A New Life

14-15 Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.
16-20 Because of this decision we don’t evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don’t look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We’re Christ’s representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God’s work of making things right between them. We’re speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he’s already a friend with you.
(2 Corinthians 5:14-20 The Message)

Our mission statement is the mission statement of the UMC, To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is who we are, we are people who make disciples. The problem is that we cannot make new disciples unless we are willing to be disciples ourselves. We have to be willing to grow in faith, in knowledge and understanding of who God is and how we faithfully follow Jesus. That growth cannot happen by only attending worship once a week. We have to be willing to be part of a small group outside of Sunday morning that is focused on Bible study or growth related to how we faithfully live in the world as followers of Jesus. A disciple is a learner, and we cannot learn one hour a week. We have to know who God is and why having a relationship with Jesus is important so we can share that with others as we seek to make new disciples.

Everyone wants to grow the church, we all want to see more people on Sunday morning. But, that isn’t going to happen if those of us who are a part of the church aren’t growing ourselves, and if we are not willing to go the extra step of inviting and showing hospitality to those who come. It is up to each one of us to invite others into the ministry of reconciliation and hope that is in Jesus. We all have a part to play. We cannot know what this ministry is if we are not willing to grow ourselves and serve the church in ways that offer it.

My prayer for First UMC is that EVERYONE would be a part of a small group that is helping you grow in faith, and that EVERYONE is serving is some way that shows others who God is and how much God loves them. There are so many opportunities for this to happen. Please join me in prayer, and ask God how you can get plugged into a group or a way to serve in order for all of us to be growing in faith to fulfill our mission!

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

August 25 - September 29 (excluding Sept 1)

1016 Twin Lakes Drive
Decatur

Text Pastor Amy @ 765-667-2742

With questions or to RSVP
September Birthdays

9/01 Debbie Bolduc 9/18 Kelley Miller
9/03 Carolyn Baumgartner 9/19 Penny Hinsky
9/03 Grady Johnson 9/19 Kinley Martin
9/03 Judy Martin 9/20 Dan Piper
9/05 Hailey Brune 9/21 Avery Kaehr
9/05 Erin Gilbert 9/22 Sommer Hake
9/06 Delanie Foley 9/22 Karra Irwin
9/08 Dee Friedt 9/22 Corey Pilkington
9/09 Tom Gase 9/22 Steve Pilkington
9/09 Ron Hill 9/23 Alyssa Cook
9/10 Ann Andrews 9/23 Audrey Cowens
9/11 Carl Fore 9/23 Janet Frauhiger
9/13 Jolie Lee 9/24 Elaine Plew
9/14 Juan Gutierrez 9/24 Cooper Wolfe
9/14 Kevin Porter 9/26 Ainsley Pickens
9/15 John Clark V 9/26 Phyllis Seitz
9/16 David Haggard 9/27 Gwen Pettibone
9/16 Rick Minnich 9/28 Sandy Collier
9/16 Ryan Wolfe 9/30 Clint Knaub
9/18 Ivan Howe 9/30 Steve Smith

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 or you can call the Church office to set a date.

September Anniversaries

9/01 Sam & Shanna Burgin
9/03 Ron & Tammy Putteet
9/05 Harold & Ginny Vanhorn
9/08 Gerald & Esther Kline
9/11 Ron & Janet Frauhiger
9/13 Dan & Mary Piper
9/21 Marshall & Allison Davis
9/22 Luke & Michelle Harvey

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Northeast District Equip Leadership Conference, District Visioning Day and Charge Conference

Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 2, 2019. The morning will include the Equip Leadership Conference. The afternoon will include the District Visioning Day followed by Charge Conference. There will only be one Charge Conference meeting for the Northeast District this year at Auburn First UMC.

Information of College Students Needed

Please contact the Church office as soon as possible with the names, addresses and email addresses of those in college along with the name of the college they are attending. This would include those living at home and at the college.
CPR – Defibrillator Training

Chad Poling, First Church member and Fort Wayne firefighter, will lead classes on CPR and the use of our church’s defibrillator. He has two dates available –

Monday, September 30, from 6 to 8 pm

and

Saturday, October 5, from 9 to 11 am

Each date is a complete training session.

There is no charge for the class. However, if you want a certificate, the cost is $5 for a student K-12 and $20 for an adult.

To sign up for a class, call Janet at the church office, 724-3158, or text Chad at 223-0760. In order to prepare for each session, Chad will need to have a count by September 23.

