



Farmville, North Carolina August, 2009

Celebrate!

Celebrating Our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



You can be involved in Missions

The **Farmville Benevolent Ministries** provides assistance to needy families in the Farmville area. A part of this ministry is providing bags of canned goods to those in need. We need 160-180 bags of food per month, and the month our church is responsible to fill that need is fast approaching. The need is great, with the economic times we face.



FOOD DRIVE

There are 2 ways you can help! 1) You can purchase the canned goods listed below when you're shopping. Place all six items in a plastic bag, double bag the items, tie the bags, and you have created the normal package of food we give out each Tuesday. By doing this you provide food for the needy and help our already overworked Benevolent Volunteers. Place your food items in the "grocery cart" when you come to church on Sunday morning. 2) Or, if you prefer, you can make out a check to sponsor bags- \$4 for 1, \$8 for 2, and \$10 for 3, and we'll get the cans for you. We'll have a "packing party" in September. Canned Food Items (regular size, 1 can each): Green Beans or Peas; Corn; Baked Beans; Fruit; Soup (except creamed varieties); Meat (Spam, deviled ham, tuna, salmon, etc.).

Also, our church serves at the Community Soup Kitchen once a month- the 3rd Monday

each month. We are putting together the list now through June 2010. Let us know if you're interested in serving, and we'll work with you to get you scheduled.

Disaster Flood Buckets - \$50.00 to fill a bucket. Storm season is coming, and the need to get prepared is now.

One K for one Kid helps provide needed items and support for one child at the United Methodist Children's home.

Thanks for helping! When we serve others, we serve Christ!

Holly Dunham, Missions Coordinator



Youth are building on their summer of Spiritual Growth

Our youth group (6th-12th grades) have spent the summer growing in their faith. At Lake Junaluska, they learned to be "Youth in Missions". At Lake Gaston they learned to try new things, and we celebrated all the ways God is the Living Water. They served in the Soup Kitchen. And now they're planning for a great fall: a Launch Party Sept. 13th for all the new kids and those returning; UMYF on Sunday nights; Doing Missions; a Youth Sunday in our worship Oct. 4th; "Pilgrimage" Nov. 13-15th. Do you know youth who'd enjoy a group on fire for God, fun, and growing together in Christ? Then come on out!

"NO BUTS" about it- it was a great evening!

What strengths do YOU have to give to God through the Church? How do you add your thoughts to others without negating what they've said? These questions and more were addressed when we met for a special training session with healthy conversation trainer Peg Aldridge, July 28. "Words create worlds" what we speak shapes what we become. So we pledged to "lower our cannons" - i.e. to really listen to people, instead of simply loading up all we want to say and then firing away. We learned to not use "but" in our language, and to instead use "Yes and". For instance, instead of "I like that, but ..." (which means you don't really like that) we learned to say "Yes, and along with that consider..." which validates what you offer as well as what has gone before.

One very specific way we put this to use was in Evangelism. As we went around the room, people pledged to be a work together on Evangelism effort, pledging to reach together to the community, as well as to those no longer worshipping with us, and included specific suggestions like getting church "tailgating window flags" for the church (like gameday flags).



UMMen Fellowship

UMMEN monthly supper meeting, Monday August 10 at 7:00pm. All men are invited to attend. Join us for good food and great fellowship.



Fellowship Supper

From the Church Library



I know it's only August, and it's still hot and there is plenty of summer weather left in 2009, but for a lot of folks, summer is almost over. That one day that signifies the end of summer is fast approaching – the first day of school!

This August, take the time to pray for our children, as well as the teachers, administrators, cafeteria workers, bus drivers – all the people that will touch each other on a daily basis. One good book in our library is Chalkdust – Prayer Meditations for Teachers by Elspeth Campbell Murphey. This small volume is filled with thoughtful meditations such as prayers “For the Child I Don’t Especially Like” or “For the Class Clown”. There are also prayers “On a Rainy Day” and “In the Middle of a Bad Day,” and prayers for the teacher “For Help in Listening” and “For the Substitute”. Whether you have children in school or not, the start of a new school year is an important step in each child’s life, so take the time to remember in prayer those that work with them each day.

