



# *CELEBRATING*

## *Our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*



**WITH US** The Newsletter, A Publication of the Farmville United Methodist Church, February 2012

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

It is hard to believe that one month in 2012 is already gone! As my dad has told me over the years... "time goes by faster, the older you get." Seems to be true... as we are in February already! February, a month which marks the beginning of yet another cycle... another season of change in the life of the Church.

On Wednesday February 22 (Ash Wednesday), the Church brings to an end our "Christmas Cycle" and begins anew our "Easter Cycle" spanning around 40 weeks. The Easter Cycle, like our Christmas Cycle, is comprised of three (3) seasons--Lent, a time of preparation; Easter, a time of celebration; and Pentecost, a time of growth.

Even before the early church, the bible reveals Old Testament stories of Moses at Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:1-28), Elijah at Horeb the mount of God (1 Kings 19:1-18) and of course Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:11-13 and Luke 4:1-13), spending 40 days in fasting, prayer...communing with God!

Historically then, in the days of the early church, Lent was a time for fasting and preparation for those getting ready for baptism and conversion to Christianity, however, later it simply became a time for penance (repentance, atonement, prayer) by all Christians.

In today's times, meditating and focusing on the meaning of Easter in a variety of ways, 'generally' seems to be the emphasis within many congregations.

Lent is a period of 40 days, not including Sundays because they are celebrations of Easter Sunday, when we remember Christ's victory over sin and death. Lent is intended to help us more fully appreciate and celebrate the Easter story! It is a special time where practices such as **fasting** to cleanse the body and mind, **self-sacrifice** by serving and giving to others, **prayer**, in committing to a more consistent pattern of time with our Lord, **study**, in striving to more deeply understand Christ's life, death and resurrection, and **attending Church activities** such as special worship services--Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week services at the Presbyterian, Baptist and our United Methodist Church's, Holy Thursday and Good Friday—and new bible studies, which you will be hearing more about very soon...are all tremendously impactful ways of maturing our relationship with Jesus and helping us to live out the Easter story promise!

So, as decided at our church-wide planning meeting a few weeks ago, on Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will begin our 40 day period of Lent, following our Wednesday evening fellowship meal, by holding a special worship service at FUMC at 7:00 PM, during which the imposition of ashes will take place. All are invited and encouraged to attend, as we begin our Lenten journey on more fully appreciating the Easter story!

May all we do, be to the glory of God! Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



Kids Kingdom is back and will meet on Sunday, February 26 from 5-6 PM in the Children's Sunday School Room. February leaders are Erin and Paul Grimes. Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under are welcomed to attend. (Parent's please walk your children into the room and also come back in to pick children up.)



Parents met to discuss the Children's Ministries program. We are so thankful for Paul

Grimes who volunteered to lead Children's Ministries this year. It was decided that volunteers would take a month of Sunday's to teach Sunday School and also lead the Kids Kingdom so the children would get use to seeing the same teacher's face. We have volunteers through June but we would love to go ahead and have volunteers for the entire year. Paul would like to form a children's committee to help plan the annual children's activities such as Vacation Bible School. Please contact Paul Grimes or Joy Fields for volunteering opportunities. The children of this church need you!



### Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Thank you for volunteering to teach the Children's Sunday School Class and Kid's Kingdom. If there are others that would like to teach our children, please contact Joy Fields, our Sunday School Superintendent.

The Schedule for the next five months for Sunday School and Kid's Kingdom (Kid's Kingdom meets once a month) is: February – Erin and Paul Grimes; March – Kirkie and Hugh William; April – Melissa and Hunter Walters; May – Teresa Parent and Julie Kingrey; June – Kirsti and Dwayne Benfield

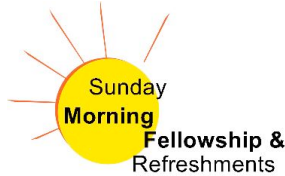


**February is North Carolina Christian Advocate Month.** The NC Christian Advocate is a periodical that connects you to information concerning matters of the United

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.



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday February 22 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 remember that our life on this earth is temporary.



People are needed to prepare refreshments for our Fellowship time at 9:30 am on Sundays. They are especially welcoming on a cold morning and great to share with our visitors during fellowship time. Please sign up for a Sunday or two – times available through 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.



