



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrate!

Celebrating our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! March, 2011



LENT BEGINS

The 2011 Lenten Season and its Special opportunities begins Mar. 9.

1. Ash Wed. Service, in the Chapel at 7pm, March 9th. We'll have Wed. supper at 6pm and then worship. This special service is a chance to set Lent, which lasts until Easter, apart in your life for renewal, repentance, and to focus on God's movement in your life.

2. One of the ways we have traditionally observed the season of Lent is through a special self-denial offering for Advance Mission Specials and other special mission needs through the Lenten Coin Folders. Funds raised through the Lenten offering go directly to missions that are not in our operating budget. The Ushers will be handing out the folders this Sunday. There will be some on the credenza in the hallway and on the table at the back of the Chapel. We ask for you to return your folder or a check for the Lenten offering by Easter Sunday.

3. Another way is through the Holy Season of Love. During Lent, let people know they're loved and appreciated for all that they do for God, the church and the community. **March 13-19 is writing a note, send a card or letter week.** Write as many people of the church as you can to let them know that you love them, care about them, appreciate them, etc.

March 20-26 is telephone week. Think of those people in the church who would be pleased by a caring phone call from you.

March 27-April 2 is prayer week. Call and say, "God has placed you on my heart, and I will be praying for you all this week---today through next Sunday.

April 3-9 is send a gift week. Send a gift to as many people as you can to let them know that they are appreciated, and thank them for all they do for the church, community, etc.

April 10-16 is visitation week. Visit as many people as you can of our congregation to show your care, love, thoughtfulness, concern, appreciation, etc. Make this a very meaningful visit. Someone needs a visit from you. Don't forget our shut-in people at home or in a nursing home.

April 17- 23 is all of the above. This is a time to do those things for those people we over looked or didn't have time to do during the specified week. **Let's make this a truly a HOLY WEEK OF LOVE, a week of expressing special care and concern.**

Wesley Singers Coming March 27th

We'll have a **joint worship service at 11am**, followed by a **covered-dish lunch**. Join us for this special service!!

Thank you to everyone who has provided refreshments for the 9:30am Sunday Fellowship time so far. **We need people to sign up for one of the two available times in March and start thinking about April and May.** The calendar is beside the coffee pot, so if you are enjoying the refreshments please remember to take a turn and volunteer for a Sunday.



There will be a **Soup and Sandwich lunch on March 13** to help in refurbishing the crib and toddler nurseries. If you are able to help, please contact Beverly Wainwright, 2517-2101 or Joy Fields 753-2493

A note from the Trustees: If you are one of the people who have **adopted flower beds around the church**, weeding soon needs to be addressed. Also, please note that a **church wide cleanup is on March 19.** Prior to that time, cleanup and preparation is happening in different areas of the church, so come ready that day for a good thorough cleaning of the church. **All hands are needed!**



Bar-B-Que Chicken Sale, March 26 from 11am-1pm, \$6 plate.

Tickets at the church office, Sheldon Letchworth and any of the youth. This is to help pay for Lake Junaluska trip. We need your help to buy-donate if the spirit so moves you. We will need your physical help to peel potatoes. FUMC, we need for all of us to come together and help. Many thanks in advance, Sandy Tugwell.

Mission & Outreach Dream Session

As a follow-up to earlier planning sessions, this **church-wide discussion** will look at ways we do mission and outreach in the Church. What is God calling us to do

more of, especially in terms of our ministries of the church? Come with your ideas, from **6-8pm, Mar. 13th**.

COUPLES NITE

The March "Couple's Nite" will be on Saturday, March 12 hosted by Cyndi and Danny Lauderdale at the FUMC Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.

The theme will be *Mexican Fiesta*. Bring your favorite Mexican dish (burritos, quesadillas, enchiladas, fajitas, tacos), sides (rice, beans), the fixin's (lettuce, tomato, onion, peppers, sour cream, guac., cheese), appetizers (nachos, salsa, cheese dip) and of course any type of dessert! RSVP to Cyndicynthia_lauderdale@ncsu.edu

Please let Julie Warren know if you are interested in hosting April (it can be at the church if that helps).



