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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR.....

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

Have you ever discovered something in a drawer that you had forgotten was there? I found this list of "Hymns for All People", that I had tucked away in a folder as we were packing. As I glanced over it, I quickly realized there were both old and somewhat new songs on the list, and since we have been holding a blended service this summer, some have probably been played and sung. Anyway, thought you might get a chuckle out of it.

"Hymns for All People"

The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes, That I May See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
The Gossiper's Hymn.....Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....This Little Light of Mine
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist's Hymn.....He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

We chuckle at things such as this list, yet one of the cool things about a blended service is that we are blessed to hear and sing the old traditional hymns, along with the newer praise songs too...which both in their own way—honor and glorify God!

The words and music reveal to each of us, according to our own path, something to grasp onto and to learn from. They become seeded pathways which plant and grow meanings of faith, hope, grace, love, mercy, forgiveness, salvation, promise, and the list goes on... which touch our inner being to its' core. We go around our days singing words and humming familiar tunes which help to frame and change our outlook for the day, change the way we view God and others, and even change our eternal life as well!

God has truly blessed us at FUMC with the opportunity to come together this summer for a time of worship, and hopefully draw closer to his Son Jesus Christ and one another as well! Besides, it helps us to maybe recognize another hymn, a hymn not previously listed...The Congregation's Hymn.....We Are the Church!

To God's glory...may we be...The Church!

Pastor BILL



The Youth would like to once again thank the church family for the financial support we received during our Spring BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. Those funds provided an absolutely wonderful experience at Lake Junaluska.

Monday, June 27th we enjoyed fishing, swimming, golf, a trip into Waynesville, and just relaxing. This day also gave some of the men in the group an opportunity to go and survey the home we would paint for the mission portion of the trip. The "apostle Peter" visited with us and talked about his time with Jesus and his first message to those in Jerusalem.

Tuesday we traveled to Asheville to the Western North Carolina Nature Center. We saw playful otters, a black bear enjoying an afternoon snack of watermelon, a bobcat, cougars, and wolves.

Wednesday began with an early wake-up call for our youth. This was our mission day. So we set out to paint early to take advantage of the cooler morning temperatures. We painted the home of Mrs. Betty. She and her daughter Mrs. Brenda were very thankful for this outreach to them. We were all amazed at how quickly 26 people could paint a house. What we thought would be at least a half day project, took about 2 hours for us to complete. Everyone contributed in some way, even little Megan Williams had a brush in her hand. The "apostle John" visited with us this night. He too shared about his time with Jesus, how he had suffered for the Gospel, and his time spent on the isle of Patmos.

Thursday was another day of fun for everyone. We began the day by traveling to the Forestry Service Visitors Center. Here we learned about the beginnings of the forestry service in North Carolina. From there we traveled a few short miles to Sliding Rock. If you have never been, it is exactly that, a huge rock sitting in a mountain stream with water cascading over it. Slide down, land in a natural pool that's eight to ten feet deep, swim out, and do it all over again. It was great fun and the water was brisk and refreshing. After a couple of hours there, we headed a little further down the road to Looking Glass Falls. The wind and mist created by the falling water is most refreshing. Around ten of us made it to the base of the falls. That was pretty neat and it gave us an opportunity to display some teamwork. We would form a human chain to reach out and help others to the base of the falls. Great fun!!

Friday we headed out to Cherokee. Everyone had a chance to do a little souvenir shopping and purchase round inflatable tubes for rafting down the river. Thanks to Joy and Janet, they took the group to an area on the river they had discovered a few years back. This area of the river has a small "beach-like" area, a deep natural pool for swimming and dropping off a swinging rope, tubing, and fishing. Wesley had the catch of the day while the rest of we fishermen just enjoyed casting a line. There was some adventure too, but you'll have to ask Sheldon about that personally. This night the "apostle Paul" came and shared about his conversion and ministry.

Saturday was rafting day on the Pigeon River. We had four rafts full of rafters, two on the Upper Pigeon and two on the Lower Pigeon. If you have never rafted, you need to because it's great fun. A highlight of this day saw us bring our nightly devotions to an end at the illuminated cross that has been a bright and shining beacon at Lake "J" for years. We reviewed and talked about those who had visited with us during the week – Peter, John, and Paul. We ended our time at the cross in prayer.

During our stay we were blessed with wonderful weather. Daytime highs only reached the mid-80's and overnight lows were in the upper-50's. Janet Clontz and a few others put some miles in on the rocking chairs that adorned the front porch. Corky Maryott was a God-send and helped keep the youth entertained with crafts. She has a whole suit case full of nothing but craft supplies! Bill Hall brought along his grill and various cooking utensils. Wesley, too, packed his own cooking supplies. Different families/friends cooked breakfast and dinner each day. There were some mighty fine vittles served. Dwayne Maryott packed extra fishing equipment and seemingly had a little bit of everything tucked away in his truck. Wesley and Ashley also helped us out with praise and worship. The youth enjoyed the freedom and safety that Lake Junaluska offers. I'm not sure how many times they rode the Lake "J" trolley. Fishing was just a short walk across the street. The big back yard saw more than one "baseball" game. And, lightning bugs were captured and released. This was a great trip for relaxing, enjoying God's beautiful creation, and learning about those who preceded us in the faith and how that ripple effect continues on today.