Nancy Wilson (Jablonski) *Church Librarian*

United Methodist Women News...

August is here and I hope everyone’s summer has been fun. We will start getting busy soon and mark your calendars so you will not miss out on something good. I hope you ladies will get involved with these activities. You really miss out on things when you do not take part. I have enjoyed going to different meetings, study courses and getting to know the ladies from the other churches. We will be going to the Greenville District Mission Workday at the MERCI Center in Goldsboro on August 8th. Eloise Carraway, Nancy Harris and I went last year and we helped fix flood buckets. We had a good time with the other ladies from the Greenville District. If you would like to go, please contact us.

These are dates to mark on your calendar:

- **August 8:** Greenville District Mission Workday; MERCI Center (Goldsboro)
- **August 31 - September 4:** Meals on Wheels (Circle IV); if you can help call Nellie Lang
- **September 18-20:** Mother-Child Retreat at Camp Don Lee
- **September 26:** District Spiritual Enrichment “Day Apart” at Cypress Glen with registration at 9:30 AM

You will be hearing about Holiday Helpers soon. It is our big fund raiser for the year and is scheduled for November 14th. Thank you ladies for all you do for the church and remember it takes everyone.

In Christian Love,
Darlene Gaynor
UMW President



About the Congregation...

Birth... Cailyn Faith Matthews was born July 4, 2009. Cailyn is the daughter of Ashley and Wesley Matthews. They reside at 3616 E. Wilson St.. The maternal grandparents are Nancy Harris and the late Allen Harris, the maternal great-grandparents are Louise Thomas and the late Edgar Thomas, and the paternal grandparents are John and Gwanda Matthews.

Congratulations to....Michael Tugwell. Michael graduated from Parrott Academy on Friday May 29 and was recognized as a NC Scholar and a Presidential Service Scholar. He was also the recipient of the Ashton Rhodes Memorial Scholarship. In addition, at the Athletic Awards ceremony, Michael received the Coach’s Award in varsity baseball. Michael will be attending NCSU in the fall.

Christian Sympathy to....

.....**Eloise Carraway** and family on the death of her brother **Willis May**, who died July 19, 2009.

.....**Alfred Lewis** and **Etna Lewis** and family upon the death of their sister-in-law **Lottie Lewis**, who died July 29, 2009.

Holy Land Trip in January

The plans are out for the Holy land trip in January, 14-23. Get your brochure from the church today! I've heard you talk about going... the interest is there– this is a great time to sign up!

Join the Choir!!

We sing only because God sings through us. We are God's instruments on earth. To love and to serve are the greatest privileges available to us.

Service is what choir participation is all about - service offered to the glory of God. Consider joining the choir this year!

Youth choirs begin September 9. Adult choir practice summer schedule is Sunday mornings at 10:15. Wednesday rehearsals resume August 26.



Thank You Notes...

Dear Farmville UMC Members,

Thank you so much for the books you gave big brother, Luke and baby Louis. Our family appreciates all of the thought and prayers during this special time, and during our previous hospital stay. Thanks again!

Love, David, Staci, Luke & Louis Garner

Dear FUMWwomen,

Thank you for graciously serving us the barbeque dinner after mother's funeral. The food was delicious and the flowers were beautiful and it was so nice to be in a familiar place and see so many old friends.

What you do is a ministry in itself and we certainly felt God's love through all of you. Everything mother ever said about Farmville and the Church was true because we certainly felt loved and very special.

Please pass our deepest appreciation and thanks to all the ladies that helped.

Sincerely, Doris Langley and Family
(daughter of Ruth Teel)

Dear Members of FUMC

The Simonds family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, emails, and prayers we have received during Martin's treatment at Duke. We would also like to express our appreciation for the love offering. We truly are blessed to have so many friends supporting us during this difficult time. Thanks again for your love and prayers.