The UMM's Valentine banquet went very well on February 12th. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it an enjoyable evening and also thank those who attended.

On Friday, March 18th the UMM will be hosting another **Family Movie Night**. Our movie will be Disney's "Cars". This time we will have **hot dogs and chips for sale beginning at 6:00pm** and the **movie will begin at 7:00pm**. Concessions will also be for sale during the movie.

Looking further ahead the UMM are planning a **cornhole tournament on Saturday, April 30th**. We will have details soon so find a partner and get ready for some fun competition.

Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm mark your calendar and join us for a good meal and fellowship.

Yours in Christ, Hugh Williams

WED. NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS- SHUT-IN MINISTRY

Hazel Jones is the only person at the present time on our list. If you know of others in our church we need to contact, please give me a call at 753-4228 or 717-3171 and I will be happy to call them. If you feel God is calling you to this

Ministry you are always welcome to join our other volunteers. Listed below are

The volunteers names and the date they are to serve.

Hunter Walters-3/9/11

Mike Wainwright-3/16/11

Mike Tugwell-3/23/11

Sandy Tugwell-3/30/11

Todd Edwards Family-4/6/11

Kay Crossan-4/13/11

I praise God for all of you!

Eloise

FROM OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Calling All Books.....Please check your shelves at home for books that were signed out and not yet returned. Thank you for utilizing our church library. We will soon have new inspirational reading on our shelves.



Blessings to all, Vickie Herring, librarian

Stewardship Update Letter

Dear Church Family,

I want to give everyone an update on the progress of our 2011 Stewardship Campaign. As of Fri., March 4th, the Church has received the following:

Pledge Cards Mailed:	102 families
Pledge Cards Returned:	80 (78% of 102)
Total Pledged to Date:	\$218,746.91
2011 Budget Amount:	\$240,000
Approx. Funding Deficit:	(\$ 21,000)

78% of the cards sent out have been returned. That is an awesome response! I want to thank my leadership team of Mike Tugwell, Marion Stowe, Minnie Lee Winborn, Gray Baker, Tommy Bullock, and my wife, Mary, for helping me with this Stewardship campaign and coordinating all the Cross Bearers. Your commitment and persistence have helped make this campaign a success.

I ask that the team leaders follow up one more time with their Cross Bearers to make sure all cards are turned into the church by Sunday (March 6th). Any amounts turned in from here forward get us one step closer to fully funding the 2011 budget for Farmville United Methodist Church. I understand we have about 24 members who are still prayerfully considering what they can do. I hope that you can faithfully reach a decision and let the Church office know by March 27th.

I want to close this letter with a reflection on scripture. According to Deuteronomy 8:18, God has given each Christian the power to get wealth so that He might establish His covenant in the earth. This is part of our economic destiny. God has placed within every individual the ability to take control of their personal financial circumstances, to live successful lives, and to make a positive contribution to society. Deut. 28:1-13 states that if we listen diligently to the voice of the Lord and obey His principles, the blessings of God will come upon us, and overtake us. The blessings will come only when we are obedient and follow God's instructions. Are you listening to the voice of the Lord? Are you faithfully obeying His principles, His instructions for your life?

I pray that every member of our church family is faithful and obedient in following God's instructions and are able to celebrate in His blessings.

Sincerely yours, David Monroe, Chairman
2011 FUMC Stewardship Campaign



The purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose

PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church.

All Women are Invited to Join a UMW Circle

Circle III – meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in individual homes

-Next meeting – March 21 at the home of Anita Powell – Circle III Chairperson is Ann Joyner.

Circle IV – meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. either in homes of members or in the Church Chapel – Next meeting – March 21 in the Church Chapel – Circle IV Chairperson is Pat Sumrell.

