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Welcome!

NAME TAGS

Help us make it easier to greet each other by name. Please complete and wear a name tag located on clip boards in the welcome areas.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES before worship.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome at worship. However, if needed there is a staffed nursery available (during 9 a.m. worship) in the lower education wing. If no children are present by 9:20 the nursery staff will move to the Welcome Center so they can hear the sermon. If you desire nursery care at that time please take your child(ren) to the Welcome Center so the nursery staff can walk them to the nursery, where you will find them after worship.

WAYS TO GIVE AT FIRST UMC:

- Place an offering in the plates passed during worship. Envelopes are available on the Welcome tables. (White: celebrating the ministries of the church. Green border: Help Plant the Future building campaign.)
- Give online for one-time or recurring gifts —type the link or scan the QR code below.



Give online at <http://giving.ncsservices.org/fumcdekalb>

Heartfelt Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies to Mary Lou McKenzie at the death of her mother on April 5.

Deepest sympathies also to Fred and Shelly Quade at the death of Fred's mother, Mildred "Milly" Quade, on April 9.

Deepest sympathies also to the family of Lou P. Hill at her death on April 10.

Around First UMC

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is *today*. Your gifts support United Methodist Native American Ministries. Whether it's providing shelter for victims of domestic violence, filling food pantries, starting new churches or educating Native American seminary students, this special offering is one way United Methodists honor Native Americans. For more information, go to www.umc-giving.org/NAMS.

MISSIONS DINNER TICKETS are available during Fellowship Time *today*. Join us *today, at 5 pm*, for dinner and a program on global migration presented by Pastor Jonathan and Rhodalyne Crail.

UMW COFFEECAKE SALES United Methodist Women is again selling Butter Braid Frozen Pastry Coffeecakes. Orders will be taken *today* during Fellowship Time. Cost is \$10 each. Flavors are Apple, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls, Strawberry Cream Cheese, and a new one: Four Cheese & Herb. Please order by April 25. Pick up in the church dining room on Thursday, May 3, from 3 to 5 pm. Contact Margaret Phillips (815-895-4329) to also place orders.

WIFI NOW AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH
WiFi: FUMC; Password: Fumc4177.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP meets the *third Tuesday* each month at *1 pm* in the Heritage Room. *April 17—The Two-Family House* by Lynda C. Loigman; *May 15—The Last Anniversary* by Liane Moriarty.

CHORALE FUNDRAISER Hungry? Join the Celebration Chorale Fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 17**, between **5 and 8 pm** at Tom & Jerry's of Sycamore. Tom & Jerry's will give a percentage of the profit for all food sold whether it is delivered, take out or eaten there! Please come and eat with us! Everyone is welcome!

SERMON SHAPERS in-depth Bible study with preliminary ideas for the upcoming sermon. Led by the presiding pastor. **Wednesday, April 18, 10 am** in the Heritage Room. We will look at Matthew 18:21-22.

OAK CREST MUSIC CONCERT Performers will be local elementary and middle school students and a special singer is Molly Holtsford (Oak Crest resident and First UMC member). Concert is **Saturday, April 21**, at **2 pm**.

R.E.A.L COMMUNITY MEAL is a free meal served family-style with community guests and volunteers dining together. Held the fourth Sunday each month (except December) **5 pm**. Next meal/worship is **Sunday, April 22**. Sign up to help at <http://signup.com/go/2DbqMj>.

FIRST UMC SCHOLARSHIP Applications are being accepted for the First UMC Scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be a professing member of DeKalb First UMC and a graduating high school senior who will be furthering his/her education in the fall. Applications are available in the vestibule outside the church office, on the counter near the mailboxes or online at www.firstumc.net. Applications are due **April 30**.

FAMILY FIRST Join us the first Wednesday each month for Family FIRST. We'll share a meal together and have a family friendly activity afterwards. Hope to see you there on **Wednesday, May 2, at 5:45 pm**. Volunteers to help with preparing the meal or with the activity are needed. Please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/HcMcGov>.

MEMBER CARE PROGRAM-GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION
Need a ride to an appointment? Call Vicke at 815-825-2750 or Pat at 815-991-5160. We are here for you.

Ways to Pay It Forward

SPARE CHANGE MINISTRY Coins collected during *April* supports **Bishop's Appeal — Global Migration (Advance #3022144)**. If giving by check or paper bills, indicate "Spare Change."

