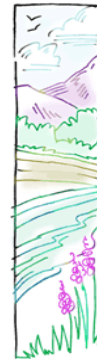




FARMVILLE UNITE METHODISTCHURCH

"'SPRING FORWARD' INTO SERVING GOD"

February 2014



*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....*

Romans 8:28

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Continued Winter Greetings...and may God's grace and peace be with you!

With January already behind us, we look forward to February and parts of March to begin showing signs of springtime!

You may be thinking, "What?" Well okay, okay...I admit it! I probably am a little early...but I am certainly ready for spring...how about you? The snow is really pretty...but budding leaves on the trees...brown lawns turning green...bare shrubs getting fuller...hmmmm, my mind is already drifting to encompass all of spring!

For 2014 and beyond, God has a plan for each of us and for our congregation at Farmville UMC—can you see it? Like the person who was hired to paint a giant Muriel on the side of a large building...we sometimes are so close to the building (to the situation)...that we need to step back and be able to see the building as a whole!

It can certainly be challenging...even daunting...to strive to see Gods plan for us! And for His Church, the body of Christ, that is why **each of us** is important to building Gods kingdom, because Gods plan...Gods vision for our congregation is bigger than anyone of us individually! God can open the eyes of the heart of any person attending FUMC...and that includes our youth and children too! Each of us have talents...we have been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit to use for the equipping of the saints and building up Gods kingdom...and God needs **each of us...all of us...** to step up!

Our life with God is something like the painters view of the wall! If we can trust in God—the One who clearly sees the whole picture—to guide our efforts...to guide our understanding and discernment...God can and will work through **each of us...all of us...** to help build Gods kingdom at Farmville UMC, the Farmville community and beyond!

On Sunday, February 23, 2014 beginning at 3PM, the leaders of our congregation will gather together as a planning group to talk about the goals for God's Church at Farmville UMC for 2014—all are welcome! We began laying a foundation last year with a similar planning time...and now we are

looking to take Gods guidance to the next step! Please begin to be in prayer for our congregation and for our church leaders as we strive to "listen well" to the Lord our God!

And you know what? Before we know it, springtime really will be here...because our focus will have been---not on the snow or the cold weather...but on discerning the whole picture ...to the glory of God and the building of God's kingdom on earth!

Stay warm...and be safe! God bless!

Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill



NOTES FROM CIRCLE III

Circle III will meet on Monday, February 17 in the church parlor. Melissa Walters will be the hostess and Ann Joyner has invited a guest

speaker, Madeline Murphy. Mrs. Murphy is the Vice President of United Methodist Women for our district. She is from Greenville. Irene and Randy Pollard will cook the Wednesday night fellowship dinner on February 12 with help from Circle III members. The menu will be chicken pot pie, fruit and dessert.

NOTES FROM CIRCLE IV.....

Circle IV began the New Year with a new Circle Chairperson, Lisa Midgette. Lisa, we thank you for volunteering! We all Praise God for you and will support you any way we can! We welcome five new members! They are Tracie Durrett, Jenny Lewis, Carolyn Midgette, Laura Powell and Alice Tynch. We are so grateful to have you join us in God's work! Circle IV now has twenty-two members.

For the month of February only, we will meet on Tuesday night, February 18 at the home of Eloise Carraway, 3279 N. Contentnea St., at 7:00pm. Our regular meeting time is the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Place to be announced. We have the Wednesday night Fellowship meal on February 19. We will be serving chicken pastry, green beans and yams. Can't guarantee we will be serving that good corn bread the ladies cooked last time, but we will see! If not "Dixie Queen" makes delicious hush puppies! Hope to see you and your family there! Our Circle has a variety of thinking of you, get well, and birthday cards for sale as our continuing fundraiser. See Pat Sumrell, she will be happy to help you find what you need. We would like to thank our congregation in advance for your wonderful support! Blessings, Eloise Carraway, Sec/Treas.



