



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Going Forth Into the World, To Reach Out to Others

August 2013



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FROM OUR PASTOR.....

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

As we begin our last real leg of summer...I suspect most of us have spent at least some time with friends...maybe even renewed some old acquaintances over the past couple of months.

In today's time and society, even with the advanced technology of Skype, Facebook, cell phones, etc,...it seems that we make many 'acquaintances', yet not so many 'friends'!

My definition of 'acquaintances' would go something like--those we briefly get to know and then rarely, if ever, remain in contact with or see again...and for 'friends' something like: those we get to know and continue to build a relationship with, over time.

Though I do have to admit...my wife, Jean, is extremely better at developing friendships with others, than I am. Maybe it is a matter of personality or temperament...desire or effort...that gives us the yearning to be friends with someone or not, for friendships do take time to nurture and develop, yet they can hold an immense true value in our life!

John Chrysostom, a great preacher in the early Church during the 300's AD, wrote this insight about the impact of friends: "Such is friendship, that through it we come to love places and seasons; for as...flowers drop their sweet leaves on the ground around them, so friends impart favor even to the places where they dwell."

Such was an impact in the story of Jonathan and David, in 1 Samuel, which also illustrates the value of friendship. Though David was hunted by the demented King Saul, David drew encouragement from his friendship with Saul's son. "... (Jonathan) loved (David) as he loved his own life." (1 Samuel 20:17b-NRSV). Their relationship was characterized by trust, understanding and encouragement. It would have been extremely more challenging for David to endure Saul's persecution, without the nourishment of friendship based through the Lord!

That, it is also true for us! For we all need nurturing, encouragement and understanding from time to time through the Lord! So, God brings people into our lives...yet, it falls upon each of us to decide, whether anyone we meet will become an acquaintance or friend! True, it is not a one-way street...both parties must make the commitment to spend time building the friendship over time. Yet, if we are always waiting for the other person to make the first step...we will continually build interim acquaintances....but no real, true lasting friendships!

For those who accept God's Son Jesus Christ...we have an everlasting friend in Jesus! Yet again, we also have to make that commitment to continue to build our relationship...our friendship with God through Jesus over time, as well...don't we?

So, where do you stand today in your friendship with others...with Jesus? Or are they all--just acquaintance's? With this moment given to us by the Lord, we still have time to take the first step in changing our acquaintances...into friendships! Hmmm...Anybody come to mind?

May God's grace and peace be with you...as you consider building a friendship with our Lord and others in your life!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



Fellowship Meals

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Fellowship meals are set to begin the Wednesday night after Labor Day (September 4). Please put this on your calendar and make your plans to have a big send off for our fall schedule. We are planning to have a discussion of upcoming mission projects following dinner - some old ones as well as, perhaps, a new one.

We need a small committee to assume responsibility for setting-up and clean-up for covered dish meals. Note on the schedule that there will be five this year. This will include setting the room up, making tea, getting out paper products & ice, and clean-up afterward.

We are interested in having some type of program each week following our meal so that this time can be more than just eating. One idea is to have a rotating schedule for a short devotional and prayer time, led by individuals. This would not need to elaborate but just something the Lord lays upon your heart. Consider volunteering for this task occasionally. At other times, we will discuss mission projects that our church might consider, such as the one we will have at our first meal. Need more information, talk to our pastor or Irene Pollard.

Schedule for September:

- Sept. 4: New Beginnings
- Sept. 11: UMMen
- Sept. 18: Circle III
- Sept. 25: Circle IV



BackPack Pals

If fall is upon us and school is about to open, then we need to think about resuming Backpack Pals ministry. Again we will **need teams to pack the bags on Wednesday night**, having them ready to deliver to the school on Thursday morning.

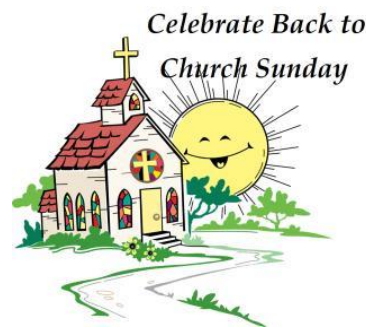
We are also planning a **FILL THE PEW SUNDAY in September**. Perhaps you would like to start thinking about what your family is willing to do. You will see more in the September newsletter.



