



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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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.

January 2017

Happy New Year ♥ *Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year*



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A Message from Pastor Steve--

For many of us, the New Year means nothing more than hanging a new calendar and routinely messing up the date while writing checks. But for others of us, each January 1 is a new opportunity to live as God has created us to live. We make resolutions to exercise, eat more healthfully, save money, pray more faithfully, or read Scripture more regularly. In 2017 I have resolved to write better newsletter articles. But before you have finished reading this paragraph, you will likely conclude that I have already failed. Nevertheless, when January comes to a close, Nan Walston will remind me that despite my failure, I must write again.

I believe that New Year's resolutions can be quite helpful to those who truly seek personal and spiritual growth. My favorite quote from Aristotle is, "We are what we repeatedly do." In other words, the habits that we form and the things we spend our time doing define who we are as human beings. We cannot call ourselves athletes, scholars, or Christians, without devoting ourselves to the disciplines of exercise, study, or prayer. Claiming an identity without the necessary character, we are simply deceiving ourselves. Our resolutions matter. Therefore, I want to offer two bits of pastoral guidance for you resolution makers.

First, I assure you that if you challenge yourself, at some point you will fail. But that's ok! Just **do not let one day's failure derail your entire resolution.** Try again at your very soonest opportunity, and trudging forward you will find success ever more frequently. Second, you need accountability. **You must tell someone close to you about your resolution.** Ask them to remind you of your commitment when you stray from it just as Nan will remind me to sit back down and keep on writing. We all need someone to gently remind us when we have missed the mark, and to encourage us to keep on going.

Finally, please **know that I am praying for you.** I pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen your resolve, complete the good work in you which began before you even knew it, and transform you daily into the likeness of Christ our Lord.

Yours in Christian love,

Pastor Steve Dunn

**HURRICANE MATTHEW: HOW CAN WE HELP? –
ADVENT OFFERING UP-DATE!!**

All monies raised during Advent will go to help the victims of Hurricane Matthew. **Thanks to your generosity we raised \$1,973.00.** The need for help does not stop after Advent. We will continue to accept offerings for the victims of Hurricane Matthew through the year. Just drop your check/envelope in the offering plate marked Hurricane Matthew.



**Wanted: Volunteers for
Hurricane Matthew work
teams!**

If you are looking for an opportunity to assist our neighbors in eastern North Carolina following after Hurricane Matthew, this is it. Join our work team!!! Please contact Pastor Steve, Bert Warren, Jr. or the church office if you are interested. We will be working in cooperation with the Sound District of the United Methodist Church in order to bring our skills to the places of greatest need. Any help is appreciated!



**New Bible
Study**

**CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY TO
BEGIN Wed., JAN. 11 at 7:00pm**

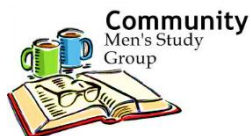
In the New Year we will be beginning a **New Bible Study** open to all church members. We will gather on **Wed. nights at 7pm after Fellowship dinner, starting Jan. 11.** Please join us as we seek God's truth in a fresh, new way!



2017 Church Leadership

There is a list of the 2017

Church Leadership, which was approved by our Administrative Council and by our Charge Conference in October, included in the newsletter. In addition to the names listed, there are many important positions in the church which are not noted on these pages, Sunday School Teachers, ushers, choir and praise team members, youth counselors and helpers, etc. We thank you for your leadership and service and look forward to a great year at the Farmville United Methodist Church.



**Community
Men's Study
Group**

The Men's Study group continues their weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. All men are welcome to come and learn more about how this group of men is encouraging one another as they grow in their faith.



**Senior Adult
Fellowship**

**AWAY DAY GATHERING
TUE. JAN 3 – 10:00AM**

The Away Day Group met Tue., Jan. 3 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. After our devotions, we talked about plans for the coming year. We have plans to visit places, have speakers, movies, etc. If you have a special place you would like to go, or something you would like for us to do, please let us know. We also plan to continue making Hygiene Kits for the Homeless and Domestic Violence Shelters in Greenville.

Our next meeting will be Tue. Feb. 7 at 10:00am. A road trip is planned to the Creamy near Ayden. We are looking forward to a great year, come join us. This is a community gathering, please help pass the word!

FUMC was part of a 2016 record setting year for Stop Hunger Now. 325000 Volunteers and over 300 million meals served! Thank you for your ministry and service.

Bert Warren, Jr., Stop Hunger Now Coordinator



FUMW NEWS ---

FUMW will meet on the third Monday- January 16, 2017.

Twenty eight women enjoyed the

Christmas celebration dinner at Myrna Strickland's. We toured her decorated house and yard.

FUMW had over \$6,000 in peanut sales. We will make around \$2,200 profit to donate to local charities.

Thanks to everyone for their support and to Irene and Kay for all the hard work.



FUMC Men's Group "NEED A HAND?"

Do you need a hand doing simple repairs around your home? Putting batteries in smoke detectors, or your toilet leaks, an outlet is broken, or your window is cracked and needs to be replaced? If you need a hand, call me at 520-822-7547 or send me an email rcheath54@gmail.com and I will contact a skilled worker to assess and assist. The help is free, we only ask you pay for the parts. This is not for emergencies.