Sheldon would like to thank all of the adults that participated in this trip. It was great to have you all along. Your additional sets of eyes and hands to assist with supervision, meals, our mission work, driving, etc. were invaluable. God bless you each and every one!

Upcoming events:

August 12th, 13th, and 14th will find us at Lake Gaston. Please let Sheldon know if you are planning on attending.
End of Summer/Back to school kick-off - TBA
Fall Festival – TBA



What is Pamlico Emmaus??

It is a group of people that want to bring spiritual growth to the church by developing our skills to be better disciples and participate in our church effectively.

It is a 3-day walk with God that can change how you see yourself serving Him and Farmville UMC more effectively!!

Interested???

Call Jean Price to find out about the Fall Walks to be held:

Men: Oct. 6-9, Women: Oct. 20-23rd

252-753-4774



FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE REFUGE!

Please join us for a **Family Fun Day** at the Refuge on **Sunday August 28th**. The activities will start at **3:00** which include fishing, hiking, and games for all ages plus some surprises. It will be a great

day for fellowship, food and fun with our church family. **A covered dish will start at 6:00.** I will need some people to **volunteer for paper products, tea, lemonade and bottles of water for the afternoon.** If you would like to coordinate games for a particular age group (children, youth and adults) please contact Joy Fields at 753-3493 or 341-6174.



Sunday School teachers And Assistants Needed.

We are in need of some help in our Sunday School Classes and would appreciate you considering being one of our teachers for the children's class and maybe an assistant starting in September. Please be in prayer and let me know if you can help. Please contact Joy Fields.



UMW – Who we are and what we do!

United Methodist Women – Purpose: *“United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”*

Every woman affiliated with Farmville UMC is invited to join in our efforts to fulfill this purpose. We have partnered with United Methodist Women across the world in local, state, national and global mission endeavors to follow Jesus’ commission to spread His gospel and to love one another as He loves us.

In God’s Mission We are Sent Out.....!

All Women are Invited to Join a UMW Circle (meetings are held September through May)

Circle III – meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in individual homes – Circle III Chairperson is Ann Joyner

Circle IV – meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. either in homes of members or in the Church Chapel — Circle IV Chairperson is Pat Sumrell.

We are committed to mission-minded goals, reaching out to our own congregation’s needs and the needs of our community, state, nation and world.

August 22-26 - Meals on Wheels – Circle IV

August 20 – Nursing Home Birthday Party – Darlene Gaynor

September 16-17 – Mother/Child Retreat at Camp Don Lee

NOVEMBER 12 – HOLIDAY HELPERS

This is UMWs annual fund raiser. Our goodies are displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Plan now to come and shop – invite friends, family and neighbors. The Silent Auction is back this year!

Some of our mission goals include:

- ✦ FUMC radio ministry***
- ✦ Methodist Children’s Home***
- ✦ Wesley Foundation***
- ✦ Community Soup Kitchen***
- ✦ Benevolent Ministries***
- ✦ 1 K for 1 K Project***
- ✦ Youth Fund***
- ✦ Meals on Wheels***
- ✦ Nursing Home Birthday Party***

A warm welcome to Bill and Jean!!

Friends in Faith

Connie Mazingo (753-5877)

Debbie Terrell (753-4941)



Softball Schedule for August
The following is the schedule of games for August. Remember, to play, simply be a member of the

church or come twice a month to worship. See you at the game!

- August 2;
7:30pm FUMC vs Spring of Living Water
- August 4
7:30pm Cornerstone FWB vs FUMC
- August 9
7:30pm FUMC vs First Baptist Church
- August 11
7:30pm FUMC vs Farmville Presbyterian Church
- August 16
No Game
- August 18
6:30pm Friendship FBW vs FUMC
- August 23
8:30 pm Landmark vs FUMC
- August 25
No Game



UMMEN Supper meeting will be **Monday, August 8 at 7:00pm**. Come, bring a friend and enjoy good food and great fellowship.



Administrative Council will meet **Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm**. All members of the council should make plans to attend.



will meet, **Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30pm**. All members of the Finance Committee should make plans to attend.



- August 4: Luke Warren
- August 6: Margaret Wells
- August 14: Catherine Tugwell
- August 16: Tommy Hardy
- August 20: Karen Sledge
- August 23: Mildred Carraway
- August 26: Bill Hall
- August 28: Sheri Von Schritlz
- August 31: Bert Warren, Jr.



Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Else Meier (mother of Heide Wilson, healing), Conner Carroll (cousin of Maggie Williams. healing); Richard Crossan (health); Family of Charlie Fitzgerald (grief), Rufus and Evangeline Cochran (healing), Tommy Shackelford (co-worker of Melissa Walters), Maxine Harrison (healing, co-worker's mother of Ann Rogers) , Pat Rouse-Jones (healing), Jessica Heath (healing), Bobby Carraway (healing), Ed Heath (healing), Kathy Buck (healing; daughter of Jean Cuthrell, sister of Lynn Faircloth) Jimmy Hite (surgery, brother of Erin Grimes)

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



Parents, if you have a son or daughter that will be away from home at a college/university, please call the church office with their addresses. We like to keep in touch; we want our young people to know that this church cares about them. Please call the church office as soon as you can with this information.

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