



## FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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.

February 2017



"Love  
the LORD  
your God  
with all your  
heart...soul  
...mind and...  
strength."



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Message from Pastor Steve.....

Yesterday I stumbled upon a rogue daffodil bursting up from the frosty ground. As I do every winter when the first confused flowers appear, I stopped in my tracks to ponder this glimmering yellow beauty as its bright bloom continued in bold defiance of the calendar. Those cheerful petals won't last long, but still they warmed my heart. I thank God for the simple joy of their fleeting beauty. I am reminded of Psalm 103:15-18:

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

In the scope of eternity, we mortal humans might as well be delicate flower petals exposed to frigid January air. Most of us realize far too late that our days and years on the earth are limited. Like midwinter daffodils, we are given one brief moment in eternity to radiate the limitless love of our eternal God into a cold, dark world, and then our time is up. Our days are few. Make them count. Today (and tomorrow if you have one) let your lives be full of beauty, reflecting the only one whose love endures forever.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Dunn



**The Away Day Gathering**  
**Feb. 7 – 10:00am**

The Away Day Group will meet Tue., Feb. 7 at 10:00am at the church and travel to the Simply Natural Creamery & Jersey Farm near Ayden. Come join us for ice cream and a fun morning.

**The Wesley Singers from the Wesley Foundation on ECU Campus will be worshipping with us on Sunday, February 12. This will be a combined service at 11:00am.**

GreenvilleWesley is the official name given to the United Methodist Student ministry organizations, led by students elected by their peers, on university campuses throughout the United States. We are organized for the purpose of creating a Christ centered community equipping students of East Carolina University and Pitt Community College to engage the world.

We do this through our many activities of fellowship, local and international mission trips, and study and service, such as our weekly FREE meal & Worship at Great Harvest Bread Co. each Wednesday. We have been faithfully serving students here at GreenvilleWesley in the name of Jesus Christ Since 1941.



**Farmville United Methodist Women** will meet on the third Monday, February 20 at 7:00. The

program will be by Ann Joyner. All women in the church are invited.

**We need volunteers for Meals on Wheels for Monday, February 20 thru Friday, February 24.** Call Debra Evans if you can help 753-2451. Food is picked up at 10:30 and delivery takes less than one hour.

**MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS-ON-WHEELS** February 13 from 10:00-11:00am at the Community Center.



**Youth News**

We would like to thank you for your support for our Soup & Sandwich fundraiser last Sunday for our Mission Trip this summer. We will be cooking for the Fellowship Dinner on Wed., Feb. 15. Come out and enjoy a spaghetti dinner with us. The proceeds will go toward the mission trip also.



**CHURCH WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
**SUN. MAR. 26 – 5PM**

Get ready to celebrate your birthday at the **CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY, Sun, March 26 at 5:00pm** We will need **12 cakes**, ice cream and beverage will be furnished. There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk for you to **let us know if you plan to attend, how many from your family will attend and the birthday month of each one**, or you can call the church office. We need this information so we can have the proper seating at each table. Also, **let us know if you are willing to make a cake**. Mark your calendars; you don't want to miss this great celebration!



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.



**Wanted: Volunteers for Hurricane Matthew Work Teams!**

If you are looking for an opportunity to assist our neighbors in eastern North Carolina after Hurricane Matthew, join our work team! Contact Pastor Steve, Bert Warren, Jr. or the church office if you are interested in helping. We are working with the Sound District of the UMC in order to bring our skills to the places of greatest need. Any help is appreciated!



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



To the People of Farmville UMC—  
Nellie loved her church and that you have honored her with a gift to the church is a special expression of support. She would be pleased.  
On behalf of Barbara and Scott, I thank you for all that was done to make her Memorial Service meaningful and just as she would have wanted it. It was a true celebration of her life.  
Thank you again for the contribution in her memory.  
Sincerely,  
Mary Hunter

**Pitt County Department of Social Services....**

On the bulletin board near the Kitchen is a letter from the Pitt County Department of Social Services thanking you for your response to their request to assist in the adult care homes during this Christmas Season. The following was taken from the letter to share with you.....  
“.....we were able to assist 176 residents during the 2016 Adult Foster Christmas Project. Because of your overwhelming response every resident and ward with no financial means, in need, and with no family support was able to receive much needed items such as clothing, hygiene items, shoes, and some wishes on the Christmas lists.  
We thank you again from your generosity during the Christmas Season for our residents and wards of Pitt County. We are wishing each of you happiness in the New Year.”  
Sincerely, Tammi Corbett, Jennifer Stroud, and Sharon Alexander  
(Pitt Co. DSS Tax ID #56-6000332)



