



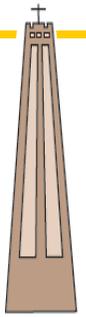
Farmville

Farmville, North Carolina September, 2009

United
Methodist
Church

Celebrate!

Celebrating Our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Youth Director position created

Children's Ministries

YOUTH DIRECTOR The youth of the church have asked for help, and the church is responding. "The youth group has sustained itself through the help of Pastor Paul and the help of a lot of great parents," the youth noted in a letter to the church. "With a large number of kids in our church reaching youth group age we need more structure to our program if our youth group is going to continue to be a vital ministry of this church... We believe that with a strong youth program we will be able to draw in more unchurched families with young children."

The wider church has agreed. When seeing that the youth group already has 12-15 youth coming this fall, and with full parental support, the church acted. After unanimous recommendations from first the Youth Council, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (the Church HR dept.) and then the Administrative Council, a youth director position was created. This is a step of faith, since church finances are tight right now. We believe God will supply our need. The youth ask for your support in this- if you can donate above your regular tithe/offering towards this, please contact the church office by October 1.

The specific youth director job description is available through the church office and our website. Applicants are encouraged to apply soon, to lead this great fall we have planned.



Youth Launch into a Great Fall

After a great summer, the youth group is firing up a great fall!

Kick-Off BLAST Sun., Sept. 13. 6-7:30pm With great food & fun- a **Party!!**

Weekly Sunday night programs we're kicking off now offers an expanded Sunday lineup to accommodate our growing group: meet each Sunday at **5-6:30pm for Middle School**, and **6-7:30pm for Senior High**, where that 6-6:30 time will be a mixer time.

Youth Sunday- with a very special Communion service- Sunday, Oct. 4 at 11am.

November 13-15, we have Pilgrimage, the excellent Youth event in the Crown Coliseum.

This is a great time to get your youth involved!! See you Sunday!



Your child is invited to be involved in any of these great children's programs:

Every Week:

Sunday School is at 10am (with refreshments at 9:45).

Children's Choir Wed. practice:
Ages PreK—3rd grade: 6-6:30.
Ages 4th- Middle School: 6:30-7.
Sr. High- sing with the Adult Choir or Praise Team, 7pm.

Kids' Kingdom: Sept. 20,

4 -5pm. (We will gather monthly and the date will be announced in the newsletter.) We are excited to continue helping the children of our church grow spiritually! For the safety of the children, especially since we have several young ones, please drop off your child at the classroom and pick them up from there as well. We will meet in the last classroom on the right. Looking forward to seeing the children of the church there!

Kristi Benfield,
Children's Area
Coordinator



FBM Canned Food Drive

The Farmville Benevolent Ministries distributes food to the needy each Tuesday. As part of the FBM, our month to supply the canned food is Oct. To help raise the cans/funds, we're having a special offering taken Sun. 9/20 & Wed., 9/23. We'll pack the food bags during Wed. night supper 9/30.

Bags have 6 cans: 1 each of meat, soup, fruit, corn, baked beans, & peas/ green beans. You can buy the cans yourself, or donate \$4/bag or \$10/3 bags.

BENEVOLENT MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

BAGS: 150 FULL

100

50

MEAT

CORN

FILL 'EM RED BAGS

Jesus said: I was HUNGRY and you GAVE Me Something to Eat.

Check the church poster for progress toward our goal of 150 bags.

Tailgating Logo Designed

You can see in the masthead above the two parts of the new church logo designed by our own graphic designer Mike Wainwright. This logo was designed in conjunction with "**Tailgate Sunday**" - a special "God Gives us the Victory" Day- being planned by our Evangelism committee. Interested in helping? See David Monroe.



From your Church Library

The older I get, the more I know that learning is not just for the young, and with the start of school I am reminded that I need to open my heart and mind to learning new and wonderful things. Our church library has lots of resources to help us in our pursuit of learning about the Bible.

