

# FARMVILLE UNITE METHODIST CHURCH



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**God's Calling for FUMC: For the Glory of God - Empowered by the Holy Spirit - we Passionately Seek God's Truth and Boldly Share the Grace and Love of Jesus Christ.**

**MAY 2016**



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Greetings! Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed...so may God's grace and peace be with you!

It is conference time in the broader context of The United Methodist Church!

This month, in May, the gathering of the General Conference delegates, which meet every 4 years, will take place on Tuesday, May 10 through Friday, May 20, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.

Then next month in June, the yearly North Carolina Conference gathering will take place beginning Thursday, June 16 through Saturday morning, June 18, at the Convention Center in Greenville, NC! But we will talk more about that conference—next month!

Every 4 years, thousands of United Methodists representing 130 global annual conferences convene for a worldwide General Conference—2 weeks of worship, fellowship and voting on new guidelines for the church. The General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for the church-wide programs. This year's theme is: THEREFORE→GO!

With many important issues before our General conference this year for voting, it is vital that our church (and all churches) pray for the delegates of our General Conference gathering, that they may not lean on their own understanding, but in all ways acknowledge God...that God will make their and our paths, as United Methodists, straight! (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Although we may get really focused on our little world at FUMC & the surrounding community, there are so many decisions made at the broader conference levels that affect and assist what we do for the Lord here locally at FUMC! As a result, we have a Prayer Vigil chart located outside of the Fellowship Hall, with each conference day listed...and are asking each of us (regardless of age) to sign up for a day—when we will individually pray at guided times and moments, by the Holy Spirit!

Until then, we are asking that each of us pray daily for all of the delegates and The United Methodist Church, in these days leading up to their gathering time!

May God's grace and peace be with you...and all of us! In the name of the Father, the Son...and the Holy Spirit...All God's people said---AMEN!!

Have a blessed month!

Pastor Bill



**COMMUNITY VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 12-16**

**Jesus gathers us together!**

**Key Bible verse will be Psalms 23**

Barnyard Roundup is on the way to FUMC. June 12th will be the kickoff beginning at 5 and then continues at 6 each evening ending on Thursday night. We are excited that our Children's Coordinator Melody Ballard will be the director this year. She needs everyone to help! We are also having a website this year to help with registering the kids and the volunteers.

Here are some ways to help: Registration, Storytelling, Crafts, Snacks, Games, Photography, Decorating, Planning, Adult guides, and Jr. Guides (need to have finished 6th grade). **We need to get volunteers registered!! Please go to [vbsmate.com/farmvilleumc](http://vbsmate.com/farmvilleumc) and register** Please pray now for a great VBS!!!



**The United Methodist  
Retirement Homes, Inc.  
Mother's Day Offering  
Sunday - May 8, 2016**

There is one Sunday a year in the month of May that the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church sets aside as a sanctioned offering of the conference for UMRH. The Sunday is Mother's Day and every May since 1955 the conference has encouraged its churches to participate in this offering.

The offering supports **benevolence** at the UMRH communities of Croasdaile Village, Cypress Glen and Wesley Pines. Funds raised through this offering provide financial assistance to residents in these communities who, through no fault of their own, can no longer fully pay for their care. Many of these residents are former pastors of the NC Annual Conference and/or their spouses. The Mother's Day offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a "more abundant life" for residents who need financial support. **On Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day, we will be taking an offering for the United Methodist Retirement Homes.** Please make your check out to FUMC, on the Memo line: Mother's Day Offering.



**~ "Away Day" Tue. May 3 at  
10:00am ~**

The **Away Day Group** will meet **Tuesday, May 3 at 10:00am**. Our guest speaker, Alyssa Gutierrez, Director of Communications of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern N. C., will speak to us about **scams**. This is something us seniors should certainly be aware of. It seems we are the target for most of the scams happening today. Bring your favorite snack to share and join us for important information, Tue. May 3 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

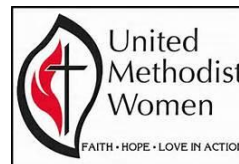
**Farmville Cancer Care Ministries Gathering –  
Tue. May 3 at 6:30pm.**

The next gathering of the FCCM is May 3 at 6:30pm (registration at 6). We are planning (scheduling permitted) to have Paulette Hoggard, a licensed Acupuncturist, I have been going to for a few years!!!! She has a Masters Degree in Chinese Medicine. If you have ever been curious about acupuncture and the many benefits it can offer cancer patients and many others, please join us!!! It is open to everyone! !!  
Jean



**National Day of Prayer –  
Thursday, May 5– 6:30pm**

National Day of Prayer calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. In keeping with the spirit of Farmville United at the Cross, let us join together on the **Farmville Town Commons on Thursday, May 5 at 7pm** to offer prayer requests and thanksgivings, reflections, a moment of silence to remember and a time to sing praises to the glory of God. Please come and be a supportive part of this day of prayer to God.



