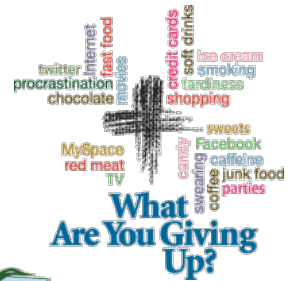




FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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.

March 2019



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Message for Pastor Steve..

Dear friends and church family,

In my last letter I offered to you the very best explanation I could of what would be taking place at General Conference in St. Louis. I hoped that by the time I wrote you again I would have more clarity, but I am afraid I am still somewhat struggling along with the rest of you to grasp the meaning and implications of the General Conference vote. In short, the Traditionalist Plan passed by a narrow margin which means that all prohibitions of marriage and ordination of openly gay persons will remain in place. However, the plan passed with several amendments. A number of these amendments are perhaps likely to be ruled unconstitutional before any changes may take place. What this plan will mean for the unity of the United Methodist Church or lack thereof still remains unclear to me. I know your hearts are restless for the future and what it will hold. Mine is eager for understanding as well.

To further seek clarity, along with your Lay Leader Dwayne Benfield and your Administrative Council Chair Randy Erwin, I will be attending a session being held in Garner with our North Carolina delegates to General Conference. If this meeting helps us to see any further down the road than we can right now, you may expect me to write another update letter within the next couple of weeks. Until then, I thought it would be reasonable to share the following letter and prayer from our bishop; whose beliefs are her own.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steve Dunn

Dear United Methodist friends,

May you hear and receive the powerful, ancient greeting of the universal church: grace and peace of Christ to you. The Traditional Plan, approved by the General Conference and now before the Judicial Council in April, continues and strengthens the language of the Book of Discipline relative to homosexuality. We lament the harm and hurt that is keenly felt across our church, particularly by LGBTQI persons and their families and friends in our midst and around the world. As those called to justice and the healing ministry of Christ, let us be attentive in

our pastoral care, our tone and use of language as we seek to offer space for lament, questioning and discernment.

I offer this prayer for your use in worship as you find it helpful.

-Bishop Hope Morgan Ward

God of us all, we give you thanks that you have placed us in community with one another. We confess our failure to receive this gift and live well within it. We are grateful for our local church, for our annual conference, and for the global connection of our expansive church.

As we anticipate Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, we pray with humility to repent of hardness of heart and to receive forgiveness, mercy and love.

We deeply believe that Christ came among us as Savior of the World. Help us to live this good news with all people in all places, particularly in our community with LGBTQI persons who are our neighbors, friends and family members.

On this day of Transfiguration, may we glimpse your glory.

In the words of Howard Thurman, we pray earnestly: "Yield to us what we need in order that we might be that which is your dream for us."

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.



UMCOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – SPECIAL OFFERING

UMCOR Sunday (formerly, One Great Hour of Sharing), the fourth Sunday in Lent provides major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. UMCOR Sunday giving allows 100% of designated gifts to go to the specified disaster response or other ministries. UMCOR is working to make sure children in the Kills refugee camp in Turkey have the opportunity to be children. UMCOR supported program provides Child-Friendly Spaces in the camps where refugee children can play and interact. "to be a child, even in these difficult situations," said an UMCOR executive for international disaster response. "Our support is essential for the children to have access to the care and help they need. UMCOR is one of the six Sundays that a Conference wide offering is taken. If you would like to make an offering toward this ministry, please mark your check/envelope "UMCOR" and drop it in the offering plate.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
Remember to set you clock
ahead one hour on Saturday

Time to Spring Ahead
night. Daylight Savings Time begins, Sunday,
March 10.



March is ramping up to be an exciting one! March 8-10, Addison Kingrey, Megan Williams, and

Lyndsey Kachman and Hunter will be attending a Confirmation Retreat at the Refuge. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Wednesday, March 20th, the youth will be serving the fellowship meal. Friday, March 22nd, the youth will be attending Winter Jam in Raleigh. All proceeds from the fellowship meal will help offset the cost. Winter Jam is a Christian concert with an attendance of around 10,000.

Sunday, March 31st, will be a combined service. It will be Youth Sunday, as well as Confirmation for our 3 young ladies.

As always, we thank everyone for their continued support.