We are looking for volunteers to help do the repairs; you don't have to be male. Anyone is welcome to help us help each other. Call or email me. There is a list of names and phone numbers on the bulletin board near the kitchen to call for help.

UMMen Supper meeting, January 8 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome, come join us for good food and great fellowship. Bring a friend



FARMVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL NEEDS VOLENTEERS

The Farmville Senior Council needs volunteers to driver seniors to store, doctor's appointments and about anywhere a senior needs to go. If you ae interested in helping, please contact Kay Crossan.



HELP NEEDED FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

We need church members to sign up for our Soup Kitchen for all next year. **FUMC is responsible for the 3rd Monday of each month.**

The Soup Kitchen serves 25-40 people a month. Food may be cooked at FUMC and taken over. There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk. For more information, contact Jenny Lewis.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1: Carol Lynn Heath
Jan. 3: Brian Cleveland, Anita Powell

Jan. 5: David Stowe, Mike Wainwright
Jan. 6: Teraza W. Foster
Jan. 7: Hunter Walters
Jan. 10: Wes Mozingo
Jan. 12: Todd Edwards, Charles Walston
Jan. 15: Dwayne Benfield, Kristi Benfield
Jan. 20: Randy Erwin
Jan. 23: Gray Baker
J an. 28: Elizabeth Hardy

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

...the family of Nellie B. Lang, who died December 27, 2016



Please Be In Prayer For... Rufus Cochran

(health), **Tracey Smith** (health), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Billy & Gray Baker** (health), **Leona Kilpatrick** (health), **John Sherman** (healing), **Lamm Family**, **Mary Allen** (peace), **Helen Kelly** (healing), **Jean Padgett**, (healing), **Randall Warren** (healing), **Wendy Little** (healing), **John Gurganus** (healing), **Amy Johnson**, (healing), **Janice Wilkerson** (healing), **Jackie Stevenson** (healing), **Laura Whitehurst** (healing), **Eric Thomas** (recovery), **Tommy Bullock** (health), **Henry Grey Fields** (health), **Charlotte Webb** (recovery), **Evelyn Doughtie** (health), **Vickie Corbett Hope** (health).



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USHERS -

Jan. 1: Tommy Hardy
Jan. 8: Walter Jessup
Jan. 15: Chuck Johnson
Jan. 22: Bob McGaughey
Jan. 29: Bert Warren, Sr.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 1: Frank & Anita Powell
Jan. 8: Dan and Ann Rogers
Jan. 15: Emily M. Davidson
Jan. 22: Bill & Karen Sledge
Jan. 29: No Flowers

ACOLYTES

Jan. 1: Bailey Walters
Jan. 8: Ushers
Jan. 15: Meghan Williams
Jan. 22: Molly Williams
Jan. 29: Ushers (Combined)

SANCTUARY GREETERS

Jan. 1: Mike & Paula Tugwell
Jan. 8: Hunter & Melissa Walters
Jan. 15: Buzzy & Margaret Wells
Jan. 22: Hugh & Kirkie Williams
Jan. 29: Mike & Debbie Terrell

WELCOMING GREETERS

Jan. 1: Hugh & Kirkie Williams
Jan. 8: David & Harriett Baker
Jan. 15: Kay Crossan
Jan. 22: Brad & Tracie Durrett
Jan. 29: Maxine Weaver & Nancy Harris

KID'S Korner

Jan. 1:-----
Jan. 8: Ashley Matthews
Jan. 15: Teresa Parent
Jan. 22: Mike Wainwright
Jan. 29: Joy Fields (combined)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan. 1: -----
Jan. 8: Maggie Williams
Jan. 15: Brad Durrett
Jan. 22: Melissa Walters
Jan. 29: Joy Fields (combined)

NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Jan. 1: Jean Allen & Molly Williams
Jan. 8: Tracie Durrett & Bailey Walters
Jan. 15: Mary Monroe & Emily
Jan. 22: Paula Tugwell & Catherine
Jan. 29: Kirkie Williams & Maggie

FELLOWSHIP MEALS -

Jan. 4: New Beginnings
Jan. 11: UMMen
Jan. 18: UMW
Jan. 25: UMW

YOUTH MEETING/SUPPER SCHEDULE -

Jan. 1: No Youth
Jan. 8: Youth
Jan. 15: Youth
Jan. 22: No Youth
Jan. 29: Youth

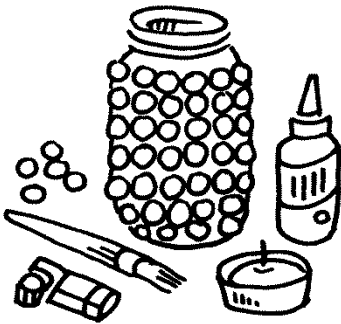
Statistical Report December 2016 will be in the February Newsletter.



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MASON JAR nightLIGHT

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:



" _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F

TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R

F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R

W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS."

J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Year's Day 1 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 6:00pm No Youth	2	3 10:00am Away Day 7:00pm Men's Group	4 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner New Beginnings 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Praise Team	5	6	7
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