Registration for NC United Methodist Summer Camps 2012 has begun. Information on the exciting programs for children and youth is available in the church

office or from your computer at [www.ncumcamps.org](http://www.ncumcamps.org). There are a variety of programs options for children beginning as young as 7 and as old as 17 to choose from at each one of the three NC United Methodist Camps. Chestnut Ridge, Don Lee and Rockfish bring years of great experience and commitment to provide excellence in Christian Education and faith formation for campers and staff in 2012. UM Summer Camp experience has long been recognized as a significant milestone in the faith formation process of children and youth. Relationships with God are strengthened and Christian Community is built which as served as a life benchmark for thousands of campers over the years. UM Summer Camping is all of this and is also lots of fun. Information and registration form are in the church office. Register today!



**LAY SPEAKING CLASSES OFFERED** is all of this and is also lots of fun.

Information and registration forms are in the church office. Register Today! A

**Basic Lay Speaker Course**, covering caring, communicating and leading, will be Saturday, February 4 at Asbury UMC in Washington from 9am-5pm. **Advance Lay Speaker Course**, entitled "Lay Speakers Lead In Bible Study" will be Saturday, February 18 at St. James UMC in Greenville from 9am-5pm. **Registration forms are on the credenza in the hallways.**



**Featuring: Women of the Bible  
"Miriam"**

**Miriam's life was one of service and leadership. She expressed robust qualities like**

**courage and ingenuity. She was loyal to her family. Miriam's words and ideas were important and affected many people. She held an influential position in the community. She remains a model for women and men today. There are many women in our church today who have the same qualities as Miriam. You are the leaders and the ones who affect the lives of so many others.**

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**FUMW Holiday Helpers fundraiser monies will be disbursed to various mission projects. Everyone will be informed of exact amounts given after an executive committee meeting on January 25th. The total amount to be given is \$2,992.70.**

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**We do hope some of you have purchased tickets and are planning to attend this Women's Conference at Covenant, 4000 Corey Rd., Winterville, NC February 10 – 11, 2012 – PURSUE the PASSION Women's Conference featuring Lysa Terkeurst with special music by Miriam Tyson. Lysa Terkeurst is a New York Times bestselling author and speaker who helps everyday women live an adventure of faith through following Jesus Christ. Miriam Tyson is worship leader, singer/songwriter, and loves the arts. She resides in Atlanta, Ga.**

**Email: [conference@connect2covenant.com](mailto:conference@connect2covenant.com)**

**Fri. 7-9 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

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**Friends in Faith**

**Connie Mazingo (753-5877)**

**Debbie Terrell (753-4941)**



**On Sunday February 19, at 3:00pm, we will hold our first church-wide planning meeting covering the**

**topic of Discipleship and spiritual formation. We will do 3 simple things: (1) Talk about where we are in our discipleship and spiritual formation; (2) what we need in order to grow in our discipleship and spiritual formation; (3) establish 1-3 things to accomplish in 2012 from our list.**

**UMMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**



**UMMen's supper meeting, Monday, February 12 at 7:00pm. Come, bring a friend and enjoy good food and great fellowship.**



**The Pampered Chef**

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am Farmville United Methodist Church Fellowship**

**Hall. Please join us for food and fellowship and see all the new products that the Pampered Chef has to offer!!! RSVP to Jean Pierce, parsonage 753-4774. Proceeds to benefit the FUMC Kitchen**



**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

**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**



**Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Richard Crossan (health); Rufus and Evangeline Cochran (healing), Bill Monk (healing), Pat Rouse-Jones (healing), Bobby Carraway (healing), Virginia Wooten (healing), Marilyn Ellis (healing), Kristen Parker and Carson (niece and baby of Janet Clontz), Leona Kilpatrick (healing), Leonard "Flash" Arndt (healing, stepfather of Kirsti Benfield), Larry Woods (healing, family of Agnes Monk (grief), Randy Pollard (healing, back surgery), Karen Campbell (healing, friend of Vickie Herring) Ed Tickel (healing) and unspoken request.**

**MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH**



**The Farmville Benevolent Ministries distributes food to the needy each Tuesday. As part of the FBM, one our months to supply the canned food is March. Each bag of food has 6 cans, 1 each of meat (spaghetti O's, ravioli, peanut, vienna sausage) soup (no cream soups), fruit (peaches, pears), corn, baked beans/macaroni and cheese, & peas/green beans. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 25.**

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