

FARMVILLE UNITE METHODISTCHURCH



“SPRING FORWARD’ INTO SERVING GOD”

April 2014



WHAT'S INSIDE!

Page 2 --

Holy Week Schedule

Note from the

Children's Director

Donate Used Eyeglasses

Adults in Foster Care

Note from Finance

Committee

Page 3 -

UMW News

UMMen News

Youth News

“The Third Day”

Easter Musical

UMC Camp Open House

Thank you notes

Page 4 -

Carnations - Mother's Day

The Refuge

About our Congregation

Birthdays

Prayer Request

Flowers for Cross

Page 5

Kid's Page

Back Page

Methodist Home

for Children's

Inserts -

April Service

April Calendar

Greetings...and may God's grace and peace be with you!

As we come into the month of April, we look forward with anticipation to celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning! What a glorious day that will be! Yet, we also know that before we celebrate on Easter Sunday, we must first reflect and remember the events leading up to that wonderful day—Jesus continuing His daily journey towards Jerusalem for Passover...Raising of Lazarus from the dead...His triumphant entry into Jerusalem...Various events in Jerusalem preceding the Passover Feast...Holy Thursday's Last Supper, foot washing of the apostles, His betrayal and arrest...and then the scourging, crucifixion, death on the cross and burial of Jesus' body on Good Friday!

In addition, we cannot forget the events of that Resurrection morning, as the women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus on the third day! For the followers of Jesus, the day began with despair and gloom...but by the end of the day, the Gospel writer John tells us the disciples were glad! (John 20:20 KJV)

From mourning in the morning...to gladness in the evening--all because of Jesus!

Can the same...not be true within each of our daily lives as well?

We may wake up in the morning with despair and gloom on our heart and spirit, regarding the day ahead—a very busy day...health issues...financial worries...having to deal with a situation or person that we would rather not...family issues...generally dreading what the day will bring!

Yet, as we pray and go through the day facing and dealing with the challenges...hopefully we understand and find at our days end--our Lord has indeed helped us get through another day...and we too can find gladness—all because of Jesus!

I began this letter to you...by writing, “As we come into the month of April, we look forward with anticipation to celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday morning!” Yet, is it not true that because of the resurrection of Jesus...Easter is something we can and should celebrate—each and every day? Knowing that any despair and gloom we may feel...can always be turned into gladness—all because of Jesus!

As we continue to prepare to celebrate the joy of the Easter resurrection of life...may we grow stronger in our trust and love for God, our Father in heaven...that His love for you and me can turn any day...every day...into a day of gladness—all because of Jesus!

With thanksgiving and gladness in our hearts...we ask God to continue to bless us and His Church...for Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill



Community Lenten Services during Holy Week will be held at 12:05pm. Lunch follows at 12:30. Monday, April 14 – Farmville United Methodist Church, Rev. Rick Bailey, pastor of the First Baptist Church speaking Tuesday, April 15 – First Christian Church, Rev. Bill Price, pastor of the Farmville United Methodist Church speaking. Wednesday, April 16 – First Baptist Church, Rev. Rocky Stone, pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church speaking.

Farmville UMC -- HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE (Footwashing/Communion) ~ April 17 at 6:30pm Farmville UMC -- GOOD FRIDAY (UMMEN's Drama) ~ April 18 at 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 20 ~ SUNRISE SERVICE at the Presbyterian Church at 6:30am Rev. Jarrett Banks, pastor of the First Christian Church speaking.(Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall)

Farmville UMC – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES at 8:30am and 11:00am



Note from the Children's Ministries Director: Player Eason

First of all I wanted to say that I will be having a parents meeting for parents of children grades k-5 coming up in the next week or so to discuss my plans for the year and more importantly the upcoming month of April so please be looking for an email from me in the next few days! Secondly, I am planning an Easter Egg Hunt in April and donations would be greatly appreciated! Please feel free to drop off any candy donations at Nan's office; I will be putting a box in her office labeled children's ministries where you can put the candy. Please bring only individualized packaged candy that can be put in an Easter egg. Last if anyone needs to contact me with questions and concerns you can email me at children@farmvilleumc.com or call me at 252-423-0063! Thank You, Player Eason



Adults In Foster Care

HELPING ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE

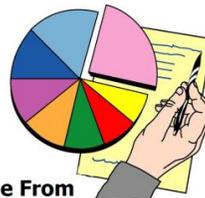
We are starting a hygiene product collection to donate to the Adults in the Foster Care program through the Pitt County Dept. of Social Services. This is the same group that we donated our "Warming of the Greens" clothing to at Christmas. Since this group of adults, age 18 and up, are all wards of the State they have limited financial resources and none of their hygiene products are provided by the various places in which they reside (everything from Group Homes to Nursing Homes). I will be placing donation boxes in various locations throughout the church. Products needed are, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash, Denture Cleaner, Denture Adhesive, Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, Powder, Emory Boards, Nail Clippers, Shaving Cream, Shaving Razors. but basically about any products, in any size are needed. Please see me for questions. Thank you for supporting this local mission project!