March 7-11 - Meals on Wheels – Circle III (Diane Warren coordinating delivery dates)

March 12 – “The Beauty & Courage of Sudan” Mission Study – Asbury UMC, Washington, NC. Registration 9:30 a.m. Study/lunch 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Leader – Steve Taylor

Nursing Home Birthday Party – March 19 – Circle III (Darlene Gaynor)

April 19 – Community Lenten luncheon at FUMC. Please let us know if you can help decorate, serve, or prepare desserts.

Friends In Faith

Connie Mazingo (753-5877),

Debbie Terrell (753-4941)

ALTAR FLOWERS

You now have the option to do the “giving tree” in lieu of (or in addition to) **flowers for worship on Sunday morning**. If you choose, you can ask for one of our worship banners or a standard arrangement can be placed on the flower credence shelf, and the statement in the bulletin will continue to be included along with the ministry supported.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl & Katie Gaynor of Oak Ridge, NC announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Catherine on February 14, 2011 in Greensboro. They have a son, Will, who will be 4 yrs old in March. They attend Oak Ridge United Methodist Church. Darlene and Julian Gaynor are the proud grandparents.



Unity Service was great!!

The Unity Service on Feb. 27th, where we worshipped with St. Stephen AMEZ Church, was Spirit-filled and moving. Thanks

to Rev. Wilkins and his church for their warm hospitality! Thanks also to John & Nancy, Bill, Beverly & our singers for working to make the music come off so well. God is great!! Many have said, “We have to build on this!”



Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Else Meier (mother of Heide Wilson, healing) Anthony Vera and his family (cousin of David Monroe, healing), Eli Jenkins (18 mos old, for healing, friends of Melissa and Hunter Walters). Philip Bryant (healing, from Hunter Walters); Fred Rios (healing, from Mike Wainwright). Jo Ann Lang (healing for surgery and treatments), the family and friends of Bishop Marion Edwards (grief). Roxie Smith (healing), Conner Carroll (cousin of Maggie Williams. healing); William Galloway (surgery); Richard Crossan (health); Charlie Fitzgerald (health) Randy Willis (healing) Family of Cecil Eason (grief) Wayne Harrison (healing) .

Names will be taken off the prayer list each month unless you call and ask that they remain on the prayer list.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Cecil Eason who died March 1, 2011

March 1: Jo Ann Lang
 March 2: Rufus Cochran
 March 5: Dan Lauderdale
 March 12: Pat Sumrell
 March 17: Hilda Medlin
 March 18: Sandra Parker
 March 25: Jessica Heath,
 Julie Warren
 March 27: J. C. Brock
 March 28: Margo Sherman
 March 30: Suzanne Edwards



Thank you for your gift to the United Methodist Retirement Homes Foundation.

With warmest regards,
 Cheryl P. Miller

Development and donor Management Coordinator
 (funds from the Giving Tree)

Dear Friends of Farmville

Your support means so much! We are having our best semester ever. Such wonderful students. More spiritual interest and just a sweet spirit of Christian love. Looking forward to coming on March 27th

In Christ, Scott Wilkinson & the Wesley Foundation

A reflection from Pastor Paul

Am I an Ananias or a Disciple of Christ?

I love it when God places an unexpected Scripture across my path in ways that challenge and refresh me. One such instance lately is the story of generous disciples in Acts 4, and Ananias & Sapphira from Acts 5. This scripture was the one used at Bible Study when I went to St. Stephen AMEZ the Wed. before our service with them, to meet them. And then it was mentioned in a great book I am reading, "The Deeper Journey" by Robert Mulholland. The story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira is not one that I hope to emulate, but I do learn from it.

In Acts 4 we hear that God's Spirit is powerfully transforming the lives of the early Christian community. People, after being arrested & threatened for talking about Jesus, come out praying for more boldness. People with means start selling everything they have and giving it to those in need. Pentecost power is sweeping the early church.