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY *facial tissue, hot / cold cereals, and soup* are being collected in *April* for the DeKalb Area Food Pantry. Place items in the proper container located in the sanctuary.

FUMC DeKalb *Missionary Support*: Make checks payable to First UMC.



Street Children of Cambodia: Advance #14921A

Clara Biswas : Advance #13952Z

Send notes to Clara at:

Clara M. Biswas

GBGM, UMC

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Phnom Penh 3

Cambodia

Email: clarabiswas@online.com.kh

Around the NI Conference

SPRING LAY ACADEMY DeKalb District Spring Lay Academy is **Saturdays, April 21 and 28**, at Reynolds UMC, 2496 Reynolds Rd., Ashton. Register at <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/dekalb-district-lay-servant-academy>, \$50 by April 7; \$55 thereafter. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for more information.

TEAMWORKS TRAINING The Conference is coming to DeKalb with some important help! **Sunday, April, 22, 2 to 5 pm** in the dining room. Join our leadership team for the first of four monthly trainings to learn new tools for creating a vital faith community. Four sessions—One per month: 4/22: Futurecasting; 5/20: The Spiritual Life of the Leaders; 6/10: Creating a Discipleship System; 9/9: Connecting with Your Community. Don't miss this great chance to move our church forward together! Reserve your spot with Pastor Jon.

EXPERIENCE 2018 NIC SUMMER CAMPS Camps
Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods are accepting
registrations for 2018 NIC Summer Camps. A variety of
week-long camps are available for grades 2 through 13
and one multi-generational Family Camp. Register online
at www.niccamp.org/summercamps/.

NIC SUMMER CAMP JOB OPPORTUNITIES Camps
Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods need Christian
Summer Associates to fill several positions from June 1 to
August 12 (including holidays). Apply online at
www.niccamp.org/employment/.

Around the Community

Free Meals

Cathedral of Praise , 1126 S 1st St.	1st & 3rd Tues. 5-7 p.m.
First UMC , 317 N 4th St.	4th Sun. 5-6 p.m.
Welcome Café and Community Kitchen Brunch , UUFD 158 N 4th St.	Last Sat. 10a.m.-noon

ANNIE GLIDDEN NORTH (AGN) REVITALIZATION PLAN

You are invited to participate in the third of several community meetings to discuss the AGN Revitalization Plan on **Monday, April 16**, between **6:30 and 8:30 pm** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 830 N. Annie Glidden Rd. This community initiative seeks to improve the quality of life for residents of the AGN neighborhoods. The meeting will be an Open House format and attendees are free to come by at anytime during the meeting to review materials and provide feedback. For more information, contact Raymond Munch, at 815-748-2392.

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL, a Christian preschool located at Immanuel Lutheran Church, DeKalb, is accepting registrations for fall classes. Classes begin in September for ages 3 to 5. For information call 815-756-6669 or see www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com.

CONSIDERING THE STARS The NIU Chamber Choir and University Chorus will present a concert that explores the powerful imagery of night, the moon, sun and stars in song and poetry. Directed by Eric A. Johnson and Mathew Anderson, this free concert is **Wednesday, April 25, at 8 pm** in the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall in the Music Building at NIU. For more information call 815-753-1551.

