



# FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"A NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD"

January 2015

Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year



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

As we begin a new year at Farmville UMC...I wonder...how will this year be different from the last or previous years?

Will we (individually & congregationally) remain content to stay where we are...or become like the Magi/Wise Men and venture out following God's light...trusting, that God is guiding us—right where God wants and needs us to be!

You may not know, that some of Mother Teresa's letters were published in a book titled, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*. The amazing thing which astonishes so many, as they read her letters, is her honesty about her doubts and times of spiritual darkness that she struggled with over decades! In fact she once said, **"If I ever become a Saint, I will surely be one of 'darkness'...for I will continually be absent from Heaven...to light the light of those in darkness on earth."**

Well on September 10, 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling for her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her *"inspiration,"* her *"call within a call."* On that day, Jesus' thirst for love and souls took hold of her heart...and Jesus' heart for the poor became the driving force of her life. Jesus asked Mother Teresa to **"Come be My light"** and in doing so she became a light for the poor! In a recent meeting held in early December, our Board of Trustees asked our congregation how we could use our church building in mission and ministry, to reach out and help to meet the needs of our Farmville community. There were many excellent and heartfelt hopes presented for our Board to consider, as they plan the interior improvements of the Christian Education wing, fellowship hall and library/office space to accommodate future mission and ministry work of our church. Yet not all ministries and needs are dependent upon building improvements, but rather dependent upon you and me following God's light...trusting, that God is guiding us—right where God wants and needs for Farmville UMC to be!

The Gospel writer reminds us of Jesus words in Matthew 5:12, "You are the light of the world." Jesus does not ask those who believe in Him..."Do you **want to be** the light of the world?" By virtue of our acceptance and belief in Jesus, God's Son, we are called...like Mother Teresa...to be His light...and to follow the light of Jesus on our journey!

And so, what do you think? How will this year, be different from the last or previous years in your personal life and in the life of our church at FUMC?

Mother Teresa simply accepted Jesus's call to be the light...and was willing to follow what that meant, as she lived out her life!

For each of us, being the light...may mean something a little different! Yet, that is okay... because it will be God guiding us...to right where God wants and needs for us and our church to be—if we are willing to listen to God's promptings and then follow the light!

I believe in my heart...2015 will be significantly different from last year and previous years! All because each of us will be willing to follow God's light...and then be the light to all in need!

To God be the glory...Happy New Years! Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



## CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY – JAN 11 AT 6PM

Hey Church Family,

Our Church wide Birthday Party is January 11 at 6pm. I am looking forward to a fun night with a great entertainment from Scott Wilkinson, who puts on a wonderful show for all ages!!

If you are planning to attend, please contact Lindsay Annis at [252-916-3563](tel:252-916-3563) or at [purplecrushmom@yahoo.com](mailto:purplecrushmom@yahoo.com) to RSVP. There will also be a sign up sheet at the desk near the fellowship hall for you to sign up under your month. This will assist in making sure we have enough seating at each month's table.

If you are interested in helping, I am in need of people willing to decorate a table to correspond to a certain month, as well as people willing to bring a dessert. If you are able to help, please also contact me and I will get you signed up.

This is going to be a wonderful event where our church can come together, worship, and socialize with each other while celebrating a year FULL of wonderful people's birthdays. You won't want to miss it!



**Combined Youth Meeting on Sunday, January 4th @6:00pm** for Parents and all Youth. Please come and meet our new Youth Director, Angela Banks. Dinner will be provided.

### **Welcome to our New Youth Director, Angela Banks!**

We look forward to welcoming Angela Banks to her first youth meeting on January 4th at 6:00pm for a combined youth and parents meeting and dinner.

Angela comes highly recommended from the Beacon District United Methodist Church in Hertford, NC. Angela has a BA in Communications and a Minor in Religion from Catawba College and is currently working on her Teaching Licensure in Secondary Education at ECU. Angela has held many youth leadership positions within the Beacon District and NC Council. She has also worked at Camp Rockfish, a United Methodist Camp and assisted with fundraising at Catawba College.

Angela will have the same e-mail address, [youth@farmvilleumc.com](mailto:youth@farmvilleumc.com). I'm sure she'll hand out other contact information in her first meeting with the youth and parents. We look forward to working with Angela and seeing our youth bloom under her leadership! Welcome Angela!!

SPRC Committee

### **A MESSAGE FROM... Angela Banks ....**

Happy 2015! As I look back at the past year and the direction God has been leading me I can't help but laugh. I have spent many years working with, in, and for youth ministry. The past few years I have taken a step back from an active role to focus on my own spiritual, mental, and emotional growth. Realizing that God has lead me to Farmville UMC for the coming year fills me with joy and anticipation for what is ahead of us.