School
Project
Assistants

PROJECT SCHOOL ASSISTANT

You are all aware that budgets everywhere, in private and public sectors, are being cut due to economic times. Our schools are no exception. HB Sugg and Sam D Bundy Schools can use some assistance that will not cost you a penny – just a little time and effort. Following some conversations with Mrs. Smith, principal of the two schools, we have a list of tasks that staff members have a difficult time juggling in the day. A few man hours would really make a lot of difference in the lives of these young children. Prayerfully consider giving some time, in an organized way, to the schools. We will begin a discussion of ideas and needs following dinner on September 4. Please plan to become involved in this mission project to enhance our community.



SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 8 ~ DON'T MISS IT!!

Sunday, September 8 will be a special day at FUMC! **First**, we will begin holding both Sunday worship services ~ 8:30 am Praise & Worship Service in the Chapel and 11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. **Secondly**, Sunday **September 8** will be Promotion Sunday, when we will recognize all children entering into 3rd Grade and all youth entering 6th Grade. **Thirdly**, Sunday September 8 will be our Kick-off Sunday, with a new Fall theme and where opportunities will begin for activities, studies, missions, times of fellowship and more! **DON'T MISS IT ~ because** we will celebrate this special Sunday with a covered dish meal, games & fun for all ages, in addition to a great time of fellowship and meeting new faces! So invite someone...invite a family...to be a part of something special at FUMC! **Be looking for ~ More details to follow!**

"THEME" CONTEST ~ FOR FALL 2013

On Sunday, August 11, the list of submitted themes will be provided to those attending worship on a ballot insert, for a vote to select our theme for Fall 2013. The person, whose theme is selected, will have flowers displayed in the Sanctuary in their honor on Sunday, Sept 1st!



Greetings to All,
I hope everyone is
successfully "beating the
heat" this summer. Just a quick reminder that our
regular supper meeting is on Monday, August 12th
at 7:00pm. The invitation is open to the men of the
church to join us for food and fellowship.
In Christ,
Hugh Williams



**COLLEGE STUDENTS
ADDRESSES**

Parents, if you have a son or
daughter that will be away
from home at a college/university, please call the
church office with their addresses. We like to keep
in touch; we want our young people to know that
this church cares about them. Please call the
church office as soon as you can with this
information.



**FUMC SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES & CONTACTS**

- Teachers** -- Children's Fall Sunday School Class --
Melissa Walters
- Assist in **creating a new FUMC website** --
Margaret Wells
- UM Mission Coordinator** -- Pastor Bill
- Evangelism Coordinator** -- Pastor Bill
- Welcoming Visitor Friends** -- church office
- Nursery Volunteers** -- church office
- Church League Softball** -- Hunter Walters
- Acolytes for 11am service** -- Pastor Bill



CHURCH SOFTBALL

Church softball is a co-ed
league for players 13 and up.
We need a minimum of 8
players and 3 must be women
at any game to not forfeit. Players must attend or
be members of the church they play for, which is
defined as attending worship a minimum of
twice/month. This way non-member can still play,
and people outside the church can come to both
play and pray with us. If you are interested in
playing, please contact Hunter Walters. (See insert
for **NEW** schedule).



It is hard to believe that the Summer is almost over!
Soon everyone will be back in school and Farmville
UMC will be back to the regular worship schedules as
will the Youth meetings. I am very much looking forward
to all that God has in store for The Youth this coming
year. I am also looking forward to starting my second
year here at Farmville UMC as the Youth Director. It is
hard to believe a year has gone by. I feel incredibly
blessed to have been a part of all the Youth's lives this
past year. I pray for safe returns for all those that have
been traveling this summer. God bless!

Jonathan Lemmon



CHURCH-WIDE

PRAYER TIME **Sunday , August 18 at 5pm in
the Prayer Room.** Our prayer
ministry resumes our monthly meeting after taking
a break in July. Please consider joining us as we
pray together as a congregation for our church
family, our nation and our world. It is a special time
of focusing on what we are most thankful for and
seeking His guidance as we walk in faith and grow
closer to the Lord. If you have any questions or
prayer requests, please contact Minnie Lee
Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844.



**"Children & Youth ~ Here's
An Opportunity to Serve**

God & Our Congregation"

Children & Youth, beginning Grade 3 and
older, are needed to help Pastor Bill at our 11
AM Traditional Service and during other
special services throughout the Church year.
This is a very important ministry for our Church
and for the Lord! If you think you are
interested, please pray about it with God and
then talk with your parents & Pastor Bill **before**
Sunday August 18th. Training will take place
in late August and some new additional duties
are being added this year.