FUMW met in the parlor on Feb. 18 at 7:00pm. The program was presented by Kay Crossas.

Darlene and Maxine served their "Cherries in the Snow" dessert. Our Church will serve Community Lenten Lunch on Tuesday, April 16. The next meeting is on the third Monday, March 18. Polly will present the program. Janet and Joy will provide the refreshments. All women in our church are invited to attend.



ASH WED. SERVICE
MAR. 6 – 7PM

Again this year, the community churches have been invited to come together for the Ash Wednesday Service at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for us to gather as a community to celebrate Ash Wednesday. All are encouraged to attend to represent FUMC.



The UMMen will meet 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

Sermon Study



SERMON BASED BIBLE STUDY MARCH 24 – 5:00PM

Have you ever left church yearning to delve deeper into the sermon message? If so, please join us for a 4 week sermon-based study as we dig into the scripture and message that will encourage and challenge us as we move forward in our relationship with Christ. We will meet at 5:00pm in the Parlor on Sundays from March 24 through April 14. Facilitators are Nancy Wilson and Dwayne Benfield – with lots of consulting contributions by Pastor Steve! (Hint: taking notes during the sermon is allowed!)



THE AWAY DAY GROUP – WED. MARCH 6 – 10:00AM

The Away Day Group will meet on March 6 to view the movie “**Unbroken: Path to Redemption**,” the follow up movie to “**Unbroken**,” Beginning where the Unbroken concludes, the next chapter brings the rest of Louis Zamperini’s inspirational true story to life. After surviving the torture as a prisoner of war, he returns home after the war where he meets and marries Cynthia. Haunted by his past he is driven into despair. When his wife turns to God at the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade, her most fervent prayer for Louis is to find peace and forgiveness. The movie is based on Laura Hillenbrand’s bestselling book. **All are invited to view this powerful movie. Bring a snack to share.**



Food Pantry Needs

MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH FOR FUMC

The Farmville Benevolent

Ministries distributes food to the needy each Tuesday. As part of the FBM, our month to supply the canned food is March. We especially need canned **meat**, (spaghetti O’s, ravioli, peanut butter, vienna sausage), **soup** (no cream soups and broth), **fruit** (peaches, pears), **baked beans or macaroni and cheese**. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 31, when we will bless the food. Please place items in the grocery cart by the information desk. Thank you.



REFUGE BARN RAISING BANQUET

THUR. MAY 2 6:30pm

The Refuge Barn Raising Banquet will be held Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:30pm. Before being cancelled last year due to Hurricane Florence, we had 16 people signed up to attend. This continues to be our goal but we have been promised another table if we can fill it for a total of 24. **The invitation list will be turned in on March 15, and detailed invitations will be mailed to all attendees.** A sign-up sheet has been placed on the Education Table outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner will be provided at no cost. Dress is casual. Location will be the pavilion. **Start time would remain 6:30**, with people welcome to come earlier to tour the camp. Please consider coming out to hear the story of the Refuge and how this ministry continues to flourish in service to Christ. Please contact Dwayne Benfield @ 252 531-2453 if additional information is needed.



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 deliver used eyeglasses/cases to be repurposed for Veterans. If anyone has any to donate please drop them off in the basket. Thanks for all your help! Cindy Parks



FARMVILLE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE SUN. APR. 14

POWER in the BLOOD – Sun. April 14 – 12:00pm – 4:00pm here at FUMC. Volunteers are needed; call the church office if you are willing to help. Blood supply in Pitt County is very low, go on line and sign up today.



**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



**VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED...**

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

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



- March**
BIRTHDAYS
- March 1: Jo Ann Lang
 - March 2: Rufus Cochran
 - March 5: Dan Lauderdale; Vickie Herring
 - March 12: Pat Sumrell
 - March 17: Walter Shackelford
 - March 18: Sandra Parker
 - March 24: Jessica Heath; Julie Warren
 - March 28: Margo Sherman
 - March 30: Suzanne Edwards



Prayer Requests **Please Be In Prayer For...** Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), 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), John Stallings (peace), Norman Amendt (healing), Gene Casey (healing), Sara Waida (healing) family of Jennifer Jones (grief), family of Billy Baker (grief), family of Mary Allen (grief).