My hope is that the future of the youth ministry at Farmville is prepared to grow in spiritual maturity. This year will focus on growing closer to our Savior and his call to us to "Go and make disciples of all nations," (Matt 28:19) We must come together as a community of faith, regardless of our age to guide the youth into their faith. It is my hope that we can go hand in hand to pursue our goals for the coming years.

Youth ministry is hard but rewarding work, and doesn't happen through one person's efforts alone. I will need the help of student leaders, parent volunteers, and everyone in between. Together we can make a successful ministry for Farmville United Methodist Church.



### **CIRCLE IV NEWS.....**

God truly blessed Circle 4 members this Christmas! November 29<sup>th</sup> was Nellie Lang's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cindy Parks

planned our Christmas Parry/Birthday Party to honor Nellie at "The Sterling House" where Nellie lives now. When Cindy called to see if we could use a room, and told them our plans, they volunteered to fix a meal for us! Circle 4 members made desserts along with a beautiful birthday cake with "Happy Birthday Nellie"!

Joy Fields and Mary Monroe have graciously volunteered to be Co-Chair for Circle 4 this year. Thank you ladies! We look forward to a great year under their leadership! Please join us on January 7<sup>th</sup> for Wednesday night

fellowship meal, chicken pastry with all the trimmings and a variety of desserts.

Thank you to everyone who helped make "Holiday Helpers" a huge success! My personal thank you to Debra Evans for her help, girl you are a jewel!



## CIRCLE III NEWS.....

Circle III will meet at Diane Warren's home on January 19. We had a very successful peanut fundraiser. Thanks to all who supported us. All profits will go to local charities. We look forward to having a really great year



UMMen Supper meeting, January 12 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcomed, come join us for good food and great fellowship. Bring a friend!



Jan.11 parents meeting at 10 in chapel and activity that afternoon at 4. Next activity is 24 at 4pm.



## **CHURCH WIDE PLANNING MEETING January 11, 2015 at 2pm in the Chapel**

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend!** Committee and Group Leaders...Please forward to me an electronic copy of your area's goals for 2015 by Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll be projecting these in the Chapel during our meeting the 11th at 2pm. Thank you to those who have already sent yours in and to you all for your service! Bert Warren, Jr. Chairman, Administrative Council



## **Next "Away Day" Wednesday, February 4 at 10AM**

**Our next "Away Day"** (away from your normal activities) for seniors and older adults to meet and enjoy a time of fellowship, short devotional with prayer request, board games, cards, puzzles, crafts and a place just to talk or read will be **February 4, 10:00-12:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you can't come at 10:00, come when you can. Call the church office if you need a ride. Join us, bring a friend for fellowship, fun & light refreshments.** If you would like to help with this new ministry for our senior and older adults, please call the church office. We can always use an extra pair of hands.



Our Stewardship Campaign has officially ended, however you may still make a pledge. We fell short of our goal but let's continue to pray for our church. Also, remember to check the thermostats as you leave the church and adjust them accordingly. The Finance Committee



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY READY FOR DISTRIBUTION!!!**

After much hard work, we now have a directory that has the most current and ever changing information available!!!! Thank you to all who helped make it possible!!! The roster pages were given out before Christmas, so that it could be used for Christmas cards! We gave one to each family that attended services, please insert those pages into the back of your directory for quick reference! We have available ONE copy of the directory for each family as we were not able to print at the church due to the quality of the print! If you would like an additional copy simply log into the web-site and you are able to print from it!!

[www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) if you need assistance see Nan or call me! The password to print is: fumc. This information is only shared with our church, no release is allowed to "other" sources! We ask that if ANY info is incorrect, please notify ME as no changes can be made otherwise. If we do not have your picture (or wish a new photo be inserted) or email address, please let me know and that can be handled as well.

Your email address will be used by the church to update any information to this directory and for the prayer line, so please check your "junk" box and allow access!!! Thank you & enjoy!!! We will be adding photos of Sunday school classes, our youth, etc. in the future!!!



## *Welcoming, Fellowship Friends Needed*

FUMC Welcoming, Fellowship Friends Ministry's purpose is 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, Ann Rogers. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC experience God's love.