The Farmville United Methodist Women met on April 18. Pat Sumrell presented the program. The UMW will

provide a basket of items for the silent auction to "Last Chance for White Pants."

The next meeting is on the third Monday, May 16 at 7:00in the parlor. Jenny Lewis will be in charge of the program and Connie and Anita will serve light refreshments.

Thanks to Pat Sumrell for organizing Meals-on-Wheels for April and again June 6,7,8,9. Please call Pat to volunteer. Diane Warren will need Meals-on-Wheels volunteers for July 18, 19, 20, 21 and August 29, 30, 32, Sept. 1. Please mark your calendar and call Diane to help.



### **ROLAND LANG SCHOLARSHIP**

Roland Lang Scholarship is available for seniors graduating from a high school located in Pitt County, a

member of the Farmville United Methodist Church and plans to attend a school located in Pitt County. See Nan in the church office for an application. All applications must be returned by May 25.



### **Board of Trustees Report**

I recently was appointed as a

member of the Board of Trustees. If you never served on this committee, you may think it is “exclusive”. From what I can tell it is a fancy name for “Building and Grounds”. Our Church is hosting the Community Wide Bible School this year and I was asked to determine the needs of the playground. If you haven’t been on the playground for a while it is 20 years old, not structurally safe, and in rough shape. Actually, when Dan played on it 10 or more years ago he got over 20 splinters. So in the next month, you will see the equipment being removed and we wanted you to know why. The playground does not have a specific budget and at this time there is no funding for replacement. We have gotten suggestions on what should go back into the playground but I would like to encourage you to talk with a Trustee with your ideas so we can move forward with this project. Respectively Submitted by:

Cyndi Lauderdale



### **PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – MAY 22**

#### **Equipping The United**

#### **Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus’ Name**

Moved by Christ’s love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God’s image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ’s Peace.

### **PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Lay Servant Academy**

A unique training opportunity is available prior to Annual Conference with our first **Lay Servant Academy**. Four courses will be offered and are open to all laity. If you are exploring Lay Servant Ministry or Lay Speaking Ministry, here is the opportunity to meet other laypersons as you share in a conference level learning opportunity. Participants may register for one course. Purchase and prior reading of the course text are a requirement for a certificate of completion of the course.

#### **Courses to be offered (choose one):**

United Methodist Heritage (Required for Lay Speakers)

United Methodist Polity (Required for Lay Speakers)

Leading Worship (Required for Lay Speakers)

Afire with God (Advanced course in Lay Servant Ministry)

#### **Academy class schedule:**

Tuesday, June 14 7 pm—9 pm

Wednesday, June 15 9 am—12 noon; 2 pm—5:30 pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 **Location:** Greenville Convention Center

**Online Registration will open April 25 and close May 25.**

We will not be able to accommodate ‘walk-ins’ so please register before the deadline.

Watch the Conference website: [nccumc.org](http://nccumc.org) for updates and more information

#### **Sabbath Lay Delegate Certification June 14-15**

This 4-hour pre-conference intensive is designed for lay members who would like to share the Sabbath message within and beyond their church community. Participants will be equipped to:

1. Embrace Sabbath themselves
2. Lead a Sabbath-themed workshop, retreat or 4-6 week class
3. Encourage Sabbath keeping among church leaders.

Participants will leave the intensive with the tools needed to lead a Sabbath workshop, retreat, or class. At least one member of each SPRC, adult & teen Sunday School teachers, pastor/leaders & church leaders are encouraged to attend. One night (Thursday) of free Annual Conference lodging will be provided to the first 50 people who register. All participants who complete the intensive will receive a Sabbath Lay Member Certificate and commissioning. You will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and enrich your relationships with God and each other.

