



# FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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During this July, we were reminded by a variety of media about a special moment in time...45 years ago--July 20, 1969! It was on that date, when so many watched on television or listened on the radio, as Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon! His words are still remembered to this day, "That's one small step for man; one giant step for mankind."

Like other major events over history that captured our minds and heart...like Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and a few others....unless you are too young---many of us remember where we were when those monumental events took place! As you read this article, maybe you too are taken back in time to touching events...and remember, where you too were when similar events as these took place!

Being a witness to such events...and also being a witness to situations that happen in life, involve God, deal with eternity, etc. draws our attention away from the routines we sometimes take for granted, and helps to shift our focus to what truly matters!

Shifting our focus away from the demands and busyness of daily routines allows our thoughts and actions to follow the special things in our life—like thinking about and praying for others, helping others out in a time of need, offering encouragement and love to one in despair, even spending special moments renewing our mind in the Spirit...each one can help us take steps in our faith and life!

In fact, what may seem to be--a small step...can become a giant leap each day in Christ!

An author, whose name I unfortunately do not recall wrote: "Each small step of faith is a giant step of growth." This statement can be true for each of us...each and every day.

So today...this week...what small steps of faith have you taken? Knowing according to Matthew 19:26, that with God all things are possible...the Lord our God may just take any of our small steps and turn them into a giant step...a giant leap of growth in our life on any day and at any time! And you know what...today just may be the day...God does that in your life!

And if God does, will you remember where you were when the touching event of this day took place? I pray so, for it just may be...a monumental day in your life, you will always remember!

To God be the glory and may God's grace and peace be with you!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill

# SUMMER FINANCE UPDATE

## FUMC'S Mid-Year Financial Update

Our mid-year financial statement ending June 30<sup>th</sup> reveals that we are about \$16,500 short of meeting our financial obligations at this time. A variety of reasons can explain the shortfall, however, we are still short \$16,500 although we have only spent only 45% of our budgeted needs. We really do understand that times are challenging, and ask you to continue praying about our church's financial situation and strive to fulfill your commitment to the Lord and help as much as possible. We thank you for your commitment to our Lord and His Church at FUMC and would also ask that you be in prayer for a successful upcoming Stewardship Campaign ...God bless! - Finance Committee

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Greetings Farmville UMC! It's hard to believe the summer is nearly over. The Youth is already looking forward to the fall and getting back to our regular schedule. As I write this the Youth are in the middle of their Mission Trip here in Tennessee. We are serving a family with two small children, helping repair their roof, building new/stable decks, and sharing the love of Christ. Thank you all for helping make the trip possible. Look for some pictures and more stories about the trip coming your way soon. God bless!

Jonathan Lemmon  
Youth Director



Plans are underway for special fellowship "Away Days" for Senior members of our congregation. Board games, puzzles, and card games are needed as part of the fun activities. If you have any of these items you would like to donate please bring them by the church office or give to Nancy Harris. Look for more "Away Days" information by September.



**PSALM 100:1-2** "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" **Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday August 20 at 6:15pm** for children – 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and **at 7:00pm** for the Chancel (Adult) Choir. There is always room for you, come join the fun.



Greetings to All,  
Just a quick reminder that our regular supper meeting is on Monday, August 11th at 7:00pm. The invitation is open to all the men of the church to join us for good food and great fellowship.



### 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.



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 Schritlz  
Aug. 31: Erin Grimes, Bert Warren, Jr.



....Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Nellie Lang (peace), Horace Allen (healing), Frank Powell (recovery) Billy & Gray Baker (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvarez, Jr. (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), John Sherman (recovery), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Jesse Braxton (recovery), Frank Hemmingway (healing), Adult Christian witnesses in the Holy Land (safety & courage Dylan Riggs (recovery), Savannah Pollard (healing), Jan Cannon (healing), Ronnie Wainwright (healing), Rory Wood (recovery, father of Ashlie Boberg), Lynn Joyner, (recovery), Stanley Vick (recovery), Nathan (healing, nephew of Sally Davis), Lisa Housley (recovery), Vickie Herring (recovery) Leona Kilpatrick (grief, loss of Abbey her pet), Roxie Smith (recovery, 5400 Glenheaven Dr. Cumming, GA 30041), Pat Sumrell (recovery, Ayden Court Nursing Center, 128 Snow Hill Rd, Ayden, NC 28511)

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.



### HELP LOCATE THESE MEMBERS

If you know any of the people listed below, and how to get in touch with them, please call the church office as soon as possible.

L. J. Williford, Jr  
Mary Ellen Kittrell  
Howard Kittrell  
Carolyn Kittrell Budlong  
Nancy Kittrell Anderson  
Barbara Britt Jones  
William "Billy" Eason  
Robert Fields, Jr.  
Julia Rivers Hammett  
Abbie Rives  
Robert "Robin" A. Eason  
Patricia Liles Hutchinson  
Vickie Spell McMillian  
Gaynell Murphy  
Gena Kunkle Wilson  
Danny A. Hemric  
Richard "Rickie" Hemric  
D. L. Scott  
Alice Scott  
Albert D. Crawley  
Ashley Mozingo  
Pam Thompson

Nellie Williams  
Tegan Harmon  
Cecile F. McKnight  
Mary Jo Mooring  
Karen A. Barbee  
Leah, Chad, and Farris Evans  
Russell & Kathryn Harville  
Chris Britt  
Blythe McLawhorn  
Rose Britt  
Kelly Britt  
Rita Kelly  
David McLawhorn  
Stephanie Goins  
Jamie Allen Windham  
Johnnie Allen, Jr.  
Hilda Allen  
Clark May  
Jeff Thompson  
Lauren, Karen, & Haven Peaden  
Margaret Andrews



**Sunday, Sept. 7 –  
Kick-off Sunday at FUMC --  
Lots Going On – Stay Tuned For Details!**

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**Return Service Requested**

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