There is **Roget's Thesaurus of the Bible** to find just the right word for that Circle program. Or maybe you want to show your children pictures and maps of the area Jesus lived – so check out **The Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible** or **The Harpers Atlas of the Bible**. Has your Sunday School class stumped you with a Bible question? Sneak a peek at **Today's Dictionary of the Bible** or **The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible** so you'll be prepared for any scholarly conversation.

Of course, there will be no teachers giving you pop quizzes to see how much you know about the facts – but it sure is fun to know the answers no one expects you to know! And you'll finally understand that old adage of "learning for the sake of learning".

Nancy Wilson (Jablonski), Church Librarian

Sunday School needs & notes...

I hope everyone is getting back into the "school" routine. Why not get back into the "Sunday School" routine? Sunday School classes are offered for all ages. If you haven't been attending Sunday School, why not come one Sunday - Try it, you'll like it. **Sunday School begins each Sunday at 10:00am. On Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 10:00am** all children will meet in the Chapel to kick-off the New Year. This will be a time to learn about things to come.



Volunteers are needed to help teach the 4year-5th grade class. If your child attends this class, please sign-up to teach one Sunday every other month. Even if you do not have a child in this class, why not sign-up and be a part of a child's life. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Minimal preparation is required to teach on Sunday. Please sign-up on the sheet at the desk by the library or contact me at 753-2983. If you have any ideas concerning Sunday School, please let me know. I'm always interested in new ideas.

There are **three adult Sunday School classes on Sunday morning.** Classes meet in the parlor, the fellowship hall and in the first room on the left in the Sunday School wing. Any one of these classes would love for you to come and visit and even become a regular member.

Remember, it takes Farmville United Methodist Church to raise our youth.

Sheri Von Schritlz, Sunday School Superintendent



Are you on the NEW email Prayer/Announcement list?

If you're not on the new Google group for email announcements and prayer requests, you won't be receiving the church email. To sign up, go to our church links/media page: <http://www.farmvilleumc.com/links.html> where you'll see a box to submit your email address. This will help make it easier for us to email you while keeping addresses private, and easier for you to control how you receive email from us.



November will be here before we know it so please be thinking of something you can donate to the

upcoming **Holiday Helper's Silent Auction.** Ball game tickets? Home-cooked meals? Be creative! The Farmville United Methodist Women need your help. Please call Marion Stowe at 753-4929 with your ideas and offers.

About the Congregation...

Christian Sympathy to...

...the family of Lee Tickel, Diane Warren's mother, who died August 13, 2009.

...the family of Jim Cleveland, who died August 13, 2009.

....the family of Lois J. Tyson, Carolyn Erwin's mother, who died, Saturday, August 29, 2009.

Congratulations to...

.....Christopher Shae Terrell and Meredith Ann Fix married August 22, 2009 at Memorial Christian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. Shae and Meredith's address is 8202 City Loft Court, Raleigh, NC 27613.

Stop Hunger Now

(From a letter posted on the bulletin board) Farmville UMC,

Thank you for your generous contribution to Stop Hunger Now. We appreciate your compassion for those who suffer from hunger around the world and are honored to be able to work on your behalf. Your contribution means more now than ever. Stop Hunger Now is committed to ending world hunger and working harder than ever to combat the tragedy of hunger. As always, we strive to do this in an efficient and sustainable manner.



Again thank you for joining us in the effort to serve the most vulnerable of the world. Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn

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Thank You Notes ...

For your Radio Ministry...

Often I listen to the Sunday service from the United Methodist Church. ...Thank you for broadcasting your service.

Ruby Lee Spencer, 435 Third St., Ayden, NC 28513

To Farmville Church family,

My surgery is over, had my final doctor appointment (for this month) and now am doing fine. I would like to thank everyone for their cards and support during my rough days. Thank you for the sea shells, (how did you know that I love to collect shells when we go to the ocean) newspaper clippings, Relay for Life Luminary, 'smiles' and other acts of kindness that meant so much to me. Paul is so blessed to be in such a caring church.