**AN INVITATION .....**

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the **Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony** for **Jamie Cleveland and Will Monroe on Sunday May 15, 2016 at 3:00pm at Farmville United Methodist Church. Reception to follow.**



- May 3: Buzzy Wells
- May 4: Ian Warren
- May 5: Joy Fields
- May 14: Duke Edwards
- May 15: Kirkie Williams
- May 16: Logan Sutton
- May 19: Maggie Williams
- May 20: Evangeline Cochran
- May 22: Jean Cuthrell, Casey Johnson
- May 23: Staci Garner
- May 26: Randy Pollard
- May 29: Michael Tugwell

**Volunteer Opportunities.....**

- Lay Member to Annual Conference**  
(see announcements)
- Outside Church Sign**
- Church Calendar**  
(outside fellowship Hall)
- Maintain Outside Flower Pots**
- Kid's Corner**
- Youth Sunday School Teacher**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Soup Kitchen**
- Church Roster**

Call the church office if you would like to volunteer for any/all of these opportunities.



**Christian Sympathy to.....**

.....Suzi and Edward Green  
on the death of her father Arnesto Chemin.  
.....the family of Lynette Williams who died  
April 28, 2016.

**Please Be In Prayer For...** Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Nellie Lang (health), Billy & Gray Baker (health), John Sherman (healing), Roxie Smith (health), Leona Kilpatrick (health), Lamm Family, Mary Allen (peace), Konni Potts (healing) Helen Kelly (healing) Peggy Harrell (healing) Arnesto & Maria Chemin (healing), Jean Padgett, (healing), Melissa Davis (healing), Randall Warren (healing), Wendy Little (healing), J. B. Shackelford (healing), family of Joyce Smith (grief), Ed Braswell (healing), John Gurganus (healing), Amy Johnson, (healing), Lisa Brame (recovery), Elizabeth Borum (health concerns), Joann Lewis (healing), Janice Wilkerson (healing), Cynthia Groathouse (tests) family of Jackson Corbett (grief), family of Edna Hobgood (grief)  
**Others:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Address...**

Jonathan & Jennifer Lemmon  
130 Triple Creek Dr.  
Hendersonville, NC 27891

**Weekly Bible Study**

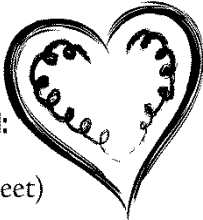
The Bible Study on John continues each week. If you would like to attend, please join us at any time. Just pick one of the dates and time convenient for you; Sun. at 10:00am & 6:00pm; Tue. at 2:00pm, and Wed. at 7:00pm.



May 2016

# A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



**What you need:**

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

**What you do:**

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!