Reide, Steve, Martin and Neil Simonds

Dear Church Members

I want to thank you for helping me go to Camp Don Lee this summer. I had a lot of fun! I got to flip a sailboat into the water, as well as learn to canoe and kayak. We took a riverboat cruise on the Pamlico Sound which took us to the ocean and back. It will be a summer that I will always remember and cherish. Thank you again!

With Christian Love, Amy Pollard

Daily Bible Reading...

New Testament		Old Testament	
LUKE	I TIMOTHY	PROVERBS	EZRA
1. 13:1-9	1:1-11	1	1-2
2. 13:10-21	1:12-20	2	3
3. 13:22-35	2	3	4-5
4. 14:1-14	3:1-10	4	6
5. 14:15-24	3:11-16	5	7
6. 14:25-35	4	6	8
7. 15:1-10	5:1-15	7	9
8. 15:11-32	5:16-25	8	10
9. 16:1-9	6:1-10	9	NEHEMIAH 1-2
10. 16:10-18	6:11-21	10:1-16	3
11. 16:19-31	2TIM. 1:1-7	10:17-32	4-5
12. 17:1-10	1:8-18	11:1-15	6
13. 17:11-19	2:1-13	11:16-31	7
14. 17:20-37	2:14-26	12:1-14	8
15. 18:1-8	3:1-9	12:15-28	9
16. 18:9-17	3:10-17	13:1-12	10
17. 18:18-30	4	13:13-25	11
18. 18:31-43	TITUS 1:1-9	14:1-18	12
19. 19:1-10	1:10-16	14:19-35	13
20. 19:11-27	2:1-10	15:1-17	ESTHER 1
21. 19:28-38	2:11-15	5:18-33	2
22. 19:39-48	3:1-8	16:1-16	3-4
23. 20:1-8	3:9-15	16:17-33	5-6
24. 20:9-19	PHILEMON 1-11	17:1-14	7-8
25. 20:20-26	12-25	17:15-28	9-10

You can begin at any point of the year: Just pick up on today's reading and go from there. To prevent the frustration of falling behind, each month gives you 25 readings, giving you "free days" each month, to catch up on any readings you may have missed.

The youth of the church have had a great summer, and it would not be possible without the ongoing support of the church. I would like to thank...

- * All those who have donated so generously to their trips this summer;
- * Todd Edwards, for donating the pig for the youth BBQ fundraiser for Lake Junaluska;
- * Chuck Johnson, who cooked the pig;
- * Cindy Parks, for chaperoning both Lake J. and Lake G. with the youth this summer!
- * Bert & Julie Warren, for hosting the youth at Lake Gaston;
- * Janet Clontz, for chaperoning the youth at Lake J.
- * The youth who carved out the time from a hectic summer to care for their spiritual growth on these special trips.

God has blessed us!
Pastor Paul Dunham



- Aug. 4 – Luke Warren
- Aug. 6 – Jesse Bailey, Margaret Wells
- Aug. 7 – Bill Monk
- Aug. 12 – Alfred Lewis
- Aug. 13 – Margaret Morgan
- Aug. 14 – Catherine Tugwell
- Aug. 16 – Brett Erwin, Tommy Hardy
- Aug. 20 – Karen Sledge
- Aug. 23 – Carole Albritton, Mildred Carraway
- Aug. 25 – Gay Davenport
- Aug. 26 – Bill Hall
- Aug. 27 – Trey Barnette, Agnes Monk
- Aug. 28 – Sheri Von Schritzt
- Aug. 30 – Tracey Smith, John Talton
- Aug. 31 – Bert Warren, Jr.