In Acts 5, Ananias & Sapphira decide that they want to *look like* they are transformed, but they secretly want to cling to the life they had before. So they put on a show. (*Wow. How often do we do that?!*) They sell their house, and get in line to donate right along with these transformed other people. They make it look like they give everything, while secretly holding back a portion of the sale. Their sin here is not, I believe, that they did not give all they sold- it is that they wanted people *to think* they gave it all. So God struck them dead. Point taken: Lie to God at your own risk.

Mulholland suggests that one of the amazing consequences of the Pentecost experience of the Holy Spirit is that the early disciples were transformed from possessive persons to stewards. "Doesn't it seem clear," he asks, "that the experience of the indwelling presence of God in their lives brought them to a new perspective toward their possessions? They came to realize that their possessions were resources entrusted to them by God and available for the welfare of others" (p. 36). Ananias & Sapphira ended up giving their heart over not to the Spirit but to the possessiveness of their old life. They wanted to look like transformed Christians, but really held onto their old selves.

The reason this struck me so, is that I think this applies to so much more than money. It challenges us to think not "What will I do today?" but "Lord, what would you have me do today?" and "What can I do to have some fun?" becomes "Lord, lead me to want for my life what *You* want for my life. What brings you pleasure for me, Lord?" "I can't believe that so-and-so did that to me!" becomes "Lord, help me to see that person as someone you love just like me. How can I reach out to them like you want?"

We need to be given over to God's moving in our lives, and see everything that is in our lives as something to steward, not something we own. Our families, our workplaces, our schools- the very world itself- will be changed as we live out the transformative power of God in our lives. Pray for it, and see what happens in your life.

Pastor Paul

Come and See What God is Doing at FUMC!

There's a place for YOU! 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. This is a great time to come back to Church, or visit us for the first time.

We'd love to see you Sunday!

Return Service Requested

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Organist/Music Director: Drucilla Lamm

Youth Director: Sheldon Letchworth youth@farmvilleumc.com

**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 8:30am contemporary worship (with praise band) in the Joyner Chapel, and the 11am worship traditional worship in the Sanctuary.

The FUN Page

Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

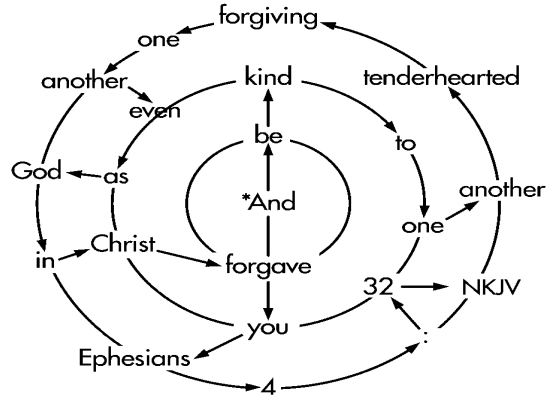


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ , _____ , _____ ."

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



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Thanks to Richard Germain 02-18-2011
I SIGNED UP OVER TWO MONTHS AGO AND YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS FRIENDED ME



Calendar

Sundays, unless where change noted:

8:30am Praise and Worship Service
 9:00am Children's Choir Rehearsal
 9:30am Fellowship and Refreshments
 10:00am Sunday School
 Youth Meeting

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am Intercessory Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 2

5:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Circle III
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, March 6

As Scheduled

Tuesday, March 8

7:00am Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

5:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - UMMen cooking
 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
 No Choir Rehearsals
 Praise Team Rehearsal time to be announced

Saturday, March 12

6:00pm Couple's Night in the Fellowship
 hosted by Cyndi and Danny Lauderdale

Sunday, March 13 Daylight Savings time begins

As scheduled, plus:

12:00noon Soup and Sandwich Lunch
 6:00pm Mission/Outreach Planning

Monday, March 14

7:00pm UMMen Supper Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

7:00am Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:30pm Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 16

5:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Circle IV Cooking
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, March 18

Family Movie Night - *Cars*

6:00pm Supper, 7:00pm Movie

Saturday, March 19

Storage Clean Up Day

Sunday, March 20

As scheduled, plus:

5:00 Kid's Kingdom

Monday, March 21

7:00pm Circle III at the home of
 Anita Powell

7:00pm Circle IV in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 22

7:00am Intercessory Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 23

5:30pm Intercessory Prayer Group
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Youth Cooking
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Praise and Worship Service

Saturday, March 16

11:00am - 1:00pm Youth BBQ Chicken
 Sale, pick up only, \$6 per plate

Sunday, March 27

11:00 Worship (Joint Service)

Wesley Singers

12:00noon- Covered Dish

6:00pm Staff Parish Committee Meeting

Coming Events for your Calendar

Sunday, April 3 - Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 17 - Children sing, both services

Mon-Wed, April 18-20 Lenten Community Services

Mon - First Christian Church

Tue - Farmville United Methodist Church

Wed - Farmville Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 24 - Sunrise Service

6:30am First Baptist Church

Sat., April 30 - UMMen Cornhole Tournament

Office Hours:

Nan Walston, secretary: M-F, 10am-3pm
 Pastor Paul Dunham T-Fri.:10:30-3:30pm, Wed.:1-5pm
 (unless visiting or at a meeting- call 414-0558 to set up
 an appointment to be sure to catch him.)
Office Organizational Meetings, Tuesdays at 1pm.

THE SERVING PAGE

of The Farmville United Methodist Church.

It is up to YOU to arrange coverage if YOU are UNABLE TO SERVE on your scheduled day.

USHERS

Mar. 6: Henry Smith
 Mar. 13: Newton Smith
 Mar. 20: David Stowe
 Mar. 27: Mike Terrell
 Apr. 3: Mike Tugwell

PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH BY 10:40am. If you cannot serve, get someone to serve in your place. Let Horace Allen know about the change.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar. 6: Tomianne Willis
 Mar. 13: Minnie Lee Winborn
 Mar. 20: Mr. & Mrs. Horace Allen
 Mar. 27: Mr. & Mrs. Billy Baker
 Apr. 3: Mr. & Mrs. David Baker

If you have a special Sunday you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, please call the church office to reserve that Sunday.

ACOLYTES

Mar. 6: Nicole Hall
 Mar. 13: Trey Johnson
 Mar. 20: Emily Monroe
 Mar. 27: Will Monroe
 Apr. 3: Maggie Williams

GREETERS

Mar. 6: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Powell
 Mar. 13: Mr. & Mrs. David Stowe
 Mar. 20: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Terrell
 Mar. 27: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tugwell
 Apr. 3: Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Walters

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Mar. 2: Circle III
 Mar. 9: UMMen
 Mar. 16: Circle IV
 Mar. 23: Youth
 Mar. 30: Vereen Class

SOUP KITCHEN

Mar. : Eloise Carraway and Kay Crossan
 Apr. : Polly Galloway and Julie Warren
 May: Ann Joyner and Diane Warren
 June: Youth

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

Nursery: Ages 3-5

Crib Nursery: Infants to age 2

March 6

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Staci Garner
 Nursery: Logan Sutton

March 13

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Melissa Walters
 Nursery: Casey Johnson

March 20

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Kirkie William
 Nursery: Maggie Williams

March 27

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Pam Johnson
 Nursery: Casey Johnson

April 3

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Lindsay Annis
 Nursery: Logan Sutton

April 10

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Paula Tugwell
 Nursery: Catherine Tugwell

April 17

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Cindy Parks
 Nursery: Jacob Parks

April 24

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Mary Monroe
 Nursery: Will Monroe

May 1

Crib Nursery: Jean Tyson/Melissa Walters
 Nursery: Logan Sutton

If you are not assigned to Nursery Duty, you are not to be in the Crib Nursery or Nursery. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange with someone.

Statistical Report January 2010

Average Sunday School Attendance-----	41
Average Worship Attendance	
Praise and Worship -----	51
Traditional Worship -----	80
Average Offering	\$4,404.11