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

As we move into February already...we are reminded that "God IS Good—All the Time"... and "All the Time—God IS Good!" I can't take credit for those words of truth...someone else came up with the saying! Yet I have heard them repeated in a variety of settings over the years! Hey, maybe we can put them to use in our greetings at the beginning of the worship services on Sunday mornings! Hmmmm....

Of course with February comes...Valentine's Day...when we celebrate our love for our spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, children and friends---in essence, our love and affection for one another—through chocolates, cards, dinners, gifts and more! Yet in the midst of the specialness and busyness of the day, **it is good to also be reminded about Gods love and affection for us—you, me...all—as well!**

I remember seeing the following message from John 3:16 around Valentines some time ago...and thought this may be a good time to share it with each of you! You may have seen it before....but considering the scripture...it seems to be a very appropriate reminder of God's love for us...and our loving acceptance in return during this special time. Enjoy!



So this February, as we begin the Easter Cycle in the life of the Church by worshipping together on Ash Wednesday, February 13, may we also remember...not only our love for one another---but our love for God, who willingly gave his Son Jesus as a gift...to us too!

May you have a blessed month! Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



**Ash Wednesday, February 13,
ushers in the 2013 Lenten Season.
Special opportunities await us.**

LENT BEGINS

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/boxes Sunday, Feb. 17. There will be some on the credenza in the hallway and in the Chapel. We ask for you to return your folder or a check for the Lenten offering by Easter Sunday.



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00pm, following our Fellowship Dinner. Ash Wednesday is a holy

day in the life of the church, on which Christians began to observe 40 days in Lent (not including Sundays) and are called to remember that our life on this earth is temporary.



**ADULT LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL
STUDY – Sun. Feb 17 thru March 22**

A special 6 week Adult Lenten Study, entitled "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton, will be presented during Sunday School time in the chapel beginning on Feb 17. Topics covered include: Baptism & Temptation; Healing Ministry; Proclaiming the Kingdom; Calming the Storm; Sinners, Outcasts & the Poor; and the Final Week. The Advent Study we did in 2011 by Hamilton was very interesting and well received, and we anticipate this study to be the same. An accompanying book (\$12.91 and Kindle \$9.50) is also available but not required. If interested in a book, please let the Church office know by noon on Monday Feb 11. All are welcome to participate!



**SAFE SANCTUARY ANNUAL
TRAINING/RETRAINING – SUN. FEB. 24 – 4PM**

Safe Sanctuary Annual training/retraining will be offered on February 24th at 4pm for all parents, as well as, all people that work with children or youth. All nursery volunteers, chaperones for outings, people that help with children's choir, Sunday school teachers, etc. are invited and need to have this training.



January has been a great month for The Youth. We spent a lot of time discussing The

Bible and how to apply our new year's resolutions to our faith walk. I am very proud of the discussions these young men and women have brought each week to our meetings. It excites me to see The Youth growing in their faith each week.

In the month of February we will continue to explore more of The Bible and expand upon our discussions each week. We also have a "Lock In" on the calendar for both the Jr High and Senior High. I continue to thank you all for your prayers and support of this amazing Youth.

February 3rd

- 5:00-6:00- Jr. High Meets
- 6:00-6:30- Fellowship (Both Jr. & Senior High)
- 6:30-7:30- Senior High Meets

February 6th-

*The Youth Serves Wednesday Night Supper! Italian Night (Spaghetti)

February 8th

*Jr & Senior High Lock in- 7:00 p.m. til 7:00 a.m.

February 10th

*No regular Scheduled Youth Meetings

February 17th

- 5:00-6:00- Jr. High Meets
- 6:00-6:30- Fellowship (Both Jr. & Senior High)
- 6:30-7:30- Senior High Meets

February 24th

- 5:00-6:00- Jr. High Meets
- 6:00-6:30- Fellowship (Both Jr. & Senior High)
- 6:30-7:30- Senior High Meets


A Special
THANK YOU


The Praise Team would like to thank and recognize **John Jablonski and Nancy Wilson** for their 10 years of dedicated, talented and joyful leadership of the Praise Team. John and Nancy will be stepping down at the end of February to enable them to spend more time with their families, travel and check a few items off their bucket list! Be sure to take a moment to thank each of them for sharing their wonderful gifts of music.



FEB. 2013 NEWSLETTER FROM UMW:

This year has started out with meetings and plans for the church. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Feb. 2 – Mission Study on “Immigration & the Bible” (Northwoods UMC, Jacksonville).

