I Thank God for You

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge — (1 Corinthians 1:3-5, NIV)

If you are active in any way in First UMC, then you received a letter last week thanking you for your generosity in giving to the ministries of our church. We are very blessed at First UMC, not only by God’s faithfulness, but by the faithful giving of you, its participants. As your pastor, I am blessed and grateful.

We will continue in the first part of October to look at who we are through our mission, vision, and core values. We will end October and go into November celebrating and giving thanks for all that is possible through your faithful living of the baptismal and membership vows of our United Methodist Church. I believe that understanding how those vows are lived out in very real and practical ways can help us to Connect in Community, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love as followers of Jesus every single day. Nothing we do is accomplished without prayer, faithfulness, and generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Of course, all of that is covered in God’s presence and power through His Holy Spirit.

At the end of our focus on mission, vision, core values, and vows, we will each be given the opportunity to commit to the giving of our time, talent, and treasure for next year. How will you connect to the church in 2020? Will you get involved in hospitality, or worship? Will you join or create a small group for study and growth? Will you serve in the community to offer hope and encouragement? How will you give your talent in 2020? Do you have the gift of teaching or music? Would you be willing to serve on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights? Do you have the gift of encouragement or hospitality? Would you be willing to visit our homebound/nursing home persons, or spend some time with people at Fishes and Loaves or Brianna’s Hope? How will you give your treasure in 2020? Will you make a pledge when the opportunity is given and pray about a 1 or 2% increase over 2019? Will you set up a regular, online giving commitment that makes the process of tithing and giving so much easier? Will you use an envelope if you give cash, so we have a better record of giving? All of these opportunities help our church to be the church God desires us to be. There are other ways, of course, what can you do to help us live in to our mission and vision? Pray with me about this over the course of the month and let us all be part of the exciting future God has in store for First UMC!!

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.
Harry Potter and the Gospels

Bible Study

Sunday Evenings  8:00-9:00 PM

October 13 - October 27

1916 Twin Lakes Drive

Decatur

Text Pastor Amy @ 765-667-2742

With questions or to RSVP
October Birthdays
10/04  Jevan Brickley
10/04  Kora Lutes
10/06  Carter Covington
10/06  Grant Gutierrez
10/07  Taya Bollinger
10/09  Renee Cole
10/09  Ken Meyer
10/09  Jim Pollock
10/10  Kedric Freds - G.M.
10/10  Maggie Hawkins
10/13  McKenna Stahl
10/13  Bev Stuck
10/15  Maureen Busse
10/16  Grace Covington
10/16  Larry Myers - G.M.
10/16  Isaac Porter
10/17  Jennifer Piper
10/18  Gerald Kline
10/19  John Bolinger - G.M.
10/20  Callie Friedt
10/20  Adam Reed
10/21  Brandy Knaub
10/24  Mike Braun - G.M.
10/24  Ashley Piper
10/26  Mercedes Kaehr
10/27  Mike Snyder
10/28  Jessica Grant
10/29  Carly Gilbert
10/29  Christopher Jones
10/29  Jim Price
10/30  Sue Baumann
10/31  Terry Smith

G.M. - Golden Meadows

October Anniversaries
10/01  Waveland & Heide Howe
10/06  Don & Karen Tricker
10/20  Mike & Connie Snyder
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 Note...
First UMC:
The family of Judy Martin acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.
   Lowell Martin
   Joe & Melanie Wolpert
   Matt & Dee Ann Martin

Altar Flowers
If you would like to furnish the altar flowers on Sunday, the flower calendar is located in the hallway outside the Narthex to sign up.
Administrative Council

September 17, 2019

Present: Pastor Amy Lee, Scott Porter, Jo Bollinger, Penny Hinsky, Rhonda McIntosh, Aaron Gower, Frank Montgomery, Roger Thompson, Mike Snyder

Loving:

Devotional
Sharing Prayer/Holy Communion

Mike Snyder
Pastor Amy

Learning:

Pastor Amy shared “Where the Rubber Meets the Road” By Paul Zurcher. She also shared with us #5 (Do the right things right) of the 9 Principals of Faith.