There is no special medical training necessary. These classes are for anyone and will be held at our church.
The Hope Chest
The Little Shop with a Big Heart

The Sidewalk Sale in July was a HUGE success. The sales total for the day was the best we ever had. Thanks to everyone who participated.
August was also a very busy month for The Hope Chest. We had several large donations from customers and also more athletic shoes came in just in time for the start of school. We were able to help several families with the school supplies and back packs that were donated.

Thanks to all for your donations and support.
The Hope Chest Staff
Tana's Colorful Words

This month highlighted person is Becky Baumer who has been with KFCCM since July, 1996 and serves as the assistant director. Becky received her CDA in 2016 specializing in infant/toddler care but has worked with all ages at KFCCM from infants to the school age children during Summer Day Camp. Becky states, “Every age group is unique and I love the different aspects of the development happening with each age group.” Becky also shares, “There have been too many kids to count, but I love running into past kids and catching up on what has been going on in their lives since I last saw them.”

Becky has always enjoyed camping and being outdoors where she appreciates God’s world of nature. The last two years, she has been spending her vacations backpacking in Indiana and also in Virginia, W. Virginia and Maryland - part of the Appalachian Trail.

Until the come out again!

Becky is looking forward to hiking Pennsylvania and New Jersey this summer.

That's A Fact

So Much Happening

This summer KFCCM is feeling blessed for all the activity that has been taking place. It's rewarding to have school age children return for Summer Day Camp, this year 29 children attended.

KFCCM also celebrated its 24th anniversary on June 24, 2019. We give thanks each day to God for blessing us with this ministry. Then 4 days later June 28, Paths to Quality approved and honored KFCCM with a Level #3.

Three new children have joined the KFCCM family for the fall. We welcome Clay Bosler, Geuel Burgin, and Kendall Busse.

LIKE us on Facebook where you can see more KFCCM happenings.
In 1924 Methodist members built Decatur Heights lake cottage. This was one of the first cottages constructed at Epworth Forest. Self-supporting as a rental and enjoyed by many for 95 years. WOW!!!!

July 27, day at the lake, provided 24 adults and 10 children with good ole Methodist Hospitality. Food, stories, laughter and shared memories.

Awesome Chef Steve grilled Hamburgers & hot dogs with salads, veggie tray, watermelon, chips, cookies, ice tea & lemonade provided by FUMC Church Cottage Committee.

A SPECIAL PRIZE AWAITS the first person who tells Dot, at the Hope Chest. Who’s been going to the lake cottage since the age of 3?
Hello Team!

I'm excited to give you my first update! But first, I want to thank you all again for your partnership. I'm continually reminded of the quote by the missionary William Carey, "I will go down into the pit if you will hold the ropes." **Thank you all for holding those ropes.** I'm excited to share that my ministry for the year has been fully funded thanks to the Lord's provision through all of you! Provision, grace, faithfulness, and surrender are just a few words to describe the sweet ways I got to experience the Lord this summer. I'm grateful that even in the seasons that feel like waiting, God is always at work in our hearts.

Moving to East Asia is no easy task and my team has run into some **setbacks that could really benefit from your prayers.** Our university acceptance and visa processing will not be completed as early as expected. Because of this, we will not be able to arrive in-country until the beginning of September. Although this is a disappointment, changes like this are common with this kind of travel and we are trusting in the Lord's timing. I'm excited and anticipating the day we get to step off the plane in East Asia! In the meantime, I will be spending a week in Chicago alongside other international interns for a time of training and briefing. I'm looking forward to updating you when we arrive on campus!

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**Praises!**

- Seeing the Lord provide in such tangible ways
- Sweet relationships built with ministry partners
- Quality time spent at home with my family

**Please pray...**

- For speedy acceptance to university and visa processing
- For trust in the Lord's timing and patience as we wait... we are all anxious to arrive on campus!
- For the Lord to prepare the hearts of the students we will meet when we arrive on campus. It feels like a privilege to have this extra time for bold prayers before arriving!
- Safe travels for the other individuals heading overseas Aug 18th

**For security purposes, please do not share this letter or post online.**

Please respond with ways I can be praying for you!
maggie.myrice@cru.org
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CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Harry Potter & the Gospels Bible Study
Continues thru September

FUMC FUNDRAISER
Chili Cookoff
Sunday, October 6  4:00-7:00 pm
Free Will Donation Chili Dinner includes Salad!
Proceeds to go to Fishes & Loaves Community Meal
Come on Down and Join Us!!!