



# FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



August 2018



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## Message from Pastor Steve...

Not long ago, I read a friend's Facebook post in which she was asking what she could do to increase her blood pressure. Hers had dropped to extremely low levels and was a cause for concern. Several other people, including medical professionals, had replied to this post already and offered my friend plenty of sound advice: drink lots of fluids, eat some salt, and so on. Seeing that I could not contribute any serious knowledge, as usual I offered this wise-crack, "Spend thirty minutes watching whichever cable news channel you least prefer."

Maybe I was only half joking. The nightly news really can spike our blood pressure. Just like the food we consume determines in large part whether our bodies will be strong and healthy, so too is our well-being profoundly shaped by that which we feed into our minds. When we watch television for an hour a day (or five hours per day like the average American) or when we scroll through social media endlessly we are not simply wasting our time; we are actively shaping our minds, bodies, and even our souls through everything we are seeing and hearing. If we are to model our souls after the example of Christ, surely we must make room for Christ in each day. As Paul writes:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. -Philippians 4:8-9

My grandmother used to often sing me a song that still runs through my mind decades later: "Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see. Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see. There's a Father up above looking down on you with love, oh, be careful, little eyes,

what you see." As a child, I always thought this was to teach me to be fearful of God's judgment, and maybe that was the intent. But what I missed was God's love. Now I know that God made you to stand out from this world. God calls you to be different, to be holy and beautiful. God created you to be continually shaped in the image of Christ. We all desire spiritual growth, so how is your minds diet? Be careful little eyes what you see.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Steve Dunn



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We continue our Summer Worship Schedule through the month of

**August, Sunday School at 9:00am and Combined Worship at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.** We return to our regular worship schedule Sept. 2, and will continue as normal, with both worship services being held in their respective worship areas. Praise & Worship at 8:30am in the Joyner Chapel, Traditional Worship at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, and Sunday School at 10:00 in the Education Wing, and other areas of the church.



### AWAY DAY GROUP – AUGUST 7 COUNTRY DOCTOR'S MUSEUM

The Away Day Group will be traveling to Bailey to visit the Country Doctor's Museum on August 7. Please call the church office if you plan to go with the group before August 7. The Group will car pool and will leave the church 9:45am. Lunch will be at the restaurant near the Doctor's Museum.

### CHANGE IN MEETING TIME—

**Beginning in September we will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month instead of Tuesday. Our first meeting on our new day will be Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Make sure this new date is on your calendar.**



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 7 ~ 6PM~UNTIL

National Night Out on the Town

Commons. Movie night and fun activities: face painting, dance performances, bounce houses, kickball and games prior to sunset, cakewalk, children's ID and safety kits (Farmville PD), and live music/DJs. 2 Digh 4 will be playing at 7:30! Hotdogs, cotton candy, sodas will be available. Come join the fun, get to know you neighbor and local police officers. (See flyer on bulletin board near Fellowship Hall).



### Fellowship & Refreshments

With people returning from vacations and school beginning, September

brings more members of the congregation and visitors to our worship services. Join us for Food and Fellowship at 9:30am every Sunday to enjoy catching up with each other or meeting those people new to our church. A calendar will be beside the coffee pot for anyone who wants to volunteer to provide refreshments one Sunday morning. Please sign-up so we can keep this time of fellowship going throughout the year



### MESSAGE FROM THE SEEKERS....

Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> the class will begin a new topic,

Warren Wiersbe Bible Study on "Galatians: Exchange Legalism for True Spirituality." All adults are invited to join us. Please contact Vickie Herring by August 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve a book to be included in the order. Blessings to everyone as you seek the Lord.



### YOUTH NEWS

After a break for the summer, school will soon be here for the Youth. The first week of August, we will be

attending Worship under the Son at Friendship Church. This is a great event for the youth of our community. We are sad to see Mackenzie Ripper leaving us for college, but we wish her the best. We will be gaining 3 6th graders this fall.

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have a parents meeting to discuss our plans for the fall. We are looking forward to an exciting fall for MYF!

As always, thank you for your continued support!



### RISE AGAINST HUNGER October 14 ~ 2pm

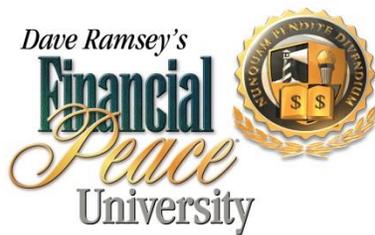
**Rise Against Hunger** (formally known as Stop Hunger Now) gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people, and works to end global hunger in our lifetime. **FUMC plans to package 10,152 meals on the afternoon of October 14<sup>th</sup>.** Each meal costs \$0.29. We have budgeted \$1,000.00 for this project. We need to raise an additional \$1,944.08 to cover the costs of the meals. **Please plan to attend this fun event to help package meals and please consider donating to this worthy cause! Just indicate on your check or envelope "Hunger" and drop it in the offering plate.**

### CHURCH-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

OCTOBER 6

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALL ARE NEEDED!



Dave Ramsey, a faith-based, nationally acclaimed author and presenter has helped thousands of Americans escape from debt and reclaim control over their own financial lives. Odds are, you personally know someone who has benefited from his teaching. Farmville UMC is excited to make his program available to you through a **9 week program beginning September 12.** This course will explore a wide range of topics around family and personal finances with a special emphasis on getting out of debt. There will be a cost for materials which we anticipate being around \$100. We anticipate scholarships being available for FUMC members, and the more people participate, the less we will pay for materials. Please don't let the upfront fees discourage you from a life of financial freedom.

