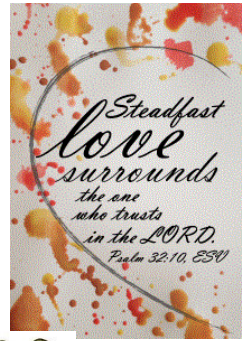




FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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 2019



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Message from Pastor Steve.....

For some of you, this may be the first time you've ever heard the following news. And some of you may already be sick of hearing about the special called General Conference of the United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri from February 23rd – 26th. If you're tired of hearing about it, consider putting this newsletter down and spending the next few minutes in prayer for the United Methodist Church and FUMC instead.

At issue in our denomination is increasing division over the last approximately 30 years regarding our stances on matters pertaining to homosexuality, most especially whether pastors and churches can be authorized to host or perform same-sex weddings, and whether openly gay persons can be ordained for ministry. Many major denominations in the US have already divided over these issues including: Anglicans and Episcopalians, Baptists of several varieties, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and more. Currently and historically, the answer to these questions in the United Methodist Church is and has been an unequivocal "no." Yet there are many who desire change.

The United Methodist Church holds a regular General Conference every four years, in which elected representatives from around the world, half clergy and half laity, gather to conduct legislation for the governance of our church. A General Conference is the only entity (not bishops, pastors, etc.) which has authority to change our Book of Discipline- a weighty document which we have covenanted with one another to abide by. The last General Conference to be held in 2016 became so thoroughly gridlocked due to division on homosexuality that other important business was not taking place, so they took a nearly unprecedented step of calling a special General Conference for this year specifically to settle our disputes.

Many plans have been proposed, but there are three plans with wide support, and I will do my best to describe each one as fairly, briefly, and simply as possible: "The Traditional Plan" highlights passages of Scripture condemning of same-sex relationships and urges that all current prohibitions of marriage and ordination should remain in place with increased accountability toward churches and pastors who will not abide by the Book of Discipline. "The Simple Plan" highlights passages of Scripture that illustrate how God's grace and love extend to all people, especially in the ministry of Jesus who frequently pursued those deemed most sinful in his society. This plan calls for the simple elimination of all language condemning homosexuality, as well as removing all prohibitions currently based upon sexual orientation.

"The One Church Plan" is the plan advocated for by our Council of Bishops, who can neither speak nor vote at General Conference. This plan emphasizes continuing unity within our church by giving opportunity to all churches and clergy to abide by their conscience when considering marriage, and for each annual conference, such as our own North Carolina Conference, to decide for itself whether openly gay ministers can be ordained.

In reality, none of these plans is likely to gain enough support to pass without any alteration at all, and many other plans will also be considered. We cannot yet know what the outcome of this Conference will be. But as your pastor I want to affirm the following: First, as I read it, Scripture is absolutely clear that same-sex relationships fall outside of moral boundary lines drawn by God. Second, there may be no other group in our society that the church as so fully scorned and demonized as we have done to homosexual people. As I see it, we have almost entirely failed in our duty toward this group to be witnesses of God's love. We have often in our pride made them out to be a special class of sinners, and we can expect to be accountable to God for the hardness of our hearts toward people so in need of grace and love. We can certainly find ways to love better without denying the authority of Scripture in doing so. And finally, I share all of this with you not to contribute to controversy or stir up division, but to encourage you to pray. Pray for the global United Methodist Church. Pray for our church here in Farmville. Pray for the traditionalists. Pray for the progressives. I cling to the hope that God will make a way forward even if we have not seen it yet. And I believe with all my heart that way will start with people who pray.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve Dunn



AWAY DAY GATHERING – WED. FEB. 6 – 10AM

The Away Day Group will meet Wed., Feb. 6 at 10:00am. Our very own Fireman, Hunter Walters will join us to speak about the dangers of fire especially during the winter and how to keep our homes safe. Come join us for helpful information, good food and great fellowship. If you can't come at 10, come when you can. Bring a snack to share!



The UMMen met on January 14 for their monthly meeting and at this meeting, they elected officers for the coming year; President: Chuck Johnson, Secretary: David Monroe, and Treasurer: Charles Walston. Their next meeting will be Monday, February 11 at 7:00pm. If you are a member of the Farmville United Methodist church you are a member of the United Methodist Men. Please join us for good food and great fellowship.



FUMW had a great January meeting in the church prayer room. Nearly 10 ladies came out in the cold.

Polly and Jane Allen served hot chocolate and three kinds of homemade cookies. We discussed the successful peanut fundraiser, meals on wheels, New Year pledges for 2019, teams for bereavement meals and other topics.

The next meeting is the third Monday, February 18 in the prayer room at 7:00. Darlene and Maxine have refreshments and we need a volunteer to do the program.