Feb. 8/9 - “Pursue the Passion Women’s Conference” at Covenant UMC in Winterville.

If you need information call 355-0123 (church office).

Feb. 10 - Church wide Birthday Party at 6:00 pm.

Feb. 13 - Fellowship Meal: Circle III in charge.

Ash Wednesday Service, at 7:00pm at FUMC

Community Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church- Rocky Stone speaking.

Feb. 18 - Circle III at home of Nancy Harris with Connie Mozingo in charge of program.

Circle IV meets at the church. The circles meet at 7:00 pm and all the ladies of the church are invited. We have wonderful fellowship and programs so make plans to join us. All the ladies in the church are United Methodist Women.

Mar. 2 - Mission Study on “Haiti” at Epworth UMC in Vanceboro.

Mar. 16 – The UMW are planning a big event at FUMC to share with you: “2nd Blessings Fashion Show and Luncheon” Sat., March 16, 2013 in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon Tickets: \$12.00 (Jean Price & Beverly Wainwright in charge of ticket sales)

We have 100 tickets to sell. Proceeds will go to the Farmville Back Pack Pals and Farmville Benevolent Ministries. More information to follow in March newsletter.

If you need Birthday, Sympathy, all occasion cards, Circle IV is selling them so contact Pat Sumrell at 753-5433. Thank you ladies for all you do for the church and remember it takes everyone.



WELCOMING MINISTRY – FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

FUMC has recently revived a committee whose sole purpose will be to make visitors and prospective new

members feel welcome and at ease when worshipping with our congregation. Our goal is to have visitors experience the love of Christ through us and to have them desire to return for worship again. We need your help with this

We would like to compile a list of members from both services, who would be willing to make contact with visitors after they visit us. We hope to match visitors with FUMC member of similar interest, ages, same age children, and other common links. The FUMC members would figuratively “adopt” the visitor, informing them of any programs and opportunities offered by our church, such as Sunday School, choir, UMM, UMW, Youth, etc. If you would be willing to help our church in this very important ministry or have any questions, please call the church office, Janet Clontz, or Ann Rogers. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC experience God’s love.



Children's Home

METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY—Feb 17 & Special Offering

On Sunday, February 17, The United Methodist Church will celebrate Methodist Home for Children Sunday and take up a special offering for children and families served by Methodist Home for Children (MHC). Our special offering will support the work that touches more than 1400 young people and families each year with services of foster care and adoption, family counseling, residential care and other programs which help to move them from despair to hope, chaos to order, darkness to light. Offering envelopes will be in the Feb 17 bulletin. Please mark the memo line of your check—MHC. Cindy Tripp, MCH Development Officer, will be with us at both services bringing the message.



PARENTS OF CHILDREN MEETING – THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM

Children’s Ministry will meet on Sunday, February 3rd at 10am in the Chapel. If you have a child/children age preschool thru 5th grade. We will be discussing Easter, children’s choir and Kid’s Kingdom. If you have any questions please see me or Pastor Bill.



CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY - February 10

We need to know who is coming so that we might arrange tables. If you have not let us know if you are coming and the month of your birthday, please call the church office as soon as possible. Also needed are 5 cakes – so come on VOLUNTEER – don't wait to be asked. Just remember what a great time we had last year. Call Janet Clontz or Joy Fields for more information and to volunteer to make a cake.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

A special thank you goes to those that shared their thoughts and/or attended the Spiritual Formation discussion on January 27th. We look forward to seeing how God works within our church family as we pray and seek His guidance. Please feel free to share your thoughts as we strive for a closer walk and a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Watch for plans! Grace and Peace, Todd and Suzanne Edwards 753-7844 tde@coastalnet.com moyeedwards@coastalnet.com



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEWS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 23 has been designated as church clean up date. Please put this date on your calendar. More information will be provided in the March newsletter. We investigated and purchased a new icemaker, but were able to use the existing ice bin which saved about \$800. Thank you Methodist Men for the \$500 contribution toward this purchase. As most of you know the roof on the church is in bad shape. We are in the process of finding a contractor who is able and willing to do this work, thus provide an estimate which will then give us real figures to work with. Contributions in any amount toward this project are welcome and will be set aside to apply toward this project. Each trustee is assigned a part of the church, including the parsonage, to inspect periodically to insure that all areas are safe and kept in good condition. If you notice a need, please let someone on the trustees know. We cannot see all conditions. Thank you for your help.



