pm. We need at least 6 from our Administrative Council to go. Pastor Amy can register those who will attend. The deadline for all paperwork will be October 26. Therefore the next Administrative Council will be October 23 at which the leadership list and pastors’ salaries will need to be approved.

Leading:

1. May 15 minutes were approved. (LeAnna, Aaron)
2. Trustees. Frank Montgomery reported that the heating and cooling system is operating with increased efficiency after undergoing a successful cleaning process. The hole in the ceiling of the Rose Garden hallway is 95% repaired. This process has been confounded by excessive rains. A cooling system for the kitchen is being investigated. Frank, Jo and Scott were thanked for their hard work.
3. Finance. Aaron reported on the church’s insurance premiums. (information available in office)
4. Kids First. Tana announced that Kids First has received a $23,000 grant from the Eli Lilly foundation for curriculum and a new playground for toddlers. She thanked Bev, Lowell and Frank who were instrumental in writing the grant application. Pastor Amy reported from Endowment Committee that Kids First received a grant for tree removal from the playground and Webinar training for staff. She celebrated the recognition our Kids First ministry has received from the state. It was asked about room for growth in the day care. Tana said the growth of the ministry is limited by space and the pay for the staff which is at minimum wage. Annette registered the complaint that a secular curriculum is used alongside a Christian curriculum. Annette wanted it noted that she disagrees with the decision to use a secular curriculum and not a Christian one. Tana explained it was because of the cost.
5. Scott presented the proposal for change in our leadership structure to make it more effective. He said we needed to put our structure in alignment with our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. A task force of Mike, Penny, Scott, Roger, Nancy, Aaron and Pastor Amy met throughout the summer. After consulting with our District Superintendent it was decided we didn’t need to make an extreme change. The proposal is to keep the Administrative Council using different representatives and add a Vision Team. The Administrative Council would be comprised of its own chairperson, the chairs of Finance, Staff Parish and Trustees, a leader from each of the Connect, Grow, Serve areas, a representative from the Vision Team, 3 at-large members and the senior pastor, making a total of 13. Scott presented the flow chart showing communication between the different entities. He explained that all the ministries of the church would be through the leader of their area. Scott also presented expectations for those serving on the Administrative Council and Vision Team. LeAnna suggested that meetings be held after each service to explain the proposed structure and answer questions. Penny directed the Council members to read and study the proposal in order to vote at the next meeting on October 23.
6. Roger closed with prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Thompson
October Anniversaries
10/01 Waveland & Heide Howe
10/06 Don & Karen Tricker
10/15 Blake & Denise Taylor
10/20 Mike & Connie Snyder
10/21 Trevor & Nikki Callahan
10/23 Kevin & Nan Cook
10/23 Carl & Linn Fore
10/28 Doug & Cindy Rieth
10/29 Jeff & Rhonda McIntosh
10/31 David & Faye Haggard

Thank You Notes...
Thanks so much for the love and preparation, serving and packaging “to go” food for our family as we celebrated our mother, Doris Sheets, at her recent funeral. We know how much she loved her church and so very many friends there. Her placemats and food were so enjoyed by all of us gathering to love and remember Mother. Please thank your entire team.

Love,
Marsha Worthington & family

Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,
In August 2018, I reached 20 years of service in the USAF. I have appreciated the steadfast prayers for me and my family for all of those 20 years - as shown by the periodic cards I receive from your ministry in the mail. I have no plans to retire anytime soon and recognize that my successes so far are all blessings from God. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Lt. Col. Heidi Clark
(w/Michael, Emily & Michael II)
Mission Sunday, October 21

COME TO HEAR

Guest speaker in both services

Kara Mankey

"Do you ever feel like you’re walking through the motions of life?
Deep inside you know you were created for more, but what? How do we find where
we fit, our role, and our purpose on earth?"

This quote is taken from Kara’s book, Chasing Your Destiny. Kara says, “... the
Lord took me through seasons of learning patience, humility, sacrifice, courage,
balance, faith, and love.... no matter how much we mess up, God is for us and not
against us.”

Kara Mankey is President and Founder of Unfailing Love Clinic, a donation based
medical clinic located at 1040 S. 11th St. in Decatur. She has a Master’s in Nursing
and is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Kara has been on mission trips
to Costa Rica, Haiti, and Kenya. She and her husband, Jimmy Mankey, have three
children Makenzie, Mason, and Madelyn.