From (Pastor Paul's mom) Beverly Nelson

Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for the beautiful **Toddies Bible Storybook**. We are looking forward to reading it to Cailyn often in the future, and we know she will treasure it for many years to come. We also appreciate all of your love and support during the birth of Cailyn. We are lucky she gets to grow up with such wonderful church families.

Love, Ashley and Wesley.

Dear Members of FUMC

The Lewis family would like to thank everyone for their cards and many prayers while Churchill was in Pitt Co. M. Hospital. He is improving daily! His doctors have stated that hopefully he will make a full recovery within 12-16 months. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and a special than you to Pastor Paul for his visits and concerns. Miracles do happen through prayer!!!

Love, Churchill & Adrienne Parker Lewis

Dear Pastor Paul & Church family,

My mother, Jean Ross, is in Remission with a little inflammation in the chest area. She'll have another Pet Scan in December,

September, 2009

Daily Bible Reading...

	New Testament	Old Testament		
	LUKE	HEBREWS	PROVERBS	ISAIAH
1.	20:27-40	1:1-9	18	1-2
2.	20:41-47	1:10-14	19:1-14	3-5
3.	21:1-19	2:1-9	19:15-29	6-8
4.	21:20-28	2:10-18	20:1-15	9-10
5.	21:29-38	3	20:16-30	11-13
6.	22:1-13	4:1-11	21:1-16	14-16
7.	22:14-23	4:12-16	21:17-29	17-20
8.	22:24-30	5	22:1-16	21-23
9.	22:31-38	6:1-12	22:17-29	24-26
10.	22:39-46	6:13-20	23:1-18	27-28
11.	22:47-53	7:1-10	23:19-35	29-30
12.	22:54-62	7:11-28	24:1-22	31-33
13.	22:63-71	8:1-6	24:23-34	34-36
14.	23:1-12	8:7-13	25:1-14	37-39
15.	23:13-25	9:1-10	25:15-28	40-41
16.	23:26-31	9:11-28	26:1-16	42-43
17.	23:32-37	10:1-18	26:17-28	44-45
18.	23:38-43	10:19-39	27:1-14	46-48
19.	23:44-49	11:1-16	27:15-27	49-50
20.	23:50-56	11:17-31	28:1-14	51-53
21.	24:1-12	11:32-40	28:15-27	54-55
22.	24:13-27	12:1-13	29:1-14	56-58
23.	24:28-35	12:14-29	29:15-27	59-61
24.	24:36-44	13:1-8	30	62-64
25.	24:45-53	13:9-25	31	65-66

Begin at any point of the year. Each month gives you 25 readings, giving you "free days" each month, to catch up on any readings you may have missed.

if any hot spots appear, they will do radiation treatments. In all I'm looking at the positive side, it will be negative. Keep her in prayer. Thank you for that wonderful sermon Sunday. Enjoyed the choral group. Please "thank" everyone for their prayers, telephone calls, cards and visitation. I enjoyed them also.

Peace and Love, Judi & Lewis Williams Jr. & Jean Ross

Dear Congregation,

The meal that the Methodist Women prepared was absolutely wonderful. So many people commented about the good food. Everything was perfectly coordinated.

Please let everyone know that we really appreciated their help with the meal and the good works of the United Methodist Women.

Thank you for all of your kindness and for visiting with mom.

Love, Carolyn Tyson Erwin

Sept. 3 Pastor Paul Dunham

Sept. 6: Betsy K. Moyer

Sept. 7: Nancy Jessup,
Marion Stowe.

Sept. 8: Harold Bailey

Sept. 9: Jimmy Evans, Mark Moyer

Sept. 10: Chuck Johnson

Sept. 11: Dave Baker

Sept. 12: Mason Bailey, Edward Green

Sept. 15: R. G. Cochran

Sept. 20: Roxie Smith

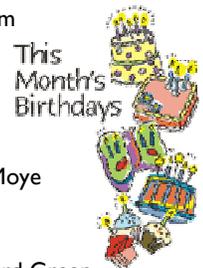
Sept. 24: Camille Edwards

Sept. 26: Janet Hall

Sept. 27: Sandy Tugwell

Sept. 28: Alexandra Henry, Sam Sumrell

Sept. 30: Parker Wilson



.....Iris Roebuck, Tracey Smith, Sylvia Paschal, David Parker, Tommy Bullock, 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, Ken Wainwright, Baileigh 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, Melissa Thomason, Daisy Williams, David Newton, Lewis Muldrow, Owen Joyner, Dylan Moore, Noel Baucom, Martin Simonds, Roger Collins, Peggy Sermons, Marshall Webb, Joseph Barrow, Debbie Cotton, Churchill Lewis, Lucy Jordan, Mildred Wainwright, Daniel Griffis, Michael Lovic, Jane D. Brown, Sammy Hobgood, Bill Massengill, Bert Warren family, family of Jim Cleveland, Cecil Eason, and unspoken request.

Stop Hunger Now (con't)

more about how you can stay involved through packaging events, education and our Army of Compassion. We are sincerely grateful for your generous commitment and look forward to serving alongside you.

Sincerely, Rod Brooks, CEO

Hookerton UMC is sponsoring a **SHN Golf Tourn. Oct. 15** in Snow Hill. Call 268-1783.

Farmville-wide Chalk Art Outreach



Oct. 18-21 (7pm nightly) is going to be a great time here in Farmville. Churches from all over Farmville are coming together each night for worship including special music and nightly presentations from nationally renowned chalk artist David Teuling. David draws a captivating scene– tied to his message that night– and then steps back to reveal a brilliantly colorful black-light drawing he has prepared earlier.

WIN A DRAWING! Those who invite the most visitors will receive a home version of the paintings he does that week, or the paintings themselves. Be inviting people now.

The next planning meeting for churches or people who want to be involved is Tues., Sept. 15th at 6:30pm., in our fellowship hall. Five churches are already involved, & there is room for more!!

A Message from Pastor Paul...

Lessons from the Ashes

Some life-lessons have been close to us recently, as many families have undergone great hardship through illness, death & loss.

Keep first things first. When confronted with much bigger issues,

the small stuff that seemed so important the moment before no longer has the same weight. The important things rise to the front., things like a close church family, a faithful God and being surrounded by people who love you no matter what. Keep those first things first.

Say what needs saying. Leading a number of families through funerals lately has reminded me to make sure that I say thank you to the people I care about, and the people who have touched me. Tell them now what you need to say. Waiting to say it may be too late.

Keep God close– you may need him in a pinch. Don't wander far from God, because the time to call out to God, to "get things right" is not when times are tough– that's when you want God on your spiritual speed dial– so close because you talk to him often that you can find him in the darkest night. That way God will carry you through the rough times.

Farmville Healthcare Center Visitation

Once again it is time for our annual visits to the nursing home in Farmville. Our church has been asked to visit the patients during the months of April and September.

Each Sunday school class has been assigned a Sunday during these months. (See schedule) The visitation times are from 10:00 to 10:30am each Sunday. Your class is encouraged to visit with and minister to the patients in any way that you feel would be a blessing to them. They would appreciate any effort you could make to encourage them and lift their spirits.

Thank you for sharing your Christian Love! Fondly, Ashley Sutton & Janet Clontz

- Sept. 6- Vereen
- Sept. 13- New Beginnings
- Sept. 20 – Children's Sunday
- School Classes
- Sept. 27 – The "New" Young Adult Class

Faith with Feet

We've been looking in worship lately at "How do we do it? Practical guidelines on living the faith-filled life," from the book of James. James tells us how to put feet on our faith– to help us "walk it" every day. Upcoming weeks will include James 3-5, and will challenge us to live a stronger faith.

Return Service Requested

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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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