New Bible Studies

Interested in Becoming a Committed Follower of Jesus? ~ New Fall Study Coming

FUMC will begin a 3-part study during the week of September 15th, of “**Knowing, Loving, and Serving God**”. In September we will focus on “**Knowing God**” by deepening our understanding of God and the Scriptures. In early 2014, we will focus on “**Loving God**” and experiencing spiritual transformation, and then in mid to late Spring 2014, our emphasis will shift to “**Serving God**” by using our hands, time and gifts to serve others and share Christ! The program focuses on 15 core traits of a committed Christian (5 traits in each study part), which paint a picture of what it’s like to live as a passionate and dedicated follower of Jesus! It is not necessary to attend all 3 study parts, however, it is strongly recommended for its full impact. Participant Guides, costing \$5/per study part, will be ordered. Each part will be about 6-8 weeks, with each weekly session being about 75 minutes long. The class evening and time will be forthcoming shortly! For further information, please talk with Pastor Bill or Church office

New “FRIENDSHIP” Daytime Bible Study ~ Class ~ Begins in September ~

Get Ready & Get Excited...for everyone is invited...to invite a friend...and bring your bible along with a notepad, for an 8-week...daytime Open Bible Study along the topic of ‘Friendship’! Each week we will study words in the Bible that begin with the “Letter” of the week...ultimately spelling out the word F-R-I-E-N-D-S during our study! We will meet on **Tuesday mornings** in the **Fellowship Hall**, from **10-11 AM, beginning Tuesday, September 10th**! For further information, please contact Lisa Midgette, 413-9932, or the Church office.

GRACE: MORE THAN WE DESERVE, GREATER THAN WE IMAGINE BY MAX LUCADO – A study of Max Lucado’s book – *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* will begin in September. Please contact Suzanne Edwards, Nancy Wilson, or the church office, if you would like more details or would like to join us as we study. Suzanne at 753-7844 or moyeedwards@costalnet.com or Nancy at 228-0152 njwlsn716@yahoo.com .



Dear Farmville United Methodist Church,
Thank you so very much for the Wesley Study Bible that I was given for graduation. I am so Lucky that God blessed me with such an amazing church family that has supported me throughout my life. Thank you so much for teaching me to live a healthy Christian life. I love you all very much
Love
Elizabeth Hardy



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Aug. 4: Luke Warren
Aug. 6: Margaret Wells
Aug. 14: Catherine Tugwell
Aug. 16: Tommy Hardy
Aug. 20: Karen Sledge
Aug. 23: Mildred Carraway
Aug. 26: Bill Hall
Aug. 28: Sheri Von Schrittz
Aug. 31: Erin Grimes, Bert Warren, Jr.



**PLEASE BE IN
PRAYER FOR...**

.....Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Frank Hemingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Alec (Jonathan's nephew), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), Terrance Rogers (healing), Else (recovery, Heide Wilson's stepmother), Cindy Parks (recovery), John Sherman (recovery), Kevin Mielke (healing) Jennifer Lemmon's father), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Tornados, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Frank Powell (recovery), Arthur Stevenson (healing), Kimberly and David Davis (grief), Gene Ennis (healing), Jesse Braxton (recovery), Linda Hodge (recovery), family of Louise Harris, (grief), family of Jimmy Wilson (grief), family of Doris McKeel (grief), Gladys Dail (healing) unspoken requests.

(To keep our prayer list up to date, please let the church office know this week, if a person may be removed. Thank you.)



CALENDAR 2013

Sunday, August 4 - Communion

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 6

7:30pm Softball - FUMC vs Friendship FWB

Thursday, August 8

8:30pm Softball - Presbyterian vs FUMC

Sunday, August 11

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Monday, August 12

7:00pm UMMen Suppr Meeting

Tuesday, August 13

8:30pm FUMC vs First Baptist

Sunday, August 18

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Monday, August 20

6:30pm Softball - Marlboro OFWB vs FUMC

Thursday, August 22

8:30pm FUMC vs King's Cross Road

Sunday, August 25

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Tuesday, August 27

6:30pm Administrative Council

SPRC and Finance Committee, Meeting dates and times to be announced.

Return Service Requested

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