Iris Roebuck, Tracey Smith, Sylvia Paschal, David Parker, Tommy Bullock, Lois Tyson, Etna Lewis, Alfred Lewis, Horace Allen, Rufus and Evangeline Cochran, Perry Harper, Clark Blackburn, Brenda and Daniel Purser, Delaney

Hudson, Linda Gayhardt, Margaret Wilson, Nandra Talton, Dorothy Talton, Michael Thigpen, Louise Lewis, Jean Ross, Donna Howard, Billy Modlin, Larry Cochran, Gerald Brown, Lewis Clark, Bonnie Hicks, Blake McKeel, Ken Wainwright, Bailiegh Carlene, Donnie Holloman, Lula B. Bush, Nick Luper, Carlton Teel, Blaney Parker, Gina Langston, Kathryn Leggett, Jo Manning, Lynette Williams, Haley Hiatt, Pam Adams, Peggy Harrell, Aubrey Lewis, Melissa Thomason, Daisy Williams, David Newton, Lewis Muldrow, Owen Joyner, Joe Kue, Dylan Moore, Noel Baucom, Martin Simonds, Roger Collins, Peggy Sermons, Marshall Webb, Joseph Barrow, Beverly Nelson, Debbie Cotton, Churchill Lewis, Cora Ogin, Lucy Jordan, Mildred Wainwright, Daniel Griffis, Michael Lovic, Jane D. Brown, Lottie Lewis' family, unspoken prayer request.

Church Softball

Church Softball is off to a great start. It has been a great mix of new people and long-time church players and fans. The schedule is below & on the calendar. To play, simply be a member of the church or come twice a month to worship. See you there!!

Tue. Aug. 4: Spring of Living Water vs. FUMC at 7:30

Thur. Aug 6: FUMC vs. Cornerstone FWB at 7:30pm

Tue. Aug 11: No Game

Thur. Aug 13: No Game

Tue. Aug 18: FUMC vs. First Christian at 8:30pm

Thur. Aug 20: First Baptist vs. FUMC at 7:30pm

Tue. Aug 25: Friendship FWB vs. FUMC at 6:30pm.



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.



God is my "SLAW"

We've been looking in Worship lately at Ephesians 3, seeing that God is our SLAW. I noted that, here in the South, Slaw is something you eat as an apology to your stomach for spicy food like BBQ or Brunswick Stew. God is our Slaw for life— God makes all of life so much better through **SLAW**: God **S**trengthens, God **L**oves, and God

Accomplishes his **W**orks.

I mention this to combine this with some of the other things we have been doing lately. We learned this month that using the word "but" erases others thoughts (see pg. 1) in conversation. I use that word all the time, but I've tried to get rid of it. It's not easy. Even more so, to look at the problems of life and try to approach them with God's grace and love is not always easy. It is easy to get angry, or frustrated, or defensive, or gossipy, or ... well, you know. We all do it. How can we stop? How can we go forward with a positive force, facing an uncertain result with the certainty of God? SLAW. God will give you the strength. God will ground your life and root you in Love. And God will accomplish his works far more abundantly than you can ask or imagine.

The challenge for our Church— and our lives— is always large. God is larger. The next time you are tempted to get frustrated, angry or ugly... Stop! Slap on some SLAW, and let God turn your heart and go forward empowered by God to do great things!

What's Your Strength?



As part of our renewed emphasis on positive Spirit-led teamwork, we have in the hallway a "strengths board" where you can list what strengths you bring to bear at

Church. If you haven't had the chance to add your "Post-It" strength, stop by and do it soon. See what others bring as well.

"Design the Logo" Contest



We're going to need a new church logo for the flags talked about on Pg.1 (See "No BUTS"). The design needs to incorporate either the full church name or its initials FUMC, and the Cross and Flame. Get your submissions in by Sept. 1. Anyone can enter.

Use your strengths— get creative!

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**YOU are
Invited!!**

Farmville UMC is dedicated to making Disciples of Christ! We welcome all! Come, see what God's touch can do in YOU! We have many ways to connect to the church, including our groups, missions and activities. See the details at FarmvilleUMC.com. We have 2 different worship experiences— an 8:45am contemporary worship (with praise band) in the Joyner Chapel, and the 11am worship traditional worship in the Sanctuary.

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