Invite your friends and neighbors and **please contact David Monroe or Pastor Steve** through the church office **by August 22** if you are interested.

- 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.**



**Prayer Requests** Please Be In Prayer For... Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), **Mary Allen** (peace), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Billy & Gray Baker** (health), **John Sherman** (health), **Jean Padgett**, (healing), **Wendy Little** (healing), **Janice Wilkerson** (healing), **Jackie Stevenson** (healing), **Laura Whitehurst** (healing), **Eric Thomas** (recovery), **Evelyn Stevens** (health), **Melody McKeel** (healing), **Bob Hodge**, (healing), **Johnny Asher Eastwood** (healing), **Jatha Jenkins**, (healing), **Andrew Parks** (healing), **Kristin Sanford**, **Logan Barnes** (healing), **Jean Price** (healing), **David Gay** (healing), **Anne McGaughey**, (healing) **Jilayne Erwin**, (healing), **Harriett Baker** (healing).



**July 2018 – Combined Worship**

**USHERS/GREETER**

- Aug 5: Randy Erwin
- Aug 12: Tommy Hardy
- Aug 19: Sara Peterson
- Aug 26: Walter Jessup

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

No Flowers for August  
Combined Services

**ACOLYTES**

No Acolytes for August  
Will return to regular schedule in Sept.

**SANCTUARY GREETERS**

- Aug 5: Julie Kingrey & Sally Davis
- Aug 12: Debra Evans & Margo Sherman
- Aug 19: Bert & Diane Warren
- Aug 26: Tommy & Beth Hardy

**WELCOMING GREETERS**

- Aug 5: David & Marion Stowe
- Aug 12: Teresa Parent & Sara Peterson
- Aug 19: Mike & Debbie Terrell
- Aug 26: Kirkie Williams & Girls

**KID'S KORNER/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

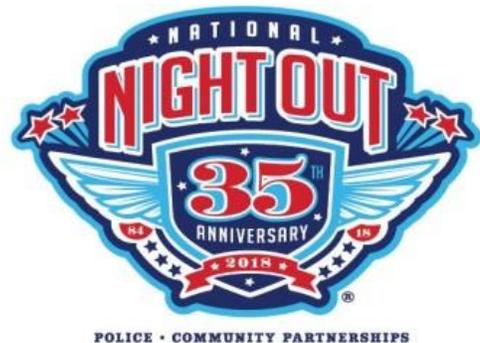
- Aug 12: Julie Kingrey
- Aug 19: Brad Durrett
- Aug 26: Teresa Parent

**NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5**

- Aug 5: Brad & Tracie Durrett
- Aug 12: Mary Monroe
- Aug 19: Paula Tugwell
- Aug 26: Kirkie Williams

**Statistical Report for July 2018**

Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	23
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	58
Ave. Offerings-----	\$3,958.27
Need to Date-----	\$151,463.52
Raised to Date-----	\$153,685.27



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7  
TOWN COMMONS ~ 6:00-UNTIL**



*Kid's Page  
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## BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

# PUZZLE

## GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

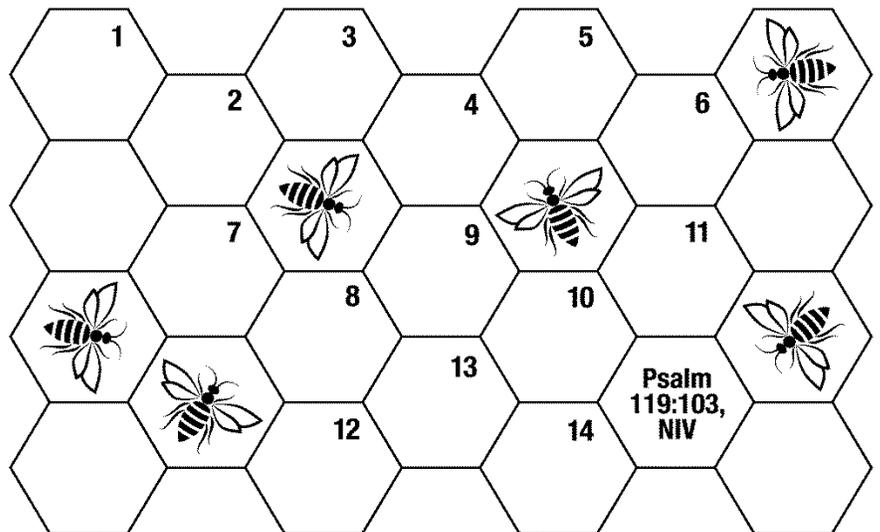
### CLUES

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow       | 8. the tongue's job      |
| 2. opposite of sour      | 9. more sweet            |
| 3. pronounced "R"        | 10. rhymes with pan      |
| 4. rhymes with four      | 11. golden liquid        |
| 5. Letters create _____. | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two        | 13. rhymes with fly      |
| 7. rhymes with by        | 14. body part            |



### WORD BANK

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

# August 2018



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		7:00pm Men's Group	1	2 7:00pm Sober Life	3	4
5 10:00am Combined Worship 	6	7 10:00am Away Day 7:00pm Men's Group  <b>National Night Out 6pm-until</b>	8	9 7:00pm Sober Life	10	11
12 10:00am Combined Worship 	13	14 7:00pm Men's Group	15	16 7:00pm Sober Life	17	18
19 10:00am Combined Worship 	20	21 7:00pm Men's Group	22	23 7:00pm Sober Life	24	25
26 10:00am Combined Worship   Youth Parents Meeting	27 7:00pm Administrative Council	28 7:00pm Men's Group	29	30 7:00pm Sober Life	31	