



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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“SPRING FORWARD’ INTO SERVING GOD”

January 2014

Happy New Year ♥ *Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year*



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

As a child growing up in Missouri, I always liked the cold, wet snowy wintertime—snow and ice...sledding down the hills...building snow forts and having snowball wars...and especially when the radio broadcaster would announce that our school was closed! Those were the good old days!

Over the years though as I have gotten older, I have to admit that my admiration for the snow, cold and frigid temperatures have significantly diminished! Suddenly the idea of getting out in the blistery wind is not as appealing as it used to be!

For some of us though...wintertime is not about sledding down the hills or simply being able to stay home from school or work...but rather dealing with the dreariness of the gray sky, not being able to venture outside, coping with the short days and long evenings and nights ...even trying to manage life in the midst of depression.

As we look outside through the windows of our homes and work places, we see the barren trees, the brown grass, and on good sunny days—blue sky with some puffy white clouds ...because even in the midst of barrenness—there is Gods beauty! For each branch consists of thousands of craggy tendrils reaching for the sun and many branches are intricately woven to create a stark web like beauty, sometimes never seen before!

Like many things in life, we can sometimes close our minds to the possibilities of God, until God answers us in a way we never thought possible. Maybe God does not send us tickets to Florida where the weather is warmer, but rather opens our eyes and hearts to find the beauty of His love right where we are—so that **our perception** may be changed!

Jesus said to the disciples, “The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.” (Matthew 13:13 NRSV)

Sometimes we do not need a different or new life to be happy...rather only willing to open ourselves to God to see the beauty and purpose that already exists in our lives!

May we be open to Almighty Gods guidance when things begin to look dark, gloomy...even depressing—for our Lords presence can bring light and hope into our lives... even when we least expect it! **Almighty God does offer to each of us...a new perspective on life—let us be open to it...and may it be so...in your life and in mine!**

God bless! Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill



**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. Call the church office, Janet or Joy to let us know if you would like to decorate a table and /or bake a cake



The Farmville United Methodist Women had a very successful year in 2013.

In March we had a Fashion Show Luncheon and we donated \$2020.00:

- Benevolent Ministries..... \$1010.00
- Backpack Pals..... \$1010.00

In November we had Holiday Helpers and we donated \$2000.00:

- Boys & Girls Club.....\$250.00
- Backpack Pals.....\$250.00
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund.... \$500.00
- Methodist Children's Home.....\$500.00
- Farmville Soup Kitchen.....\$500.00

Thank you ladies for all your hard work and this would not have been possible without you. Remember it takes everyone.

In Christian Love,
Darlene Gaynor



**HEART TO HEART – WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE – JANUARY 24-25**

“Heart to Heart” a Women’s

Conference at the First United Methodist Church in Washington, Friday, January. 24, 7-9pm and Saturday, January 25, 9am-noon.

Guest Speaker is Lisa Harper. Her vocational resume includes six years as the director of Focus on the Family’s national women’s ministry where she created the popular Renewing the Heart conferences, followed by 6 years as the women’s ministry director at a large church in Nashville. Lisa’ academic resume includes a Masters of Theological Studies with honors from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. She is the author of ten books, served as a key contributor of the Becoming Devotional Bible for Women and as a columnist for Today’s Christian Woman magazine. As a sought-after Bible teacher and speaker, Lisa is currently featured on the Women of Faith tour and speaks at many other large multi-denominational events.

Seating is limited, you need to register early (www.hearttoheartconference.org).If you would like to car pool, please let Jean Price know. (753-4774)



The United Methodist Men’s Supper Meeting will be Monday, Jan 13 at 7:00pm in the fellowship Hall. All men are invited to join us for good food, and great fellowship.



2014 is here!!! I am extremely excited about all that is in store for this brand new year. The Youth here at Farmville UMC will be busy that is for sure. With several spring events and trips coming up as well as a summer mission trip in the works, that is just a taste of all the things we will get up to this year. I would like to thank you all for your support you showed in 2013 for the youth! The opportunities and experiences would not have been possible without your dedication. I would also like to thank you for your support you have shown myself and my wife, Jennifer. We truly feel like part of the Farmville UMC family. May God bless you all in 2014!

Jonathan Lemmon

Youth's January Schedule.

January 5th:

Youth Meetings: Bring a Friend!!
Combined Youth Meetings
(Jr. & Sr. high): 6:00-7:30

January 12th:

Parent Meeting 4:30
Youth Meetings: Combined Youth Meetings
(Jr. & Sr. high): 6:00-7:30

January 15th:

Wednesday Night Supper

January 19th:

Youth Meetings:*****
Combined Youth Meetings
(Jr. & Sr. high): 6:00-7:30

January 26th:

Youth Meetings:
Jr. High 5:00-6:00
Combined Dinner 6:00-6:30
Sr. High 6:30-7:30



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.



Welcoming, Fellowship Friends Needed



~ "Loving God": Sunday January 16 to Sunday March 2, 6:30-7:45PM ~

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 with this

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.

In September we focused on "Knowing God" by deepening our understanding of God and the Scriptures. In this study, we will 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! The program focuses on 15 core traits of a committed Christian (5 traits in each study part), which paint a picture of what it's like to live as a passionate and dedicated follower of Jesus! **It is not necessary to have attended Part One in order to attend this study on "Loving God"!** Participant Guides, costing \$5/per study part, will be ordered. **Sign-up form is on the information desk by the Fellowship Hall.** Each Sunday evening session lasts about 75 minutes. For further information, please talk with Pastor Bill or Church office.



January 1: Carol Lynn Heath
January 3: Brian Cleveland, Anita Powell
January 5: David Stowe, Mike Wainwright

January 6: Teraza Foster
January 7: Louise Thomas, Hunter Walters
January 10: Wes Mazingo
January 12: Todd Edwards, Charles Walston
January 15: Dwayne Benfield, Kristi Benfield
January 20: Randy Erwin, Etna Lewis
January 23: Gray Baker
January 28: Elizabeth Hardy

Thank You! Notes

Dear Members of the United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for your ministry that's touching the lives of

all of us at Sugg/Bundy. Your members have given of themselves in so many ways. From making a comprehensive remedial reading kit to organizing and stocking our emergency clothes/supplies closet; to overseeing the Back Pack Pals to volunteering in our class rooms; your volunteers are literally changing lives! Last week the Reverend and Mrs. Price even stopped by with Christmas treats!

Please know that our students and staff appreciate all your many acts of kindness and support. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

Sincerely,
Rose Marie Sherman
School Counselor
Thanks to Irene Pollard for her initial contact!

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Dear Pastor Bill:  
On behalf of Boys & Girls Club of Farmville I would like to thank Farmville United Methodist Church for the generous gift of \$50. Your commitment to help boys and girls in our community is sincerely appreciated.  
For the Kids,  
Misty M. Marston  
President & CEO  
(See full letter posted on Library door)

## 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), **Michele Wells & family** (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), **Jo Ann Lang** (recovery), **Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family** (healing), **Lynnette Williams** (healing), family of **Else** (grief, step-mother of **Hiede Wilson**), **John Sherman** (recovery), **Jaxson McLawhorn** (healing), **Victims of Disasters**, **Carroll Oakes** (recovery), **Jesse Braxton** (recovery), **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), **Harold Bailey** (recovery), **Bert Warren, Jr.** (recovery)

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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**Return Service Requested**

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**Organist/Music Director: Drucilla Lamm**  
**Youth Director: Jonathan Lemmon - youth@farmvilleumc.com**  
**Praise Team Leader: Aubrey Digh – praise@farmvilleumc.cp,**