- Feb. 1: Bob Gin, Cyndi Lauderdale
- Feb. 2: Ronald Carraway
- Feb. 11: Diane Warren
- Feb. 13: Pam Johnson
- Feb. 15: Nancy Harris
- Feb. 16: Nicole Hall
- Feb. 21: Ronald Parker



**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), Henry Grey Fields (health), Charlotte Webb (recovery), Evelyn Doughtie (health), Vickie Corbett Hope (health), Diane Warren (health), Bob McGaughey (health).



**February 2017**

**USHERS -**

- Feb. 5: David Monroe
- Feb. 12: Garland Mazingo
- Feb. 19: David Stowe
- Feb. 26: Mike Gugwell

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- Feb. 5: Margo Sherman
- Feb. 12: Henry & Tracy Smith
- Feb. 19: David & Marion Stowe
- Feb. 26: Pat Sumrell

**ACOLYTES**

- Feb. 5: Bailey Walters
- Feb. 12: Ushers
- Feb. 19: Meghan Williams
- Feb. 26: Ushers

**SANCTUARY GREETERS**

- Feb. 5: Jean Allen & Kay Corssan
- Feb. 12: David & Harriett Baker
- Feb. 19: Brad & Tracie Durrett
- Feb. 26: Charles & Hassell Eason

**WELCOMING GREETERS**

- Feb. 5: Charles & Hassell Eason
- Feb. 12: Margo Sherman & Debra Evans
- Feb. 19: Dewey & Delane Fuquay
- Feb. 26: Tommy & Beth Hardy

**KID'S Korner**

- Feb. 5: -----
- Feb. 12: Ashley Matthews
- Feb. 19: Teresa Parent
- Feb. 26: Mike Wainwright

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

- Feb. 5: -----
- Feb. 12: Tracie Durrett
- Feb. 19: Margo Sherman
- Feb. 26: Maggie Williams

**NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5**

- Feb. 5: Anita Powell & Bailey Walters
- Feb. 12: Tracie Durrett & Molly Williams
- Feb. 19: Mary Monroe & Emily
- Feb. 26: Paula Tugwell & Catherine

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS -**

- Feb. 1: Covered Dish
- Feb. 8: Special Team
- Feb. 15: Youth
- Feb. 22: New Beginnings

**YOUTH MEETING/SUPPER SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 5: Super Bowl Party TBA
- Feb. 12: Youth/Sara Beth Fullford
- Feb. 15: Wednesday Fellowship Meal
- Feb. 19: Youth/Cyndi Lauderdale
- Feb. 26: Youth/Mary Monroe

**BACK PACK PALS SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 1: Kay Crossan
- Feb. 8: Ann Joyner/Anita Powell
- Feb. 15: Polly Galloway/Jean Allen
- Feb. 22: Youth

**Statistical Report for January 2017**

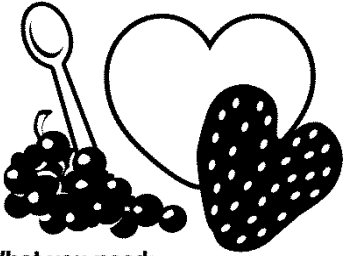
Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	23
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	86
Ave. Offerings-----	\$5,338.09
Need to Date-----	\$26,627.40
Raised to Date-----	\$26,690.46



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# Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



**What you need:**

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

**What you do:**


1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!





## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

- (1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_ 
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_

 "Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and   
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your  
\_\_\_\_\_."


Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



# February 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner COVERED DISH 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Team	2	3	4
5 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship Youth - TBA	6	7 10:00am Away Day  7:00pm Men's Group	8 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner Special Team 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Team	9 7:00pm Trustees	10	11
12 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Combined Worship Wesley Singers 6:00pm Youth	13 7:00pm UMMen	14 7:00pm Men's Group  	15 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner Youth 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Team	16	17	18 5:00pm UMMEN's Valentine Dinner
19 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 5:00pm SPRC 6:00pm Youth	20 7:00pm UMWomen	21 7:00pm Men's Group	22 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner New Beginnings 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Team	23 7:00pm Finance	24	25
26 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 6:00pm Youth	27 6:30pm Admin. Council	28 7:00pm Men's Group				