Leading:

- Minutes: April 2019 approved with motion by Scott and seconded by Penny, approved by all.
- Aaron shared Financial Report – We are a little behind in tithing, discussed sending out financial giving statements to members of the church, discussed a Fall Stewardship Drive.
- Frank gave Trustees Report – Discussed Rose Garden roof leak and the multiple issues that caused it, Sump pump issues in the basement fellowship area, Jo Bollinger was praised for all of the hard work she gave during the renovation of the fellowship hall, Air intake vents for the Pipe Organ, Bell Tower bats, Front doors of the church.
- Staff Parish Report – Pastor Amy reported that the Staff Parish will be meeting in the next few weeks.
- Penny gave Vision Team Report – This is a new committee – working on the church’s vision and what’s going on in the church, and how to get out into the community.

Other Items:

- Pastor Amy noted that the Staff Parish Committee is working hard to find someone to lead Worship Services.

Upcoming Events:

- Next Ad Council Meeting – Sunday, October 6, 11:15 am to vote on Charge Conference paperwork
- Chili Cook-Off – October 6, 4 - 7 pm
- Trunk-or-Treat – October 31, 6 - 8 pm
- Charge Conference/Vision Day – November 2, 9 am - 3 pm – Auburn First UMC

Next Meeting: January 14, 2020  7:00 pm

Closing Prayer: Pastor Amy Lee

Submitted by: Mike Snyder
FUMC FUNDRAISER
1st CHILI COOK-OFF

Free Will Donation Chili Dinner Includes Salad!

One of the HOTTEST events of the year!
Food, music, bounce house and carnival games....bring the entire family for a whole lotta FUN!

Located at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur, IN
502 W Monroe St.

Sunday,
October 6th, 2019
4:00-7:00pm

Come on Down and Join Us!!!
JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT

DURING CITY WIDE TRICK OR
TREAT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER
31ST FROM 6-8PM
502 W. MONROE ST. IN DECATUR

There are lots of ways to support this event! Check out the list in the church lobby or contact Annette Gower at gowercrew@gmail.com
THE HOPE CHEST
THE LITTLE SHOP
WITH A BIG HEART

Fall is here and winter just around the corner. We have just received several large donations of fall and winter clothes and lots of winter coats to choose from. We also have lots of school items left so if you know of anyone in need, please call the store at 724-9774.

Stop in and check out all the items and specials we have.

Thanks for your support.
The Hope Chest Staff
SPECIAL MEMO

Level 3

Check Facebook
KFCCM page

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chance Sprunger
Reagan Walters
Daxton Wagner
Maddox Aponte
Carter Merius

October Joke

Q. Why did the apple pie join the circus?
A. It loved all the apple-a-uses.

Tana’s Colorful Words

This month highlighted person is Shannon Irwin who has been with KFCCM since March 2012. Her day starts in the kitchen preparing breakfast for the children. When the kitchen is cleaned she goes to the Purple or Yellow room to assist with the children. Shannon states, “I love how the children give me hugs.” Shannon returns to the kitchen in time to prepare a balanced lunch for all the children. It is no wonder the children can be heard saying, “Shannon, you a good cooker!” The children’s hugs and kind words, “I just love each one of these kids, they make my day!” Shannon has two daughters Karra and Danielle. She and Mark her “wonderful husband” also enjoy their two grand kids.

Tana says, “We have an awesome Cook! She cooks, she cleans, she helps in the classrooms when needed.

There’s one and only Shannon, KFCCM’s Super Woman!”

Until the teenagers come out again!

That’s A Fact

Fundraiser Delicious United Pies
Yummy & Great for Thanksgiving

- **Fruit Pies** All pies 50oz.
  - Dutch Apple $14.00
  - Cherry $15.00
  - Strawberry-Rhubarb $14.00
  - Blueberry $15.00

Made with natural juice with NO FILLERS! All fruit regionally sourced.

- **Cream Pies** all 46oz. pies
  - Chocolate Cream $14.00
  - Coconut Cream $14.00
  - Chocolate Peanut Butter Cream $14.00

- **Specialty Pies** all 37oz.
  - Pecan $14.00
  - Pumpkin $13.00

All Premium Pies 10” fully baked, thaw and serve!
Each pie individual wrapped.

ORDER: September 30 until October 18
DELIVERY: November 21, 2019

Orders or order forms at KFCCM office
or Call Tana 724-0470

Thank you for your support!

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 7 pm-A.A.  
 Newsletter Deadline | Pastor Amy out of the office  
 5 pm-Fishes & Loaves  
 6 pm-A Better Life -- Brianna's Hope  
 7:30-Praise Team rehearsal | All day Discipleship Training at Christ UMC, Lafayette | | |
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CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

October 31

October 6

4-7 pm  
First UMC Fundraiser  
1st Chili Cook-Off

6-8 pm  
3rd Annual First UMC Trunk or Treat