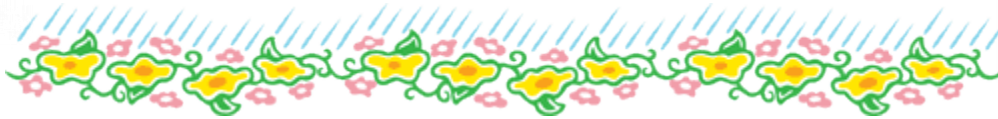




FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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.

April 2018



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Message from Pastor Steve.....

Like many of you, I love this time of year; the sunshine, warming temperatures, singing birds, flowering trees, and of course those dense chartreuse colored clouds of pollen bring such joy to my heart. (Well ok, maybe not the pollen.) One of my favorite pastimes is simply being outside, walking around, absorbing beauty and examining my surroundings. We have so much to learn from God's Creation, and there is hardly a more enjoyable season to soak it all in.

Though I wouldn't hold it up to the same level as the study of Scripture, paying attention to the natural world around us can be a deeply spiritual exercise. I am reminded of Solomon. You remember Solomon the Wise. God said about Solomon that there has never been and never will be anyone as wise as he. But how did God make Solomon so very wise? It seems that Solomon too was an eager and careful student of Creation:

He would speak of trees, from the cedar that is in the Lebanon to the hyssop that grows in the wall; he would speak of animals, and birds, and reptiles, and fish. People came from all the nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon; they came from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom. -1 Kings 4:32-34

People came from all over the world to hear this man talk about trees! Can you believe that? Solomon was most certainly a visionary builder, a prolific poet, and a musician, but it seems that his world-famous wisdom blossomed mostly from his attentiveness to God's activity in all created things.

So for those of you who would also seek to be wise like Solomon, I offer this advice: go outside. Enjoy God's Creation. With physical and spiritual eyes both opened wide, look all around for signs of God's active love in the natural world.

Find evidence of resurrection in each swelling bud. See God's care for the even the littlest things as a mother robin nestles protectively over her young. This is the day that the Lord has made. Step outside and be glad in it!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve Dunn



Sunday, April 29, the Farmville Community will gather at the Town Common for a united worship service. We begin the day at 9:30am with a Unity Walk from the Community Center. Service will begin at 10:00am with a welcome, prayer, music and scripture. Participants are Carrie Baker, Rev. Rick Bailey, Kelvin Shackelford, Community Choir, organized by Mt. Moriah, Jessica Avery, Carolyn Ward, Chris Tomlin, Angela Harper and Tim Leggett
There will be **no Sunday school or worship at FUMC**, we encourage you to attend the United Worship Service on the Town Commons



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES
SUNDAY, APRIL 15

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.”

However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. Supporting the Ministry of Christ among Native People Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we’re able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, our gift, on this day, equips Native congregations to worship and serve as only they can. **Native American Ministries is one of the six NC Conference special Sunday offerings of the United Methodist Church. If you would like to contribute to this special Sunday Offering, please do so by indicating “Native American Sunday” on your check/envelope and drop it in the offering plate.**



A PLACE TO SLEEP

My brother is the Pastor of the Cornwall UMC in Lebanon, PA. For the past 10 years, he and 20 members go on a mission trip to WV to

help build a home for a needy family. This year they added a trip to Northern Florida to help in the hurricane relief effort. Farmville is about the halfway point (7 hour drive) and they will spend the night of 5 May in our church; unless we get enough people to open their homes for them to sleep. There will be @15 men and women. I am hosting a few in my home and am looking for folks to volunteer a bed/couch for one night each way. They are again coming thru Farmville 10/11 May. If you can support a worker or two for one or both nights, please let me know. They are all house broken needing little attention.

Thank you and PEACE!
Robert



Community Bible Study

A Community Bible Study will meet at the Library beginning Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00am the study will be lead my Vickie Herring, and the course of study will be “The Old Testament: The Names of God.”



FARMVILLE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE SUN. APRIL 15 – at FUMC

POWER in the BLOOD – Sun. April 15 - 12:00pm-4:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk or sign up online at redcrossblood.org, or call the office. Blood supply in Pitt County is very low, go on line and sign up today.



Youth News

March has been an exciting month for the MYF! In an effort to grow both groups, we have been meeting with the youth from the Presbyterian Church. Our combined group has become larger than our groups separate. We are trying to do whatever we can to bring as many young people to Christ as possible.

The weekend of March 17th, 4 of our confirmands, and myself went on a confirmation retreat to the Refuge. Spencer Shovelin, Samantha Parent, Bailey Walters, Ellie Rhodes and I attended the weekend long session to learn all about confirmation, and what it meant. A good time was had by all who went, and lot was learned. Confirmation Sunday will be April 22nd at 8:30. All are welcome to attend.

On March 24th, the MYF attended Winter Jam. A Christian concert filled with all types of music with the sole purpose of spreading God’s word. Everything from pop, a cappella, rap and heavy metal music filled the 4 hour long concert. It was a great trip, and have plans to attend next year!

As always, we want to thank everyone for their continued support of our mission to spread God’s word!
Hunter



UMWOMEN'S NEWS

The FUMW will meet on the third Monday, April 16 at 7:00 in the church parlor. We will have a guest speaker, Joyce

Wilkes, who will talk about services provided by the H. B. Sugg Community Center to our community. Joyce and her husband have served as foster parents for the Methodist Children's Home. Everyone is invited to this meeting. Let's show our support!

Thanks to all for helping make the Lenten lunch a success. Special thanks to Irene and Polly.