2014 is off to a busy start! I have several Youth related things to fill you in on. Beginning with: Saturday, March 1st from 11:30-

1:30 the Youth will be hosting a Pig Pickin'! All proceeds will go to the Youth's fund for the summer mission trip to Gatlinburg. Please see a member of the youth to purchase a ticket in advance at \$7 each. There will also be a bake sale. If you are interested in providing any baked goods to be sold at \$1 each, please see myself or Suzanne Edwards. As we continue to move into this year and toward our Mission Trip, I would like to thank you in advance for all your support. The Youth are very excited to be heading to Gatlinburg to participate in community ministry. They will be doing things from building ramps for the elderly to serving food & interacting with children at the local orphanage. Please keep this trip in your prayers. If you have any questions about our 2014 Summer Mission Trip, please see me!

God Bless! Jonathan Lemmon



The United Methodist Men's Supper Meeting will be Monday, Feb. 10 at 7:00pm in the fellowship Hall. All men are invited to join us for good food, and great fellowship.



Scouting News

SCOUTING FOR FOOD – SCOUT SUNDAY

Scouting for Food Begins this Saturday February 1st, if anyone would like to donate can goods next week i can pick them up at the church on Saturday morning February 9th at 9 am. Scout Sunday for Methodist - February 9th. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby February 22nd. David Garner



JOYFUL HEARTS ~ SANDY'S SOUP & BINGO

All Adult Seniors are invited for SANDY'S SOUP & BINGO on Wed. Feb. 19 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. No reservations needed. Just come and enjoy the fellowship!



GET READY TO CELEBRATE! CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, February 23 at 6:00pm. Janet Clontz, and Joy Fields has agreed to coordinate the party. Be thinking how you would like to decorate your table for your month. We will also need cakes. Call the church office, Janet or Joy to let us know if you would like to decorate a table and /or bake a cake



~ "LOVING GOD" STUDY - 6:30-7:45PM! ~

In this study, we focus on "Loving God" and experiencing spiritual transformation, and then in mid to late Spring 2014, our emphasis will shift to "Serving God" by using our hands, time and gifts to serve others and share Christ! Each Sunday evening session lasts about 75 minutes. For further information, please talk with Pastor Bill or Church office.



Welcoming, Fellowship Friends Needed

FUMC has recently revived a committee whose sole purpose will be to make guests and prospective new members feel welcome and at ease when worshipping with our congregation. Our goal is to have guests experience the love of Christ through us and to have them desire to return for worship again. We need your help.

We would like to compile a list of members from both services, who would be willing to make contact with guest after they visit us. We hope to match guest with FUMC member of similar interest, ages, same age children, and other common links. The FUMC members would figuratively "adopt" the guest, 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.



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



ELECTRONIC GIVING is now available. Call the church office for more information, come by to sign-up

or go on line at our web site (www.farmvilleumc.com), click on links click on Vanco Services and follow directions.



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.

Prayer Request For

Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvarez, Jr. (healing), Billy Baker (health), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), John Sherman (recovery), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Jesse Braxton (recover), Gladys Dail (healing), Connie Smith (recovery), Frank Hemmingway (healing). Frank Powell (recovery) Diane Speight Rhue (recovery). Kay Edwards (health, friend of Diane Warren), Jean Price, Young men, women and adult Christian witnesses in the Holy Land (safety and courage), Bert Warren, Jr. (recovery), family of Lucille Marshburn (grief, sister of Horace Allen)
To keep our prayer list up to date, please let the church office know, if a person may be removed. Thank you. Reminder - Prayer Journal is at the back of the church.)

😊 **Farmville UMC Directory** 😊

We are gathering information for a new church directory! All are invited to participate. Please fill out the information below and put in offering plate or submit to church office. We ask that you print clearly!!!!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home phone _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Pictures will be taken soon! Dates & information will follow in the Church bulletin.

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