Blessings! Cindy Parks



DONATE GLASSES – CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

Donate old eyeglasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help someone read, an adult succeed in his job, a senior maintain her independence, and provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Every day, recycled eyeglasses programs do all of this and more. Circle III is collecting old eyeglasses. You can drop them in the basket on the hallway information desk through May 18. Carol West will be the guest speaker for their May meeting. She will be talking about the importance of this project. This project is associated with the Lions Club International. For more information please contact Nancy Jessup.



Message From Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has noticed some higher than usual electric bills over the last few months. We'd like to ask everyone who uses the church to be mindful when leaving and turn off the lights. If you adjust the thermostat, please reset it up or down to save a little. Be in prayer for the Stewardship Campaign that is planned later this year.

Randy Erwin, Chairperson



Circle III will meet on Monday, April 21 at Polly Galloway's house. The program will be by Irene

Pollard. Circle III and Circle IV are working together to plan the Lenten Lunch at our church on April 14

Circle IV met on Monday, March 17th in the chapel. We truly missed all of you who were unable to attend! Janet and Joy had a very inspirational program. Thank you ladies! Plans were made for Wednesday night Fellowship meal April 2nd. Members come and help if you can.

On Sunday afternoon members from Circle III and Circle IV met together to discuss plans for the Lenten Luncheon at our church on Monday, April 14th. Lenten services begin at 12:05pm and end around 12:30pm. Yes, you can come on your lunch hour! A lite lunch will be served immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall by United Methodist Women!

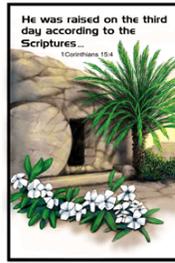
If you would like to be the President of all these wonderful United Methodist Women, please call the church office (753-4803) and volunteer! We need a Christian woman that loves the Lord to be our leader! **PRAY!**



UMMen will have their monthly supper meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.. All men of the church are United Methodist Men. Come join us for great fellowship and good food. We would also like to thank all who supported our fundraiser last Saturday.



Spring is officially here! It is so exciting to see the flowers and trees slowly come back to life. The Youth definitely had a very busy and successful March. Throughout the month, we raised nearly \$2,000 to help cover our Mission Trip costs this summer. The Youth and parents have worked very hard, I would like to personally thank them all for their valiant efforts. Also, thank you to everyone who came out and supported our BBQ plate fundraiser and all the other youth events that took place last month. We are moving full steam ahead and looking forward to another busy month full of spiritual growth and excitement. Please continue to pray with us as we prepare for our Mission Trip this summer. God bless. Jonathan Lemmon



"THE THIRD DAY"

ATTENTION SINGERS! The Third Day is an Easter musical written by Rev. Scott Wilkinson. It is going to be performed at the Greenville Civic Center, June 13, as a part of the 2014

Annual Conference (general public is welcome). Former cast members are invited to return, as well as new recruits. If you are a singer and would like to be part of a cast of 50+ in a musical dramatization of the resurrection of Christ, come join the excitement! There are 7 rehearsals, beginning Saturday, April 5, from 10:00-11:15 AM, at St. James UMC, 2000 E 6th Street, Greenville. For more info contact Scott Wilkinson at 916-6808 or scottandvickie@suddenlink.net.



CONFERENCE CAMPS

OFFER OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES

The three conference camps have planned events to welcome visitors to open house this spring. **Camp Chestnut Ridge Open House is 1-5 p.m. on April 13** (919-304-2178). **Camp Rockfish Open House is May 4 from 1-7 p.m.** (910-425-3529) **Camp Don Lee Open House is May 18**, highlighted by a 5k Creature Crawl (252-249-1106) Please check the camp websites or call the camp offices for more information.



Thanks to the Board of Trustees for getting the heat restored to the offices, library, and hallway.

Hopefully we will not need it much longer!

FUMC...

Thank you for the wonderful supply of clothing, blankets and hygiene items to name a few. Your generosity allowed us to provide for so many.

Thank you Farmville UMC and Mrs. Parks.

(A letter from the Pitt County Dept. of Social Services – Adult Services is posted on the Library door.

Dear Church Members,

We appreciate your recent contribution to the Farmville United Methodist Church in memory of Fitz.

