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Greetings, and may God's grace and peace be with you in this New Year!

As we look forward to a New Year and all that awaits us, we are quickly reminded that the Christmas spirit we experienced these past few weeks should not be forgotten and left behind...well, because it is all over now and we are settling back into our routines of work, school, home and all the busyness! Rather we should strive to hold onto that spirit throughout all of 2013 and beyond---during the great times and during those that challenge us at our core and faith---for we do have a lot to be thankful for...every day... though like Joachim and Anna (traditionally Mary's father & mother), we may not understand or be able to comprehend how and why God is at work within our lives!

I received the following prayer and reflection from our District Superintendent Linda Taylor, and am passing it along to you...our congregation at Farmville UMC! She writes:

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's Love, Peace, Hope, and Joy to you for the year ahead." (Author Unknown)

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

May we all have a blessed 2013...as we travel the path of faith together!

I am thankful to be your pastor!! Take care....peace....

Pastor Bill



Wow, I cannot believe that I have been serving as the Youth Director at Farmville for four months already! We had a wonderful fall with the Youth, full of suppers, fundraisers, a trip to Pilgrimage, a youth led Sunday Worship, games, caroling, and a lot of fun. Looking ahead to January and the coming months, I am excited at the opportunity for The Youth to get even more involved with the Church as a whole, and for us all to become more deeply connected and rooted in our Faith. This winter The Youth will be doing a continuing Bible study each week that will work to discuss some of the "BIG" questions about faith and our everyday walk as young Christians. I am very much looking forward to getting in "deeper" with our youth over the coming weeks. God bless & Peace to you!

In January The Youth will meet at these times:

January 6th

- 5:00-6:00 Jr High meeting
- 6:00-6:30 Jr & Senior high fellowship & dinner
- 6:30-7:30 Senior High meeting

January 13th

- 5:00-6:00 Jr High meeting
- 6:00-6:30 Jr & Senior high fellowship & dinner
- 6:30-7:30 Senior High meeting

January 20th

- 5:00-6:00 Jr High meeting
- 6:00-6:30 Jr & Senior high fellowship & dinner
- 6:30-7:30 Senior High meeting

January 27th

- 6:00-7:30 Combined meeting (Jr & Senior High)

Jonathan Lemmon



SENIOR'S BINGO & BRUNCH

Connect with fellow Seniors for Bingo and Brunch in the fellowship hall on

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 11:30 A.M. Free! You may bring a love offering for local missions if you'd like but it isn't required. Just come and enjoy the fellowship!



The United Methodist Men's Supper Meeting will be **Monday, Jan 14 at 7:00pm** in the fellowship Hall. All men are invited to join us for good food, and great fellowship.



Our United Methodist Women are starting a New Year, 2013 and I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW OFFICERS FOR UMW:

- Pres. : Darlene Gaynor (749-4816)
- V.P. : Nancy Harris (753-6155)
- Sec. : Pat Sumrell (753-5433)
- Treas.: Margaret Wells (753-5177)

CIRCLE LEADERS:

- Circle III: Debra Evans (753-2451)
 - Circle IV: Pat Sumrell (753-5433)
- The Circles meet third Monday nights at 7:00 pm. In January Circle III will meet at the home of Nancy Harris with Darlene Gaynor giving the program. Circle IV will meet at the church.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Meals on Wheels:** January 28-Feb. 1 (Circle IV in charge). The circles take turns being in charge when our turn comes. This is for all members of our church to help. It's very rewarding and it makes you so thankful. If you can help, please let Pat Sumrell or Gray Baker know.
- **Circles meet on January 21st at 7:00 pm.**
- **District UMW Mission Study** called "Immigration & the Bible" on **February 2, 2013 in Jacksonville at Northwoods UMC.** All mission studies will begin with registration at 9:30 am and meet from 10:00 am thru 2:30 pm. For lunch please bring a sandwich and the host church will provide beverages and dessert.

If I can help you in anyway, please contact me at 749-4816. Remember it takes everyone.

In Christian Love,
Darlene Gaynor



We do have people signed up to provide refreshments in the fellowship hall following the 8:30 am worship service during December. Hope many of you will join us for a time of fellowship, coffee, and food. What a great opportunity to meet and talk with many of the visitors we will probably have during the Christmas season. The January 2013 calendar is beside the coffee pot for those of you who wish to sign up to provide refreshments in the New Year. Many thanks to those who did refreshments in 2012.



Great news for our Church! We have met **all** our financial obligations for the year 2012 and will end the year in the positive! The exact year end balances are in the process of being prepared, yet we know we will begin 2013 with a bright outlook! Thank you to Harriett Baker, Chairperson, our 2012 Finance Committee, We are especially thankful for God's faithfulness and for your commitment, as we now strive to build the kingdom of God in our Farmville community during 2013!



Thank You Note

The following is a thank you note concerning the 8 senior citizens that we provided gifts for, a result of the "Warming of the Greens "this year.

"Just wanted to say thank you for remembering our elderly families. They were very excited and most appreciative of the items that were shared with them. We appreciate your church for thinking of them and providing them with these nice and warm items. We appreciate your church sharing the gift of giving... Happy New Year to you and your family. "

Wendy Ellis, Executive Director
Farmville NC Housing Authority



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.



If you have experience or serious interest in helping to create a new website for our church, please contact Margaret Wells or Pastor Bill.

We are hopeful of our new website being available by Thanksgiving.



We began the New Year with a meal prepared by the men on Wednesday, January 2. Please consider availing yourself of the opportunity for fellowship during this special midweek time. Good meals are served at a very reasonable price and a time is provided to fellowship with your church family. Attendance has been off this year. I look forward to the New Year, a new start and a great time of fellowship with you all.