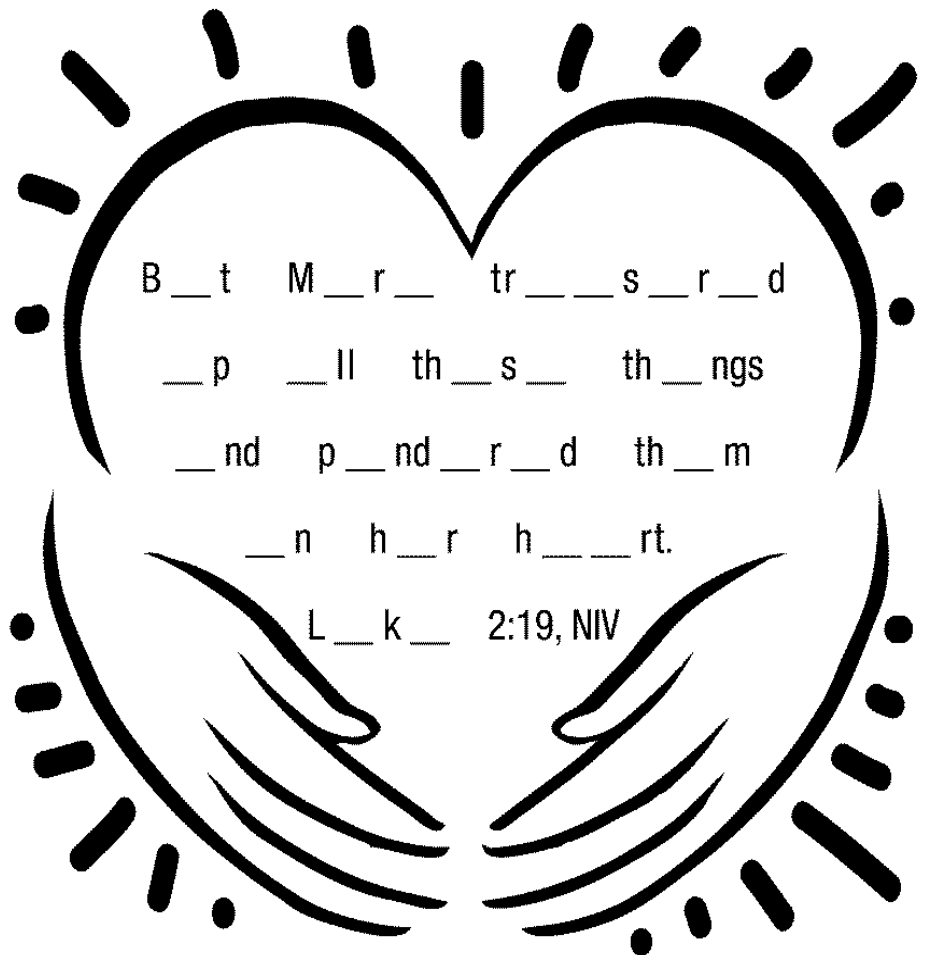


## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV



**May 2016 Service & Calendar**

**USHERS -**

- May 1: Tommy Hardy
- May 8: Walter Jessup
- May 15: Chuck Johnson
- May 22: Bob McGaughey
- May 29: Robert Heath
- June 5: David Monroe

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- May 1: Debra Evans
- May 8: Dewey & Delane Fuquay
- May 15: Bob & Joan Ginn
- May 22: Wanda Hancock
- May 29: No Flowers, Combined Worship
- June 5: Joyce Hardy

**ACOLYTES**

- May 1: Molly Williams
- May 8: Ushers
- May 15: Bailey Walters
- May 22: Meghan Williams
- May 29: Ushers
- June 5: Molly Williams

**SANCTUARY GREETERS**

- May 1: David & Harriett Baker
- May 8: Brad & Tracie Durrett
- May 15: Charles & Hassell Eason
- May 22: Debra Evans & Margo Sherman
- May 29: William & Polly Galloway
- June 5: Dewey & Delane Fuquay

**WELCOMING GREETERS**

- May 1: Charles & Hassell Eason
- May 8: Debra Evans & Margo Sherman
- May 15: Dewey & Delane Fuquay
- May 22: Tommy & Beth Hardy
- May 29: Walter & Nancy Jessup
- June 5: Chuck & Pam Johnson

**KID'S Korner**

- May 1: -----
- May 8: Ashlie Boberg
- May 15: Joy Fields
- May 22: Ashley Matthews

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

- May 1: -----
- May 8: Maggie Williams
- May 15: Brad Durrett
- May 22: Melissa Walters
- May 29: Tracie Durrett

**NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5**

- May 1: Paula Tugwell & Catherine
- May 8: Kirkie Williams & Molly
- May 15: Tracie Durrett & Bailey Walters
- May 22: Mary Monroe & Emily
- May 29: Teresa Parent & Sara Peterson
- June 5: Paula Tugwell & Catherine

**BACK PACK PALS PACKING SCHEDULE**

- May 4: The Monroes
- May 11: Kay Crossan
- May 18: Youth
- May 25: Jenny Lewis & Polly Galloway
- June 1: Irene Pollard

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

- Children
- May 1: Jean Price
  - May 8: Teresa Parent
  - May 15: Debra Evans
  - May 22: Sara Peterson
  - May 29: Jean Price

- Youth
- May 1: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield
  - May 8: Todd & Suzanne Edwards

**SOUP KITCHEN**

- May 16: Margo Sherman, Kay Crossan & Debra Evans
- June 20: Pat Sumrell & Lisa Midgette

**Statistical Report April 2016**

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Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	42
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	107
Ave. Offerings-----	\$4,035.47
Need to Date-----	\$95,050.21
Raised to Date-----	\$64,941.92



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual

## FARMVILLE

## BENEVOLENT

## MINISTRIES

### 4-PERSON SUPERBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**FARMVILLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016**

**8:30am and 1:30pm Shotgun Starts**

**Catered Lunch served from Noon until 1:00pm**

**Great Door Prizes!!! Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 4-6 flights (handicap/avg. score)**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Prizes for closest to the Hole!**

**Entry Fee: \$70.00 per person**

**Includes: Green Fee, Cart, Lunch,**

**Goody Bag, Two Mulligans and Red Tee Buster**

**RAIN DATE: MAY 19th**

The Farmville Benevolent Ministries is sponsored by the Farmville Ministerial Association and provides emergency assistance to those in need in the Farmville area. All proceeds from this tournament will benefit this important ministry. .  
**Thank you for your generous support of neighbors helping neighbors!**

**Mail entries to:** Farmville Benevolent Ministries, 4138 Grimmsburg St.

Farmville, NC 27828 or return to Farmville Golf and Country Club

**Name and Handicap/Average Score (Please circle: AM or PM Tee Times)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_