Your love and support for our family has been very much appreciated during this time of loss.,

In Christian love,

The family of Fitz McKeel



“FIRST CHANCE FOR WHITE PANTS”

This note is to let you know about a new Greenville event called “First Chance for White Pants” (for an explanation about “White Pants” see letter posted on Library door) which will be held on May 29 to help us build local awareness of our mission of serving vulnerable children and families in Pitt County and across North Carolina. For more than 100 years, Methodist Home for

Children has nurtured children and families in North Carolina. We provide community-based youth homes, foster care and adoption, substance-abuse and mental health services, family-based counseling and early childhood education. We serve vulnerable children and families regardless of their religion, race or economic status.

“First Chance for White Pants” is a dance party to welcome summer with music by “Liquid Pleasure” and a silent auction. We need your help in procuring items from your area. We can use themed gift baskets (basket ideas posted on library door), restaurant or lodging gift certificates, artwork or anything you feel might draw bids at the silent auction. We welcome business or individuals who might be interested in being a sponsor for this event.

All of us at Methodist Home for Children appreciate your help in this and every other way. Hope to see you on Thursday, May 29! You can purchase tickets at www.firstchance.mhfc.org, contact Jennifer cooper at 888-305-4321, ext. 305, or contact me at 242-717-6505. For further information contact Irene Pollard at 252-315-6555 or by e-mail, ipollard@emparqmail.com.

Cindy Trip
Development Officer
Methodist Home for Children

Return Service Requested

Farmville United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 153, Farmville, NC 27828-0153
Phone 252-753-4803
E-Mail – church@farmvilleumc.com
Webpage: www.FarmvilleUMC.com

Pastor: Rev. Bill Price – pastor@farmvilleumc.com
Admin. Assist.: Nan Walston – chuch@farmvilleumc.com
Organist/Music Director: Drucilla Lamm – choir@farmvilleumc.com
Youth Director: Jonathan Lemmon - youth@farmvilleumc.com
Children’s Director: Player Eason – children@farmvilleumc.com
Praise Team Leader: Aubrey Digh – praise@farmvilleumc.com



CARNATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY

You may purchase one or more carnations to be placed in the **Mother's Day Floral arrangement on May 11** in honor or in memory of your mother or a special someone. There will be a bulletin insert listing all the names on Mother's Day. The cost to be announced. All proceeds will go toward our Children's Ministry. There are sign-up sheets on the credenzas in the hallways. Please fill one out, bring it by the church office, or drop it in the offering plate. We thank you for your support

SPRING IS A GREAT TIME AT THE REFUGE!!!

Camp workday at the Refuge—April 12–9am-4p

The work will be on Martha's place. Cleaning, preparing flower beds, as well as planting flowers. If you or your group would like to participate, please let the church office know. Please consider bringing flowers to plant as well.

"A Lenten Journey" Scheduled for April 13...

A Great Family Day! - The Lenten Journey begins at 2pm and will take your family on a journey to the cross. You will wave palm branches as Jesus enters Jerusalem, participate in the Last Supper, hear Peter explain the betrayal, discover why Jesus had to go to the cross and hear an eyewitness account of the resurrection. The day will close at 5pm with a time of worship. Music will be led by a group known as "The Gathering." We will also have canoeing, fishing, and other fun activities going on around camp. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information call 746-4766



Baptism

Julia Kate Boberg, daughter of Joshua and Ashlie Boberg, was baptized March 16, 2014. We welcome Julia Kate to our Church Family.

Deaths

Christian sympathy to the family of Fitz McKeel, who died March 3, 2014.



April 4: Easton Ripper
April 14: Paula Tugwell

April 21: Brandon Carraway
April 22: Lisa Midgette, Mary (Lib) Moore
April 24: Billy Baker
April 27: Beth Hardy



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR...

Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), **Tracey Smith** (health), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Kirsten Baker** (healing), **Alex Alvarez, Jr.** (healing), **Billy and Gray Baker** (health), **Kailey Eaton** (healing), **Jeff Albritton** (healing), **Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family** (healing), **Lynnette Williams** (healing), **John Sherman** (recovery), **family of Jaxson McLawhorn** (grief), **Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes** (recovery), **Jesse Braxton** (recovery), **Gladys Dail** (healing), **Frank Hemmingway** (healing), **Frank Powell** (recovery), **Diane Speight Rhue** (recovery), **Kay Edwards** (health), **Jean Price, Young men, women and adult Christian witnesses in the Holy Land** (safety and courage), **Pam S. Adams** (healing), **Dylan Riggs** (recovery from surgery at Duke, 2yr old grandson of a co-worker of Teresa Parent's husband), **Horace Allen** (recovery), **Savannah Pollard** (healing, granddaughter of a caretaker of Nellie Lang), **family of Cindy Rogers** (grief, cousin of Dan Rogers).

To keep our prayer list up to date, please let the church office know, if a person may be removed. Thank you. Reminder – Prayer Journal is at the back of the church.



FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS

Please bring fresh flowers for our cross in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may place your flowers on the cross any time before the 11:00am service begins. The children will place their flowers on the cross during the Sunday School hour.