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WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR CHURCH

If you recall, thinking back a few months ago to Homecoming, Bishop Gwynn told us that God had big plans for Farmville United Methodist Church. While we don't always know God's plans for us and our future, we do know that presently God's plan was to send Pastor Bill Price and his wife, Jean, to us. We are thankful for this blessing and are mindful that God is in control and knows what is best for us. We are also thankful for Pastor Bill and Jean and we welcome them into our family here at FUMC. I can't think of a better way to have welcomed the Prices on their first Sunday with us than to have shared God's table with them.

Let us all welcome Pastor Bill and Jean to FUMC and to our community, make them feel at home, and show them what a wonderful church we are. May we all look forward to learning from and growing with Pastor Bill and Jean, and may we all continue to grow in our Christian faith with Pastor Bill's leadership as we create disciples for Christ here at Farmville United Methodist Church.

Mike Tugwell,
Administrative Council Chairman



Greetings, and may God's grace and peace be with you!

With the help of so many gracious people, Jean and I have moved into our new home and are beginning to settle in. We are so thankful to each of you for the love and hospitality that has been shown to us in so many ways! We eagerly look forward to spending time and getting to know each of you better.

As we were driving to Farmville on moving day, I was thinking of how that day and each day is a gift from God...to us! I was reminded of Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (NRSV)

As a young boy growing up in Missouri, I enjoyed days of drawing with a pencil. I would sit for hours drawing the nature scenes from Field & Stream magazines. I would draw pictures of deer in the woods, different kinds of fish lunging out of a lake or streams, and birds flying over mountains and perched in trees!

Through the years, my love for drawing continued and finally about 19 years ago, I got up the courage to begin painting with oils on canvas. Since then I have painted seascapes, landscapes, building portraits...I have even painted a portrait of my wife Jean.

Some years ago I read a story about a woman who also painted on canvas. While I do not recall her name, I do recall her story. When she was asked what painting meant to her, she basically described it in this way...
I like to think of painting, as portraits of my life. Each day God gives me a new canvas, on which is painted—the picture of my day. I always strive, that the picture of my day is beautiful and full of shared love...so at the end of the day, if God asked me, I wouldn't mind signing my name to it!

Yes, each day is a day that the LORD has made, given to us, as a fresh start...like a new canvas on which that day of our life can be painted.

As we go through our days of mountain peaks, lowliness of the valleys, or the ranges in between...at the end of our day, when we lay down to rest--- what will our painting look like...and will we mind signing our name to it?

Brothers and sisters, we do have a lot to be thankful for...so by the grace of God, let us look forward to each new day and rejoice in it! Praise be to God!!!

Pastor Bill



Policies

FROM OUR STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

The SPRC would like to thank everyone for the love and care shown for our church and the Lord's work by the support, feedback and input given to this committee.

When there is a concern with the church, a fellow church member or staff person, the committee encourages each congregation member to use the following steps and to note the policy change regarding formal concerns for SPRC action:

- 1: Pray for the concern and/or person. Ask for God's discernment in how to approach the concern.
- 2: In Christian love, approach the person regarding the concern and discuss the issue in an honest, objective, and compassionate way.
- 3: If the concern is then not addressed satisfactorily, approach a member of the Staff Parish Relations committee with the concern. The committee member will informally discuss the matter and share their perspectives in how best to resolve the issue.
- 4: If the concern needs to be formally brought before the SPRC committee for action, the name of the person with the concern must be communicated to the committee with the issue.

Thank you!

Bert Warren, Jr, Chair SPRC
 Hugh Williams
 Bill Sledge
 Pat Sumrell
 Hunter Walters

Carol Lynn Heath
 Cindy Parks
 Sandy Tugwell
 Beverly Wainwright
 Mike Tugwell



Church softball is off to a good start. The following is the schedule of games for July. Remember, to play, simply be a member of the church or come twice a month to worship. See you at the game!

- Thursday, June 30
6:30pm - Spring of Living Water vs FUMC
- Tuesday, July 5
6:30pm - FUMC vs Cornerstone FWB
- Thursday, July 7
6:30pm - First Baptist vs FMC
- Tuesday, July 12
6:30pm - Farmville Presbyterian vs FUMC
- Thursday, July 14
6:30pm - FUMC vs Friendship FWB
- Thursday, July 21
6:30pm - FUMC vs Landmark
- Thursday, July 28
6:30pm - FUMC vs First Christian



UMMen Fellowship Supper Monday, July 11 at 7:00pm. Come join us for great food, fellowship, and meet Pastor Bill and Jean Price. Bring a friend!



The Trustees would like to thank all those who participated in the church and parsonage yard clean-ups, as well as, all the people who helped with moving our pastors. There will be many more projects coming soon that we will also need the help of the congregation. Please let's come together in the name of the Lord to make a church even better than it is today.

We would like to welcome Pastor Bill and Jean to our church, please make them feel welcome and a part of our family.



We will begin with our Fellowship Meals in September. It is hoped that the groups will continue to serve fellowship dinners. If not, please contact Irene Pollard (753-6174). If there is a new group who would like to help, please call Irene and let her know you are willing to participate.



To My Church Family,

Thank you for my book, and thank you for thinking of me during this special

time in my life.
I really appreciate it

Love
Brandon

FUMC Congregation

Thank you for your gift to the UM Retirement Homes Foundation through the Mother's Day Offering.

With Warmest Regards

Cheryl P. Miller

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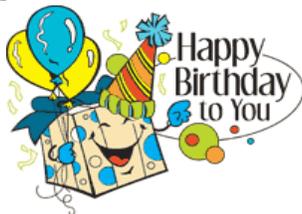
FROM OUR
CHURCH LIBRARY

Recently, I heard a commentator say, "We skim the images," due to our fast paced society. Kindles, E-books, Internet, Apps and e-mail all consume our daily time. When was the last time you held a book and read each line to enjoy the words? Have you read to a child lately? As the current Church Librarian, I would like to know the needs and desires of the congregation to encourage reading from our library.

Blessings to all

Vickie

Herring, Librarian



- July 10: Hassell Eason
- July 12: Jean Price, Meghan Williams
- July 14: Jonathan Carraway
- July 15: Willa Bullock
- July 19: Scott Lang
- July 21: Trey Johnson
- July 22: John Jablonski
- July 26: Frank Powell
- July 28: Landon Heath
- July 29: Charles Eason, Mike Tugwell, Bob McGaughey



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR.....

Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Else Meier (mother of Heide Wilson, healing) Conner Carroll (cousin of Maggie Williams. healing); Richard Crossan (health); Charlie Fitzgerald (health) Rufus and Evangeline Cochran (healing), Dan Rogers (knee surgery, recovery) Jeff Downing (healing, brother-in-law of Drucilla Lamm), Tommy Shackelford (co-worker of Melissa Walters, Maxie Harrison (healing, coworker's mother of Ann Rogers) , Pat Rouse-Jones (healing), family of Donnie Hollman (grief) family of Eugene Perkins (grief) Jessica Heath (surgery and healing).

Names will be taken off the prayer list each month unless you call and ask that they remain on the pray lis

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