

How can I CONNECT?



What do I believe about Jesus?

If I believe in Jesus, how do I accept him as my Savior and build a relationship with him?

What is this church about? How do I fit in?

Worship with us on Sunday at our 8:15 am *Chapel Service* or at 10:00 am *Praise and Worship Celebration*

Celebrate and worship with us at special services on Christmas Eve, Mother's Day or Easter

Enjoy coffee and donuts in our *Rose Garden Hall* before and after Sunday services

Visit a *Discipleship Group* (all ages, child through adult) on Sunday morning (9:15 or 11:15 am) or during the week

Give our Praise Team a try and sing with them or play your favorite instrument some Sunday

Stop by the *Connection Center* and pick up the little book "Five Marks of a Methodist" or take a book that explores God, Jesus and Christianity (look for the puzzle shaped "Connect" logo to locate books). While you're there, take a copy of our *Newsletter* or sign up to receive it by email.

Attend a quarterly Sunday Pizza Lunch with the Pastor to ask questions about our church, Methodism, faith and God. Or meet privately with our pastor or staff.

"Like" our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FUMC.decaturn or visit our website www.firstumcdecaturn.org to see what's happening.

Share a meal with us:

- *Fishes and Loaves* free community meal each Wednesday night
- *Second Sunday Soups* (January, February, March) after worship services
- *Wisdom People Lunch* (age 55 and older—April through October)
- *Fish and Tenderloin Fry* (May)
- *Peach Festival* (August)

Play some *Card and Board Games* with us on Monday afternoons

Attend a *MOPS* (Mothers of Preschoolers) bi-monthly meeting

Connect with us as a family:

- *Children's Message* during Sunday worship, followed by *Kid's Own Worship*
- *Easter Season - Family Event*
- *Vacation Bible School* with Friday Family Night and Children's Sunday Celebration (summer)
- *Christmas Season - Family Puppet Show Musical*
- Check out "*The Loft*" *Youth Meeting* (grade 6 - 12) - Sunday nights for food and fun

How can I GROW?



No matter where I am in my faith walk....

How do I follow Jesus in my everyday life?

How do I connect and grow in faith with other believers?

Worship regularly with us on Sunday at 8:15 am Chapel Service or 10:00 Praise and Worship Celebration

Participate as a family in Sunday morning *Discipleship Groups* for all ages at 9:15 and 11:15 am

Attend our Tuesday afternoon *Bible Study with the Pastor*

Challenge yourself with resources from the *Connection Center*:

- Read the Bible in a year with one of our Bibles or at www.oneyearbibleonline.org
- Begin a daily devotional time - pick up "The Upper Room" daily devotional guide or at www.upperroom.org
- Dig into *John Wesley's 3 Simple Rules* (Do no harm, do good, love God) by Rueben Job

Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church in the 6-week course, "*A Disciple's Path - A Guide for United Methodists*" by James A. Harnish

Commit to participate in the 34-week Monday night "*Disciple Bible Study*"

Become a part of a *Life Group*

Choose to sing or play regularly in our Sunday morning *Praise Team*

Pray with us:

- Sign and pray over *Prayer Cards* each Sunday during the worship services
- Take home our *Prayer List* found in Sunday morning worship bulletin
- Participate in our *Prayer Chain* (phone and/or email)
- *Chapel Prayer* on Wednesday night
- *Pray for our Leadership and Ministries* at bi-monthly meetings and through email requests

Teach the Scriptures to your Children (Deuteronomy 11:19)

- Pick up a children's Bible or family devotional from the *Children's Ministry Table*
- Install the *Bible App for Kids* on your devices
- Visit websites that support Christian parenting:

www.lifetreefamily.com

www.homefrontmag.com

www.thrivingfamily.com (Focus on the Family)

www.crosswalk.com/family

www.theparentcue.org

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:19

How can I SERVE?



How do I serve God and love others in Jesus' name?

How can I share Jesus with others?

Choose to *serve regularly on Sunday mornings and throughout the week* in ministries within the church:

- *Greeter or Usher* on Sunday morning
- *He-Brews Coffee and Donut s* on Sunday morning
- *Liturgist* (read scripture during Sunday morning worship service)
- *Multimedia* (sound tech, powerpoint, video during Sunday morning worship service)
- *Office help* (phones, mailings, clerical)
- *MOPS* childcare helper
- *MOPS* - share a presentation with mothers at a meeting

Take a *leadership role* in the church

Lead a *Life Group*

Lead a *Discipleship Study Group*

Volunteer in our *Children's or Youth Ministries*

Serve and encourage in our *Northwest Elementary School outreach*

Volunteer with:

- *Fishes and Loaves* free community meal
- *The Hope Chest* thrift store
- *Kids First* day care
- *Double Blessings* homebound visitation ministry

Join in the *Thanksgiving Service* (November) at Golden Meadows

Participate as a family in our *Youth Summer Mission Trip*

Discipleship Pathway



What is our Vision?

What is our Mission?

What is a Disciple and the Discipleship Pathway?

Our Vision: To Connect in Community, Grow in Faith and Serve in Love as followers of Jesus Christ

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

A DISCIPLE is a follower of Jesus who is centering his/her life on loving God and loving others.

Our DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY is the *Intentional Disciplines* we practice as we study, learn, pray and do. It's our *Intentional Transformation...* It's how we grow and strengthen our belief in Christ, and follow him more nearly as we act out our love for God and love for others.

Our DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY encourages all...

- To connect and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ
- To be transformed by studying the Bible and the principles of the Christian faith
- To connect with other believers for support and accountability
- To be in service to others for the purpose of the mission and vision

A DISCIPLE is a follower of *Jesus*
whose life is centering on *loving God*

*and loving
others*

The DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY is our
Intentional Transformation...

Jesus works in us
from the inside out,
as we study, learn and do