Women's Conference

Pursue the Passion Women's Conference at Covenant United Methodist Church in Winterville, NC. Speaker-Sheri Rose Shepherd; Music-Laura Story; February 8-9, 2013. Information and ticket purchase available at www.connect2covenant.com/women or Covenant UMC office 355-0123.



SCHEDULE

Thank you for serving at the soup kitchen. The key for you to use and return is located in Nan's office. We serve the third Monday of every month. If the schedule doesn't work for you, please feel free to switch with the others as the need arises. Let Janet Clontz know of any changes you have made. (531-8350)
Feb. 18: Kay Crossan, Lisa Midgette
Mar. 18: Susanna Edwards
Apr. 15: Diane Warren, Julie Warren
May 20: Ann Rogers, Janet Clontz
June 17: Vickie Herring, Pat Sumrell



Prayer Time

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with the Lord. It's a special opportunity to come together to share and pray as members of Farmville United Methodist Church and the body of Christ. Sunday, February 17th at 5:00pm is being set aside as a time for any and all who would like to come together and pray for our families, our faith family, our nation and our world. Please come join us in the Prayer Room. If you have special prayer requests that you would like to share, please contact the church office, Mrs. Minnie Lee Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844 (moyeedwards@coastalnet.com)

Men's Study Group on Tuesday nights 7pm in Parlor



NEW ADDRESS--
Leona Kilpatrick, 1626 Summit Dr., Columbus, GA 23106

ADDRESSES OF OUR YOUTH AND MILITARY AWAY FROM HOME

(Please pray for).....

Parks, Andrew, (note change)
151st ENG Co. FOB Apache, APO AE 09383

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East Carolina University, Via Boccaccio 28, 50052 Certaldo Alto (Firenze), Italy

Logan Sutton,
614 Tyler Hall, East Carolina University, Greenville, 27858

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Hannah L. Smith,
1220 Granville Towers, West, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Jessica Heath and Landon Heath
1001 Nash Rd., Farmville, NC 27828



February is North Carolina Christian Advocate Month.

The NC Christian Advocate is a periodical that connects you to information concerning matters of the United Methodist church on the national, conference, district and local level. The goal of the NC Christian Advocate is to help keep local church members and pastors informed by offering news about national events as well as local church and conference news. These articles and features can be used as tools for teaching, learning, and inspiration. If you are interested in subscribing to or more information about the North Carolina Christian Advocate, please call the church office.



Scouting News

SCOUTING FOR FOOD – SCOUT SUNDAY

February 2nd – Scouting For Food, we will be placing door hangers throughout the

community this Saturday. The door hanger will have instructions on the type of Can goods and non-perishables we are collecting. All food will be distributed locally within our community.

February 9th – Pickup of the food collected from participating homes.

February 10th Scout Sunday, All Scouts are requested to attend and wear their uniform. All scouts are welcome to attend this event

For more information Contact David Garner @ 2523415640



NOTES.....

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift in support of the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries: Bethlehem College, Vision 20—20; Hurricanes 2012; Robeson County Church and Community Center and Disaster Response. When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the projects designated or to missionary support.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for missions

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
Shaw Bakker

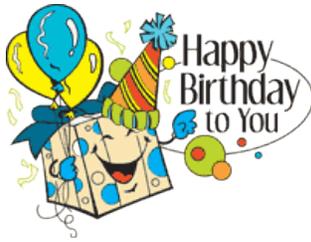
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Thank you for your gift to the United Methodist Retirement Homes Foundation, 2012 Mother's Day Offering.

With warmest regards,  
Cheryl P. Miller

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Thank You!

Your 1 K for 1Kid gift is most gracious. We are grateful for your prayers, your special gifts and your open hearts toward our ministry.

God Bless,
Polly J. Williams



Feb. 1: Cyndi Lauderdale
Feb. 2: Ronald Carraway
Feb. 11: Diane Warren
Feb. 13: Pam Johnson
Feb. 14: Janet Clontz
Feb. 15: Nancy Harris
Feb. 17: Nicole Hall
Feb. 21: Ronald Parker



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR... Andrew Parks and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Horace Allen (health), Tracey Smith (health), Edna Erwin (healing), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Mr. Midgette, (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Maxine Weaver (healing), Paul Grimes (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Denise Stillwell (healing), family of Mac Shingleton (grief), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Jamie Cleveland (healing), Frank Hemmingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (health), unspoken request. **(It is time to update our prayer list. If you wish your name or family/friend to remain on the prayer list, please call the church office.)**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

....to Etna Lewis on death of her sister, Frances Rouse
....the family of Adam "Red" Corbett, who died Jan. 29, 2013.

Return Service Requested

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