March 2019

11:00am Traditional Worship

USHERS

- March 3: Garland Mozingo
- March 10: David Stowe
- March 17: Mike Tugwell
- March 24: Buzzy Wells
- March 31: Youth Sunday
- 11:00am Combined Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

- March 3: Tommy & Beth Hardy
- March 10: Bob Paul & Sue Hardy
- March 17: Charles & Nan Walston
- March 24: Ann Joyner
- March 31: No Flowers = Youth Sunday
- 11:00 Combined Worship

SANCTUARY GREETERS

- March 3: David & Mary Monroe
- March 10: Garland & Connie Mozingo
- March 17: David & Marion Stowe
- March 24: Mike & Paula Tugwell
- March 31: Youth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- March 10: Tracie Durrett
- March 17: Brad Durrett
- March 24: Pastor Steve
- March 31: Youth

NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

- March 3: Beth Hardy
- March 10: Tracie Durrett
- March 17: Mary Monroe
- March 24: Paula Tugwell
- March 31: Sara Peterson & Julie Kingrey

8:30AM PRAISE & WORSHIP

USHERS/GREETER

- March 3: Walter Shackelford
- March 10: Dwayne Benfield
- March 17: Robert Heath
- March 23: Stormi Amendt
- March 31: Youth

KID'S KORNER

- March 10: Teresa Parent
- March 17: Julie Kingrey
- March 24: Spencer Shovelin
- March 31: Youth

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**FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

- March 6: Meal Cancelled - Ash Wednesday
- Service - Episcopal Church
- March 13: UMWomen Group 1
- March 20: Youth
- March 27: Methodist Women Group 2

**YOUTH MEETING/SUPPER SCHEDULE**

- March 3: 6:00pm regular meeting
- Supper: Leonard & Amy Mansfield
- March 8-10: Confirmation Retreat
- March 10: 6:00pm regular meeting
- Supper: Teresa Parent
- March 17: 6:00pm regular meeting
- Supper: Cyndi Lauderdale
- March 20: Wednesday Night Supper
- March 22: Winter Jam
- 7:00pm PNC Arena, Raleigh
- March 24: 6:00pm regular meeting
- March 31: 11:00am Youth Sunday

**Statistical Report for February 2019**

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| Ave. Sunday School Attendance ----- | 36          |
| Ave. Worship Attendance -----       | 86          |
| Ave. Offerings-----                 | \$3,588.13  |
| Need to Date-----                   | \$39,909.60 |
| Raised to Date-----                 | \$49,420.50 |



MARCH 2019

# DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



**What you need:**

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1–2:3 for reference)

**What you do:**

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.



# Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

*Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.*

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Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_

Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2



|                                                                                                                                                               |    | Tue                                          | Wed                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                                 | Fri                   | Sat                           |
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| <b>2019</b>                                                                                                                                                   |    |                                              |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     | 1                     | 2                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                             | 4  | 5<br>7:00pm<br>Community<br>Men's Group      | 6<br><u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u><br>10:00am Away Day<br><br>7:00pm Ash Wednesday<br>Worship – Episcopal Church | 7<br>7:00pm<br>Sober Life                                                           | 8<br><br>Confirmation | 9<br><br>Retreat at<br>Refuge |
| <b>DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 10</b>                                                                                                                        |    | 11<br>7:00pm<br>UMMen's<br>Supper<br>Meeting | 12<br>7:00pm<br>Community<br>Men's Group                                                                | 13<br>6:00pm Fellowship Dinner<br>UMW Group 1 Cooking<br><br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 15                    | 16                            |
| 17                                                                                                                                                            | 18 | 19<br>7:00pm<br>UMWomen's<br>Meeting         | 20<br>6:00pm Fellowship Dinner<br>Youth Cooking<br><br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal                           | 21<br>7:00pm<br>Sober Life                                                          | 22                    | 23                            |
| 24                                                                                                                                                            | 25 | 26<br>7:00pm<br>Community<br>Men's Group     | 27<br>6:00pm Fellowship Dinner<br>UMW Group 2<br><br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal                             | 28<br>7:00pm<br>Sober Life                                                          | 29                    | 30                            |
| <b><u>YOUTH/CONFIRMATION SUN.</u> 31</b><br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Combined Worship<br>5:00pm Sermon Based Study<br>UMCOR Sunday – Special Offering |    |                                              |                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                       |                               |