- Jan. 1: Carol Lynn Heath
- Jan. 3: Brian Cleveland, Anita Powell
- Jan. 5: Teraza Foster, David Stowe, Mike Wainwright
- Jan. 7: Louise Thomas, Hunter Walters
- Jan. 10: Wes. Mozingo
- Jan. 12: Todd Edwards, Charles Walston
- Jan. 13: Leslie Brumbeloe
- Jan. 15: Dwayne Benfield, Kristi Benfield
- Jan. 20: Randy Erwin, Etna Lewis
- Jan. 23: Gray Baker
- Jan. 28: Elizabeth Hardy



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

FOR..... Andrew Parks and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Horace Allen (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Lee & Nancy Baldree (healing), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Dorothy Wilson (healing, cousin of Eloise Carraway) Leonard Bullock, (healing, brother of Tommy Bullock), Mr. Midgette, (healing, father of Lisa Midgette), Logan Simonowich (strength, healing and comfort, cousin of Erin Grimes), Vickie Herring (health), Adam Corbett (healing, heart), Teresa Branch (healing, family of Lisa Midgette), Billy Baker (healing), Kara Payne (recovering from surgery, niece of Margo Sherman), Maxine Weaver (healing, knee surgery), Family of Ed Greene (grief), Paul Grimes (healing) family of Mildred Byrd (grief, grandmother of Michael Boberg), the family of Rev. Wilbur Teachey (grief), unspoken request.

(Please call the church office if you wish your name or your family/friend to remain on the prayer list.)



**GET READY TO CELEBRATE!
CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY
COMING SOON (date and time to be
announced)** 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 (2). Call the
church office, Janet or Joy to let us know if you would
like to decorate a table and /or bake a cake.



**Sunday School Teachers are
needed** immediately for the
Children's Class. Please contact
Melissa Walters, our Children's Ministry Coordinator if
you are willing to help.



**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. Covenant UMC
office 355-0123. Tickets if purchased by a group of 15 or
more before January 21st are \$ 26.00. Individual tickets
before January 21st are \$ 31.00 and beginning January
22nd the cost is \$40.00. If you're interested in possibly
getting a discounted ticket, contact Suzanne Edwards
753-7844 or moyeedwards@coastalnet.com by January
17th.

ART OF MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

In years past, many have talked about marriage
enrichment opportunities. Here's an option that is perfect
if you aren't able to travel far or overnight! Grace
Fellowship in Kinston is hosting a FamilyLife **Art of
Marriage** conference February 1st 7:00-9:00 and 2nd
8:30-4:00. This cost is \$ 40.00 per couple. You may
register online at [http://www.gracekinston.org/#/art-of-
marriage-conf](http://www.gracekinston.org/#/art-of-marriage-conf). Contact Suzanne Edwards 753-7844.



CHURCH PRAYER TIME

Prayer is such 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,
January 13th 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. If you have any prayer requests or
questions, please contact the church office, Minnie Lee
Winborn 753-4236 or Todd or Suzanne Edwards 753-
7844 (moyeedwards@coastalnet.com)



PLANNING SUNDAY, JAN. 27

If you interested in being a part of spiritual formation
planning for our church, join us at 5:00pm on Sunday,
January 27th. Contact Todd or Suzanne Edwards ([252-
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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year to you all! As we enter this New Year, it is our hope for our church family to be prayerful and purposeful in planning how we should focus on growing in our faith. We must put our trust in the Lord as individuals called to fulfill the Great Commission as given to us in Matthew 28. With that said, there is a new Spiritual Formation Committee this year. The idea behind this committee is to prayerfully discern how we as a church family can encourage one another as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of where we may be today in our walk with the Lord. Everyone's help is desired! Please take the time to review the possible areas of study you feel we should pursue first, as a church body, in 2013 and beyond. Our hope is that many of these programs could reach beyond our own membership and serve as an outreach ministry to the broader community, as well as begin to meet our spiritual growth and formation needs.

Some possible faith based program or study ideas are as follows:

- Bible Studies (Please give some specific books or themes in the Bible)
- Specific Author Studies – Beth Moore/ Max Lucado/ Other?
- Discovering what the Church is supposed to look like and function like according to Scripture
- The Truth Project
- Men Specific Studies / Women Specific Studies
- Parenting Studies (General)/ Parenting of Girls/ Parenting of Boys
- Grand-Parenting Studies
- Couples Studies (The Art of Marriage)
- Issues Involving Blended Families Studies (Smart Stepfamilies)/ Divorce Recovery
- “Boundaries” Relationship Studies
- Finding God's Purpose for Your Life
- Faith Based Financial Planning Studies (Financial Peace University, Crown)
- Discovering How to go about Witnessing to Others
- Life Coaching Teens and Younger Adults
- Substance Abuse Support (Celebrate Recovery)
- Subject Driven Studies (Fear/ Motivation/ Healthy Focuses/ Living a Christ Centered Life/?)
- Book/ Movie Driven Studies – “Monumental”/ “Grace Card”/ “Undaunted”/ Other?
- OTHER (Please make suggestions)

We hope you get the general idea. Again, we need your input in order to attempt to begin meet the needs of our church family and beyond. We can only do a handful of programs, well, each year. We would just as soon start where the need is the strongest. That is why it is so important to have everyone's input. Please contact us by January 13th and let us know your top three program ideas you think would best suit your needs and our church family's needs. More importantly, please keep this endeavor in your prayers. We plan to gather the information received and meet to discuss and pray for His direction on Sunday, January 27th @ 5:00pm in the parlor. All are welcome! God bless.

Grace and Peace,

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