- April 14: Paula Tugwell
- April 12: Mary Anne Pennington
- April 19: Mae Dunn
- April 22: Mary C. Moore
- April 24: Billy Baker
- April 27: Beth Hardy



Please Be In Prayer For... Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Billy & Gray Baker (health), John Sherman (health), Mary Allen (peace), Jean Padgett, (healing), Wendy Little (healing), Janice Wilkerson (healing), Jackie Stevenson (healing), Laura Whitehurst (healing), Eric Thomas (recovery), Vickie C. Hope (health), Tyler (healing), Evelyn Stevens (health), Melody McKeel (healing), Bob Hodge, (healing), Johnny Asher Eastwood (healing), Jatha Jenkins, (healing), Andrew Parks (healing), Kristin Sanford, Logan Barnes (healing), family of Tootsie O'Brien Smart (grief), family of Elsie Hill (grief), family of David Lewis (grief).



ELECTRONIC GIVING

FarmvilleUMC has available an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are on the Information Desk. More information can be obtained from the church office.



WELCOMING MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

FUMC Welcoming/Fellowship Friends committee, sole purpose is to make visitors and prospective new members feel welcome and at ease when worshiping with our congregation. Our goal is to have visitors experience the love of Christ through us and to have them desire to return for worship again. We need your help with this!!! **If you would be willing to help in this very important ministry please call or come by the church office. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC experience God's love.**



April 2018

USHERS/GREETERS

8:30am Service

April 1: Mary Ann Pennington
Walter Shackelford
April 8: Sara Peterson
April 15: Randy Erwin
April 22: Dwayne Benfield
April 29: No Service at FUMC
Farmville United at the Cross
Town Common - 10:00am

11:00am Service

April 1: Charles Eason
April 8: Dewey Fuquay
April 15: Tommy Hardy
April 22: Walter Jessup
April 29: No Service at FUMC

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 1: UMWomen - Easter
April 8: Dewey & Delane Fuquay
April 15: Darlene Gaynor
April 22: Wanda Hancock
April 29: No Service at FUMC

ACOLYTES

April 1: Meghan
April 8 - 22: Ushers
April 29: No Service at FUMC

SANCTUARY GREETERS

April 1: Dewey & Delane Fuquay
April 8: Debra Evans & Margo Sherman
April 15: Walter & Nancy Jessup
April 22: Tommy & Beth Hardy
April 29: No Service at FUMC

WELCOMING GREETERS

April 1: Buzzy & Margaret Wells
April 8: Kirkie Williams & Girls
April 15: Jean Allen & Kay Crossan
April 22: David & Harriett Baker
April 29: No Service at FUMC

KID'S KORNER

April 8: Joy Fields
April 15: Julie Kingrey
April 22: Teresa Parent
April 29: No Service at FUMC

Children's Message

April 8: Tracie Durrett
April 15: Brad Durrett
April 22: Pastor Steve
April 29: No Service at FUMC

Nursery

April 1: Paula Tugwell & Molly Williams
April 8: Mary Monroe & Emily
April 15: Brad & Tracie Durrett
April 22: Kirkie Williams, & Meghan
April 29: No Service at FUMC

Statistical Report for March 2018

Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	23
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	86
Ave. Offerings-----	\$5,404.30
Need to Date-----	\$62,674.56
Raised to Date-----	\$88,829.15






Spring
Is Coming

Easter Sunday at the FUMC 2018



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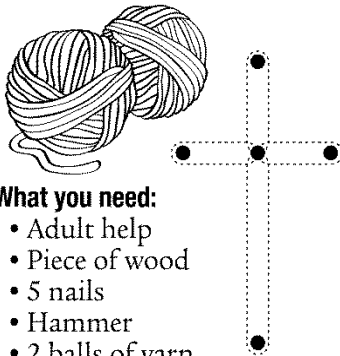
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Easter Sunday 1 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Traditional Worship No Youth 	2 Office Closed	3 NO AWAY DAY 7:00pm Community Men's Group	4	5	6	7
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No Worship Services at FUMC 29 9:30am Unity Walk – Community Center 10:00am United At the Cross on the Town Commons. 	30	7:00pm Community Men's Group				



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CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.

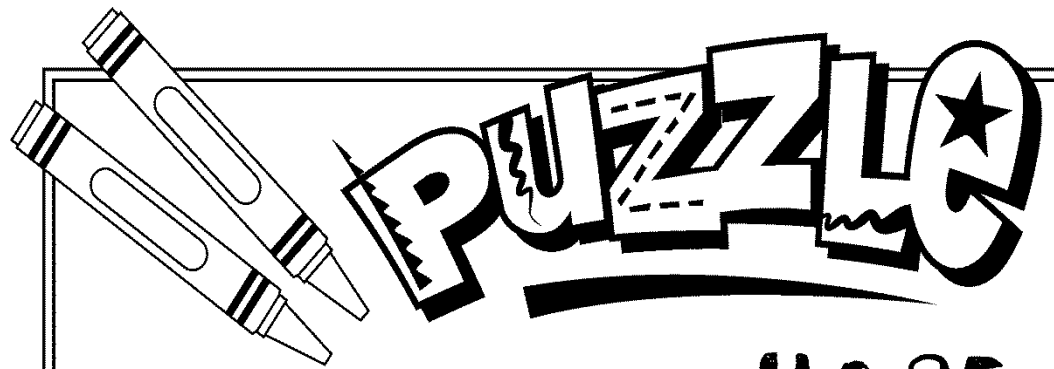


What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

“For 1 we 2 3 4
with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his.” Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV