



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrate!

Celebrating our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! June 2010



God is Speaking to US!

Updating The Church on our Vision process

In our "Vision Team" meetings, we have been doing a Bible Study on what the Scripture calls Healthy Congregations to be a part of. The call and challenge from that process has been nothing less than Spirit-led. We have finished each night with "Wow. YES! This is what we pray for, what we dream of, for our Church!"

Who is supposed to be a part of this process? A common question from our time together has been trying to address some confusion about this question. This is a Church-wide process, and ALL of the Church is invited to come. You do not need to be a committee chair or even on any committee to come, though if you do serve on any committee, you will find it beneficial to be here as what God says to us here may inspire you there. YOU are invited to our next meeting: June 16, 6:30pm. We're on "[Week 3](#)" of the Bible Study - call for your copy.



Serving From Your Strengths

Wed. June 23, at 6:30pm
Come and see what a blessing it is to serve God from the God-given

strengths you have. We have specialist Peg Aldredge coming to lead us in an empowering workshop to teach us how to live from our strengths individually, and how to combine our strengths for the best fruitfulness in the life of the Church. This powerful workshop is for the **WHOLE CHURCH**, and is greatly encouraged by the Vision Team for all of us. Reflecting on your God-given strengths will help you in all areas of your life- business, civically, in your families, and in the Church.

The cost for the workshop, for the books, is \$12.60, if you need the Church to order the books for you and if you **order by June 10**. As you order later, the shipping costs will rise. If anyone cannot afford the book, please see Pastor Paul to ensure costs do not get in your way. Because the book purchase includes a strengths inventory exercise you must fill out before you come to the workshop, each person needs the book, not just 1 per couple, The survey needs to be done by Thursday, June 17, at the latest, to give Peg the time she needs to work with our data as a group.



New Members to be Received

"Membership in the Church means something significant," says Pastor Paul Dunham.

"Throughout my years of ministry, people have asked me what difference being church member makes. People see the obligations of membership and wonder why they should make such a commitment. Membership is so much more than that. It's like a couple in love- there is a difference between just dating and just married. Commitment. Dedication. Covenant. Blessings. Life in the Church is the same way- joining the church gives you a chance to pledge before God and one another 'I will be here, and I pray I will be used by God to do what God calls us to.' You can certainly come to church without joining, but you miss something significant if you do."

Come and find out how joining the church can make a big difference in your faith journey. Contact Pastor Paul and let him know you are interested in becoming a member. **New Members will be received in both services on Sunday, June 13!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



"High Seas Expedition": Make a splash this summer at Vacation Bible School, hosted at the First Baptist Church starting Monday, June 14-Friday June 18, from 9:00am-12:00noon. Registration is \$10.00 for ages 4 yrs (August 13, 2010)—5th grade. Registration is required in order to have enough materials for each class. If you would like to Volunteer, have any questions or concerns, please contact First Baptist Church 753-3370 (Monday-Thursday; 8:45am-2:30pm) or e-mail, fbc1909@embarqmail.com.



N. C. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Saturday, June 12. Minnie Lee Winborn and Bert

The N. C. Annual Conference of the UMC will be held in Greenville at the Convention Center again this year. The conference begins on June 10 and continues through

Warren, Sr. are our church's members. Pastor Paul will be out of the office on those days.

Laity Celebration, Friday June 11, 7:30pm.

This powerful worship service will be hosted in Greenville for the last time for a while. It is a celebration service you will not want to miss- the whole church should be there to join, at the Convention Center, with Methodists from all over eastern NC.

Hands on Missions projects need volunteers. There are 5 different ways you can volunteer some time over the course of Annual Conference. Go to <http://nccumc.org/secretary/annual-conference-2010/service-projects/> to see how you can volunteer.



On Sunday October 31, 2010 our Bishop Gwinn will be joining the congregation for a special joint worship service at 10:30am, followed by lunch.

Addresses Needed. This is to be a time of "Homecoming" as well, so we want to invite former members to share this day with us. Please give Nan Walston at the church or Nancy Harris (753-6155) the names and addresses of those people you would like to receive invitations –your children who live away, members from way back or friends who may have had a part in our church life. We need the information as soon as possible to start compiling a list!

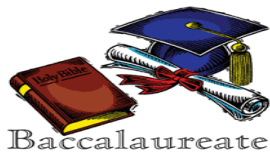
Committees and Chairman Assignments are:

- Special Music – John Jablonski and Drucilla Lamm
- Lunch – Irene and Randy Pollard
- Lunch Cleanup – TBA
- Fellowship Hall Decorations – United Methodist Women (Darlene Gaynor)
- Memorabilia Table in Fellowship Hall – Bert Warren, Sr. If you have items from the church's past, please contact Bert for display that day.
- Greeters – United Methodist Men
- Letter of Invitation / List of invitees – Nancy Harris and Nan Walston

Other items discussed about October 31 were:

- Schedule a cleanup workday in early October.
- For part of the "Sending Forth" of the service, have members who represent the Past, Present, Future of the church a part of this. Volunteers?

A Baccalaureate Service and Dinner for graduating high school seniors at Farmville Central will be Sunday, June 6, at 6:00pm at the Farmville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will follow the service. **Our Church is responsible for clean up, 6 volunteers are needed. Please call the church office if you are willing to help.**



Baccalaureate



The final Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner will be on June 9. It will be a covered dish picnic meal. Assuming weather cooperates, we will have a picnic under the shade trees on the church campus. Bring your chicken or pimento cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs, chips, or your favorite picnic fixings to share with friends - bring neighbors and visitors. Also come with ideas for summer fellowship activities so we can put together a calendar of events for July and August.

Also, we need 1 more team for the rotation of teams preparing Wed. meals for the fall, plus another team who can help the Vereen class serve a meal. If we get that, each team goes every 8 weeks. If you can help, please contact Irene & Randy Pollard by the end of this month.

ALL PERSONS RELATED TO OUR CHURCH who are graduating from a college, university, etc., please give the church office the information, including: the name of the college or university and the certificate or degree being received. Please call as soon as possible, we would like to include this information in our next newsletter.



Church softball is starting soon. Schedules are not out yet, but practice has begun. Game schedules will be posted soon.

Church softball is a co-ed league for players 13 and up. We need a minimum of 8 players and 3 women at any game to not forfeit.

To ensure both fairness, and so that non-members can play (a great chance for outreach!), players must attend (attending worship a minimum of twice/month) or be members of the church they play for.



FROM OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Ever since I was a little girl, I've loved libraries – my mom let me check out books before I could even read, and I couldn't wait to finish my books so we could go back and get more. All through school I enjoyed going to libraries, whether it was to find fiction for summer reading or research books for school projects. I love being in our church library too – it's a great place to spend some time, and I invite you all to visit – and not just to attend a church meeting!

If you need help finding something, just let me know – there are lots of tempting topics – inspirational (find a devotion for a circle meeting), factual (learn more about being a Methodist), helpful (find Christian advice on finances), or fun (great children's books for all ages).

Your church library is a great resource – please take advantage of it the next time you walk by!

Nancy Wilson (Jablonski), Church Librarian



Volunteers are needed to keep the Crib Nursery and Nursery during the 8:45am service and the 11:00am service. Please call the church office if you are willing to help.



The new Church Directory is out, and people have really loved it. You can access it through this link: www.FarmvilleUMC.com/downloads/FUMCDirectory.pdf This link is NOT published online anywhere. Updates will be made to this link whenever available. If you need one

printed for you, contact the church office.

Special thanks to Cyndi Lauderdale and her team of volunteers for getting this directory together!



.....Tracey Smith, Sylvia Paschal, David Parker, Tommy Bullock, Etna Lewis, Horace Allen, Rufus and Evangeline Cochran, Perry Harper, Linda Gayhardt, Margaret Wilson, Nandra Talton, Dorothy Talton, Michael Thigpen, Louise Lewis, Donna

Howard, Billy Modlin, Larry Cochran, Gerald Brown, Lewis Clark, Ken Wainwright, Donnie Holloman, Lula B. Bush, Nick Luper, Carlton Teel, Blaney Parker, Jo Manning, Lynette Williams, Haley Hiatt, Pam Adams, Peggy Harrell, Aubrey Lewis, Melissa Thomason, Daisy Williams, David Newton, Lewis Muldrow, Noel Baucom, Martin Simonds, Peggy Sermons, Marshall Webb, Beverly Nelson, Churchill Lewis, Lucy Jordan, Mildred Wainwright, Michael Lovic, Sammy Hobgood, Lydia Byrd, Elaine Bullock, Melody McKeel, Kathi Howell, Stan Vick, Lacy Tugwell, Marilyn Ellis, Lawrence Duke, Belinda Joyner, Hope Renger, Fritz & Mariemath Jeudy, Gwen Tyson, Lucille Marshburn, Leonard "Flash" Arndt, Nellie Lang, Mary Leah Williamson, Ann Vick, Mary and Alex Allen, unspoken requests.

Changes with the Prayer List.

To make the Prayer List even more helpful for our prayer life together, some changes will be made this month.

The list will basically be started from scratch, where with each request, we will list the request, the person making the request, and the general reason for the request. The new list will look something like this:

Jane Doe (Mary Doe Smith)...health concern

Don Jones' family (Ron Jones' brother)...grief

Prayer requests will be for 1 month, and will continue longer only as people continue to request it be included.

Newsletter MAILING CHANGES

In an effort to be both good stewards of our environment, and to cut some of our costs, beginning this month, the newsletter will be available online, at the Church for

pickup, and mailed upon request. **If you would like to continue to receive your newsletter via postal mail, please let the church office know.**

All our Newsletters are archived online.

If you ever missed something and want to go back and check it out, you can go to the "News" page of FarmvilleUMC.com and scroll through issues of the newsletter, 2008-present. For example, you can see who joined the church in August of '08, or re-read last month's "How the Economy has impacted the Church".



Dear FUMC,

Thank you to everyone that provided prayer and support to us during this difficult time. We appreciate the food provided on Thursday and the gifts to the church memorial.

Thank you for all you did for our mother over the years.

Steve and David Morgan, *sons of Margaret Morgan*

Thank you all for your support of missions, both local and abroad, over the recent months. Even in the midst of economic hard times, you have been generous in supporting the Haiti response, Relay for Life, Farmville Benevolent Ministries Golf Tournament, our Youth group, and so much more. Bless you all and thank you for leading in your giving as God directs!



June 1: Kay Crossan
 June 2: Jacob Parks
 June 5: Chuck Fields
 June 10: Gene Albritton,
 Ashley Sutton
 June 11: Karol Hart
 June 13: Henry Smith, Nan Walston
 June 16: Richard Crossan
 June 18: Hazel Jones
 June 23: Daniel Lauderdale
 June 27: Laurel Patton
 June 28: Yvonne Allen, Steve Simonds
 June 30: Lindsay Jessup Anis

Come and See What God is Doing at FUMC!

There's a place for YOU! From Kingdom Kids, our Youth fellowship, our couples ministry, to UMWomen & UMMen, plus Sunday School and small groups, our local missions, and Financial Peace University, we have vibrant ministries for children, youth and adults where everyone can find their place to grow and be challenged to live out their faith.

How to Thrive Like Good Stalks - Lessons from the Cornfield

A Reflection from Pastor Paul...

The cornfield across from the church confronts me every day with the wonder of agriculture. There are a couple lessons I have noticed which I see also in churchlife.

Rain makes a huge difference. You've got to water the field.

The best corn is in the middle of the field. Living in the thick of it all is life-giving. Being on the fringe still makes you corn, but not good corn.

I find the same truths in the Church:

You've got to water the field. I could almost hear the corn grow when we got rain recently. It shot up in days in ways it hadn't before. And I passed fields this weekend that were scrawny and struggling, looking like they had not had rain in a while.

Life is the same way. If you want to grow well, to have lives that are vibrant more than stagnant, give your souls the nourishment they need. "Let your Spirit rain down on me!", we often pray. Jesus said "I am the Living Water- drink from me and you'll never be thirsty." Especially in these troubled times, ask God to refresh your soul- and then spend time in the rain: Pray regularly. Worship passionately. Read God's Word expectantly. Practice the Presence of God's Spirit in your life, and just see what God's Spirit can do to your parched soul.

Plant yourself in the middle of a fully engaged church life of faith- immersed in the kingdom building life of a vibrant church-life. I tried to plant a small garden of corn once. I planted a few rows of just a few stalks- I didn't have much space. The stalks grew, but not to full height, and no corn was produced. I



believe it was because I did not have enough corn to create cross-pollination, but since I am no farmer I'll leave the explanations to those who are. I simply know this- without more corn, the corn I had didn't produce.

There are people who play at church- they come once in a while to worship, they put God on the fringe of their lives like window dressing to everyday life. It's just like the little corn stalks on

the edges of the field- sure, it is a life of faith, but it lacks the full measure of devotion that a vibrant life of faith brings, and it will lack its fruitfulness too.

The best stalks are the ones surrounded by other stalks with the same common goal of making and growing disciples of Christ. **We need each other.** If you want to have a vibrant faith life, then stay off the fringes where you just dabble with church life and where you are not a vital part of the mission and ministry going on. Get in the middle – commit yourself to being a vital vibrant member of the church. We have a number of ways throughout this newsletter where you can get more involved- even in the summertime. Take advantage of it. Cross Pollinate for Christ! Throw yourself into the mission and ministry of the church, and watch how your "stalk"- your spirit- grows as you help bring growth also to those around you.

Return Service Requested

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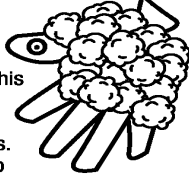
**YOU are
Invited!!**

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.

The Family Page

Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.



Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★ **WORD BANK** ★

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Worship: 8:45 am (Praise- in Chapel)
11am (Traditional- in Sanctuary)
Sunday School classes for all: 10am
Fellowship Time: 9:45-10am Sundays

Intercessory Prayer Time

(including summer weeks):

Tue.7-7:25am, Wed.,5:30pm

Financial Peace University:

Same lesson both nights (pick the one you can make):
6:30pm, Monday or Tuesday nights.

Wed. Nights: Praise Team rehearsal at 7:00pm

Office Hours: Nan Walston, secretary: M-F, 10am-3pm
Pastor Paul Dunham T-Fri., 10:30-3:30pm, Wed., 1-6pm



Wednesday, June 2

5:30pm, Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting
6:00pm Fellowship Dinner, Circle III cooking
Choir Rehearsals: 6pm, Cherub, 6:30pm Carol,
7pm Chancel
7:00pm, Praise Team Rehearsals

Sunday, June 6

10:00am, Adult Membership Class
6:00pm, Baccalaureate Dinner & Service,
Farmville Presbyterian Church

Monday, June 7

6:00pm, Executive Committee

Wednesday, June 9

5:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting
6:00pm Last Fellowship Dinner,
Picnic/covered dish
Choir Rehearsals: 6:00pm Cherub; 6:30pm Carol;
7:00pm Chancel,
7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, June 10 - Saturday, June 12

Annual Conference at the Greenville Convention
Center

Friday, June 11

-Farmville Central High School Graduation
-7:30pm The Annual Conference "**Laity
Celebration**" worship service with churches from
all over NC at the Greenville Convention Center

Monday, June 14

9:00am -12:00 Community Vacation Bible School,
Baptist Church
7:00pm UMMen Supper Meeting

Tuesday, June 15

9:00am-12:00 Community Vacation Bible School,
Baptist Church

Wednesday, June 16

9:00am-12:00 Community Vacation Bible School,
Baptist Church
6:30pm Vision Team - [Bible Study "Week 3"](#)

Thursday, June 17

9:00am-12:00 Community Vacation Bible School,
Baptist Church

Friday, June 18

9:00am-12:00 Community Vacation Bible School
and Picnic, Baptist Church

Wednesday, June 23

6:30pm "Serving From Your Strengths" Workshop

Tuesday, June 29

6:30pm Vision Team - [Bible Study "Week 4"](#)

Wednesday, July 1

6:30pm SPRC meeting (tentatively)

July 8-11

Youth at Kingfest @ Richmond, VA.

FYI: Pastor Paul at wider church meetings:
June 1, July 6, Benevolent Ministries at HBSugg Center
June 10-12, Annual Conference
Wed., June 23, District Pastoral training
Thurs., June 24, District Incubator Group
...and will be away visiting family June 25-28.

Get Together with Pastor Paul

When would you like to do something together with Pastor Paul? The summer again offers us to the opportunity to get together in ways maybe not available during the other times of the year. Call me and we'll set something up. I love getting to know you in places outside of Sunday's time together.