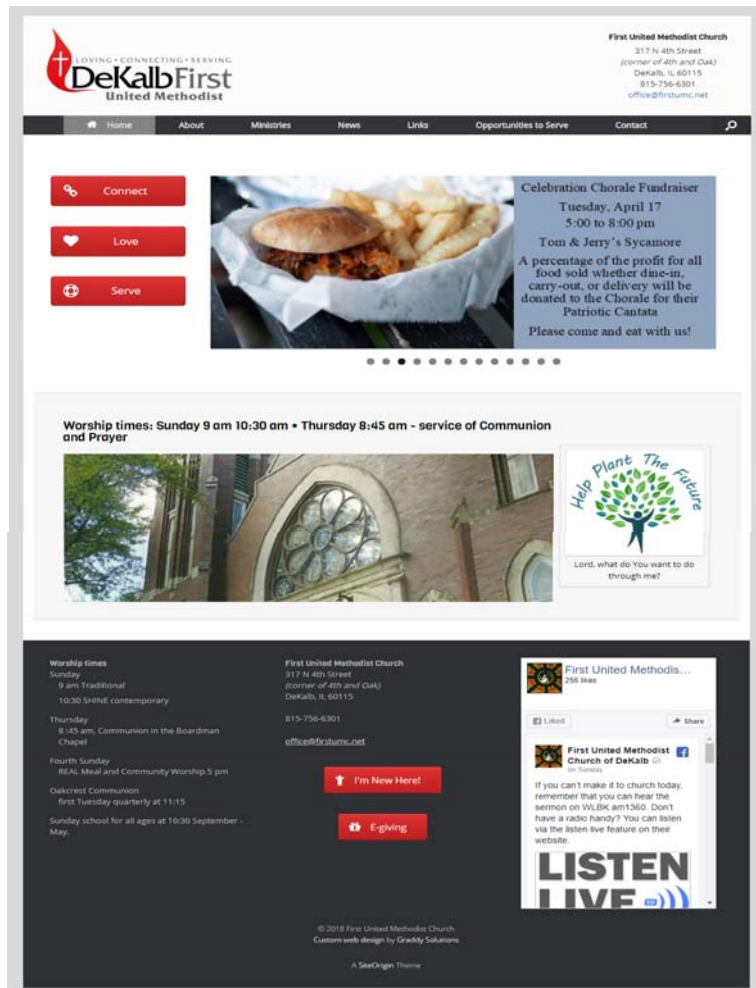
MEGA RUMMAGE SALE Sponsored by Monroe Center Community Church at the Monroe Center Firefighter's Hall, 104 West St., Monroe Center, **Friday, April 27, 8 am to 7 pm and Saturday, April 28, 8 am to 1 pm**. For more information or assistance, please call 815-393-4840.

NIU CONCERT CHOIR AND PHILHARMONIC present a Masterwork of the ages, Bach's transcendent Mass in B Minor **Sunday, April 29, at 3 pm**. It is the first time ever presented at the NIU School of Music and features many of our scholarship singers as soloists. Music Historian, Dr. Brian Hart, will present a pre-concert lecture to introduce the work and share some of the history of the mass at 1:30 pm. This free concert will be held in the Boutell Memorial Concert Hall in the Music Building at NIU.

This Week's Activities

TODAY (04-15-2018)	9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary 9:15 am Sunday School—Education Wing 10:00 am Fellowship Time—Dining Room 10:00 am Butter Braid Coffee Cake Sales—Dining Room 10:00 am Missions Dinner Ticket Sales—Dining Room 10:20 am Bell Choir—Bell Choir Room 10:30 am Adult Sunday School—Red Sea Room 10:30 am SHINE Worship—Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Missions Dinner—Dining Room
MONDAY (04-16-2018)	4:00 pm Connections Team—Red Sea Room
TUESDAY (04-17-2018)	8:30 am Faithfully Fit—Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm Afternoon Book Group—Heritage Room 3:00 pm Memory Bears / Sew in Awe—Promised Land Room 3:30 pm Staff Meeting—Red Sea Room 4:30 pm Executive Team—Red Sea Room 6:00 pm Stewardship Discovery Report—The Net 6:30 pm CCT Board—Fireside Room 7:00 pm Council on Ministry—The Net Room 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 4—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 104—Tabernacle
WEDNESDAY (04-18-2018)	10:00 am Sermon Shapers—Heritage Room 4:45 pm Memorial Gifts—Red Sea Room 6:00 pm Confirmation—Red Sea Room 6:30 pm JSquad Middle School Youth Group—JSquad Room 6:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary 8:00 pm Celebration Chorale—Sanctuary
THURSDAY (04-19-2018)	6:00 am Men's Bible Study—Heritage Room 8:45 am Communion Service—Boardman Chapel 9:30 am UMW Board—Red Sea Room 5:00 pm SHINE Band—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Friend Me Women's Study Group—Off-site
FRIDAY (04-20-2018)	8:30 am Faithfully Fit—Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY (04-21-2018)	2:00 pm Oak Crest Music Concert—Oak Crest
NEXT SUNDAY (04-22-2018)	9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary 9:15 am Sunday School—Education Wing 10:00 am Fellowship Time—Dining Room 10:00 am Butter Braid Coffee Cake Sales—Dining Room 10:20 am Bell Choir—Bell Choir Room 10:30 am Adult Sunday School—Red Sea Room 10:30 am SHINE Worship—Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm TeamWorks Training—Dining Room 5:00 pm REAL Community Meal—Dining Room 6:30 pm CCT Penguin Parent Meeting—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Search & Service—Arnett/Walters Home

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