YOUTH NEWS

With plans set for the winter/spring season of MYF, we look forward to exciting things for our group. There is a schedule posted on the bulletin board

by the kitchen of what we have planned. Wednesday, February 6th, the MYF will be serving the fellowship meal. Please come out and show your support!



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!!

Join us as we plan for the coming year. **Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7:00!**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION AVAILABLE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is currently seeking to fill both the Children and Youth Ministries Director positions. Both are considered part-time, compensated positions. Information regarding the primary responsibilities of these very important positions in our church as well as the salaries is available upon request. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the church office in person, via email at church@farmvilleumc.com, or via mail at P.O. Box 153, Farmville, NC 27828.
SPRC Chairperson



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...

Kid's Korner at the 8:30am Praise & Worship Service.

Nursery Attendants for both services. It is very important that the nursery be attended for both services. Visitors with small children need to have a choice; bring them to the service or leave them in the nursery. Please consider volunteering to help in this most important ministry.

Children's Message at the 11:00am Traditional Service.



Sober Life has invited the congregation to celebrate their one year anniversary holding meetings at our church. They will be hosting a social on February 14 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in attending. We are also invited to stay for their meeting at 7:00 which will include recognitions for milestones in recovery.



Feb. 1: Cyndi Lauderdale
 Feb. 2, Ronald Carraway
 Feb. 8: Amber Dunn
 Feb. 11: Diane Warren
 Feb. 13: Pam Johnson
 Feb. 15: Nancy Harris
 Feb. 17: Nicole Hall
 Feb. 21: Ronald Parker



GLASSES FOR VETERANS

Bring your old eye glasses to the church and place them in the basket near the Library door. It doesn't matter what shape they are in. They can be used to repair other glasses. I will soon be making a delivery of used eyeglasses/cases to be repurposed for Veterans. If anyone else has any to donate please go ahead and drop them off in the basket outside the church office. Thanks for all your help! Cindy Parks



COMMUNITY MEN'S STUDY GROUP CONTINUES!

Please make the time to come and bring a friend. Bring your Bible. I look forward to seeing all of you Tuesday night at 7:00 at Farmville United Methodist Church, in the Church Parlor. God Bless, Todd



Prayer Requests

Please Be In Prayer For... Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Mary Allen (peace), Minnie

Lee Winborn (health), Billy & Gray Baker (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), Sandy Matthews (healing) Jim Duyck (healing), Sandy Tugwell (healing), Wayne Copeland (healing), Ruben Matthews (healing), Paul Dunham (healing), Nancy Webb (healing), Sandie Spicer (healing, Stormi Amendt's Mom), John Stallings (healing, Lynda Kachman's Dad,) Norman Amendt (surgery, Scott Amendt's Dad).

CHRISTIAN SYMPATNY TO....

....the family of John Sherman who died January 30, 2019.



February 2019

11:00am Traditional Worship

USHERS

Feb. 3: Tommy Hardy
 Feb. 10: Charles Eason
 Feb. 17: Chuck Johnson
 Feb. 24: David Monroe

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 3: Brad & Tracie Durrett
 Feb. 10: Charles & Hassell Eason
 Feb. 17: Debra Evans
 Feb. 24: Darlene Gaynor

SANCTUARY GREETERS

Feb. 3: Charles & Hassell Eason
 Feb. 10: Debra Evans & Margo Sherman
 Feb. 17: Tommy & Beth Hardy
 Feb. 24: Chuck & Pam Johnson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Feb. 10: Brad Durrett
 Feb. 17: Margo Sherman
 Feb. 24: Pastor Steve

NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Feb. 3: Tracie Durrett
 Feb. 10: Mary Monroe
 Feb. 17: Paula Tugwell
 Feb. 24: Tracie Durrett

8:30AM PRAISE & WORSHIP

USHERS/GREETER

Feb. 3: Stormi Amendt
 Feb. 10: Randy Erwin
 Feb. 17: Mary Anne Pennington
 Feb. 24: Sara Peterson

KID'S KORNER

Feb. 10: Teresa Parent
 Feb. 17: Julie Kingrey
 Feb. 24: Pastor Steve

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Feb. 6: Youth
 Feb. 13: UMWomen - Group 2
 Feb. 20: Group 3
 Feb. 27: New Beginnings

YOUTH MEETING/SUPPER SCHEDULE

Feb. 3: No Youth
 Feb. 10: 6:00pm Youth Meeting
 Feb. 17: 6:00pm Youth Meeting
 Supper - Amber Dunn
 Feb. 24: 6:00pm Youth Meeting
 Supper - Sara Beth Rhodes

Statistical Report for January 2019

Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	29
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	82
Ave. Offerings-----	\$8767.00
Need to Date-----	\$19,954.84
Raised to Date-----	\$35,068.00





FEBRUARY 2019

A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.

PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.

God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect



February 2019

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3 8:30am Praise & Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship No Youth	4	5 7:00pm Community Men's Group	6 10:00am Away Day 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Sober Life	8	9
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