COME TO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH in Fellowship Hall after 2nd
service. Meat, drinks, and table service are provided. Please bring a vegetable,
salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

COME TO LEARN Mission Fair in Fellowship Hall during lunch. Visit
the table displays and learn about missions in our church and community.
 Equip Leadership Conference/Charge Conference
Recommended Attendance

Saturday November 10: 9 AM – 1 PM
Equip Leadership Conference

Principles/Values from *Shaped by God’s Heart*:
“Teach to Obey Not Just to Know” – Mark Ellcessor, The Compass UMC
Mark has implemented a dynamic discipleship process in his church that leads to totally
devoted witnesses of Jesus Christ who are transforming their neighborhoods and the world.
“Expect to Change the World” – Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach
Jeff is an ordained elder in the UMC whose ministry is driven by this purpose, “…to
Mentor and provide tools that will empower our neighbors to reach their highest potential.”
The Kokomo Urban Outreach is transforming lives all to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Charge Conference 1:15 – 3:00 PM

National Military Museum
5634 Co Rd 11A, Auburn, IN 46706
I-69 Exit 326

Bring A Team

Cost: $25.00 per person – includes lunch
A church with 6 or more attending: $20 per person

Alternate Charge Conference
For those who cannot attend the recommended November 10th
Equip Leadership/Charge Conference

Thursday, November 8: 7 – 8:30 PM
Aldersgate UMC
2417 Getz Rd, Fort Wayne, IN

*Pastors – If you have a conflict on November 10, send a team to
the recommended Equip Leadership Conference and then
attend this Charge Conference together.

ON LINE REGISTRATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON
Tana’s Colorful Words
First UMC...

- In April KFCCM was recognized and selected by Registered Ministry Capital and Quality Improvement Grants to apply for a $25,000 grant. The grant comes from VCP, Paths to Quality provider for Unlicensed Registered Ministries.
- Tana contacted KFCCM Board Chair Beverly Stuck, Lowell Martin, board member and financial adviser, and Frank Montgomery, First UMC Trustee Chair. The four met for several months discussing limited grant invitations, possibilities, and involvement. The unanimous feeling “God’s hand is in this, let’s write the grant.”

Curriculum: “Frog Street Early Childhood” will blend well with Christian based activities, stories, and songs. Emphasis on conscious discipline, language, social and emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Each classroom will have lesson plans, learning material, parent letters, with many handouts.

Current playground addition:
Adventurous Child Playground Company, who assisted with existing playground, has designed area for infants and toddlers to enjoy God’s wonderful world in a safe enclosed area outside. Additional funds and prayers will be needed to complete the addition to current playground.

Thanks be to God!!

Until the CRAYONS come out again!

October Joke
Q. What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

It’s A Fact
RECEIVED $23,000.00
- Since 2015 Early Learning Indiana has awarded more than $2 million in grants. Made possible through the generous support of the Lilly Endowment and its $20 million in support of Early Learning Indiana’s efforts.
- Early Learning Indiana’s mission is to increase access to high-quality early educational opportunities. The Indianapolis-based nonprofit announced eight ministry-based programs have been awarded a total of $168,790 in grants.
- Funds will be used for physical, operational and program improvements that enable the programs to join and advance with Paths to QUALITY, the state’s child care quality rating and improvement system.
- The voluntary, four-tiered system assesses each provider on health and safety standards, its overall learning environment, use of planned curriculums and national accreditations.
- These funds, reach level three, which is considered high-quality.

Kids First Child Care Ministry
First United Methodist Church of Decatur, granted $23,000 to purchase new curriculum and add a separate play area for infants and toddlers.

Feeling God’s sighting and blessings!

That’s A Fact
1st United Methodist Church & Grace Fellowship Church want you to
Join Us For
Trunk or Treat
October 31st
In the Parking Lot
on the corner of 6th & Monroe St.
During the Decatur Citywide Trick or Treat
6-8 PM
How can you help???

Join Us For

Trunk or Treat

October 31st

You can help by donating candy, providing a trunk or table, helping with food, music, and sharing the love of Jesus with the community.

Contact Annette Gower
gowercrew@gmail.com or 223-2288
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*Note: All events are subject to change. Please check the church bulletin for the most current information.*
Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

October 31
6:00 PM

MISSION SUNDAY
October 21

TRUNK OR TREAT