**Prayer Request For** ...Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Nellie Lang (health), Frank Powell (recovery), Billy & Gray Baker (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), John Sherman (recovery), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Jesse Braxton (recovery), Frank Hemmingway (healing), Christian witnesses around the world (safety & courage) Dylan Riggs (recovery), Savannah Pollard (healing), Jan Cannon (healing), Ronnie Wainwright (healing), Lynn Joyner, (recovery), Stanley Vick (recovery), Nathan (healing), Lisa Housley (recovery), Roxie Smith (recovery), Henry Fields (recovery), Joyce Smith (healing), Laura Whitehurst (recovery), Harry Lamm (healing), Dan Webb (healing), Martha Allen (strength), Etna Lewis (health), Karen T. Wende (healing), Jean Padgett (health), Jean Price (healing), Bill Monk (recovery), Vickie Herring (healing), Leona Kilpatrick (healing), Tammie Frizzell (healing).

Jan. 1: Carol Lynn Heath  
Jan. 3: Brian Cleveland, Anita Powell  
Jan. 5: David Stowe, Mike Wainwright  
Jan. 6: Teraza W. Foster  
Jan. 7: Louise Thomas, Hunter Walters  
Jan. 10: Garland Mozingo  
Jan. 12: Todd Edwards, Charles Walston  
Jan. 15: Dwayne Benfield, Kirsti Benfield  
Jan. 20: Randy Erwin, Etna Lewis  
Jan. 23: Gray Baker  
Jan. 28: Elizabeth Hardy

**Address.....**

Bill Monk, The Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886



**january** CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 4 - Communion**

8:30am Praise and Worship  
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Worship  
 6:00pm Youth Meeting for Parents  
 & all youth. Dinner will be provided

**Wednesday, January 7**

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 11**

8:30am Praise and Worship  
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Worship  
 2:00pm Church-Wide Planning Meeting  
 4:00pm Children's Activity  
 6:00pm Church-Wide Birthday Party

**Monday, January 12**

7:00pm UMMen's Dinner Meeting

**Tuesday, January 13**

6:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, January 14**

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 15**

6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, January 18**

8:30am Praise and Worship  
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Worship

**Monday, January 19**

Soup Kitchen  
 7:00pm Circle III  
 7:00pm Circle IV

**Tuesday, January 20**

7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, January 21**

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30am Praise and Worship  
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Worship

**Monday, January 26**

6:30pm Administrative Council

**Tuesday, January 27**

7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, January 28**

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner  
 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir  
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

*May God be with you through the New Year  
 and fill your life with  
 COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.*

*May this day and the day ahead hold  
 many BLESSINGS for your and yours.*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*from your Staff*



## January 2015

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### USHERS

Jan 4: Mike Tugwell  
Jan 11: C. J. Tynch  
Jan 18: Hunter Walters  
Jan 25: Hugh Williams  
Feb 1: Jay Annis

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 4: Eloise Carraway  
Jan 11: David & Staci Garner  
Jan 18: Emily M. Davidson  
Jan 25: Bob & Joan Ginn  
Feb 1: Paul & Erin Grimes

### ACOLYTES

Jan 4: Savannah Reel  
Jan 11: Molly Williams  
Jan 18: Lance Smithwick  
Jan 25: Bailey Walters  
Feb 1: Savannah Reel

### SANCTUARY GREETERS

Jan 4: Paul Grimes Family  
Jan 11: Harriett Baker & Wanda Hancock  
Jan 18: Bob Paul & Sue Hardy  
Jan 25: Tommy & Beth Hardy  
Feb 1: Walter & Nancy Jessup

### WELCOMING GREETERS

(Sunday School Entrance)

Jan 4: David Monroe Family  
Jan 11: Garland & Connie Mazingo  
Jan 18: Phil Reel Family  
Jan 25: Margo & Breece Sherman  
Feb 1: Newton & Lisa Smith

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan 11: Brad Durrett  
Jan 28: Melissa Walters  
Jan 25: Maggie Williams  
Feb 1: Tracie Durrett

### KID'S Korner

Jan 11: Mike Wainwright  
Jan 18: Jean Price  
Jan 25: Teresa Parent  
Feb 8: Mike Wainwright

### NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Jan 4: Mary & Emily Monroe  
Jan 11: Hunter & Melissa Walters  
Jan 18: Staci Garner & Bailey Walters  
Jan 25: Jay & Lindsay Annis  
Feb 1: Kirkie & Maggie Williams

### FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Jan. 7: Circle 1V  
Jan 14: Youth  
Jan 28: New Beginnings  
Feb 4: UMMen

### BACK PACK PALS SCHEDULE

(Pack bags on Wednesday of each week)

Jan. 7: Youth  
Jan 14: Monroe Family  
Jan 21: Kay Crossan  
Jan 28: Margaret Wells & Friends  
Feb 4: Youth

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Statistical Report December 2014  
will be in the February Newsletter

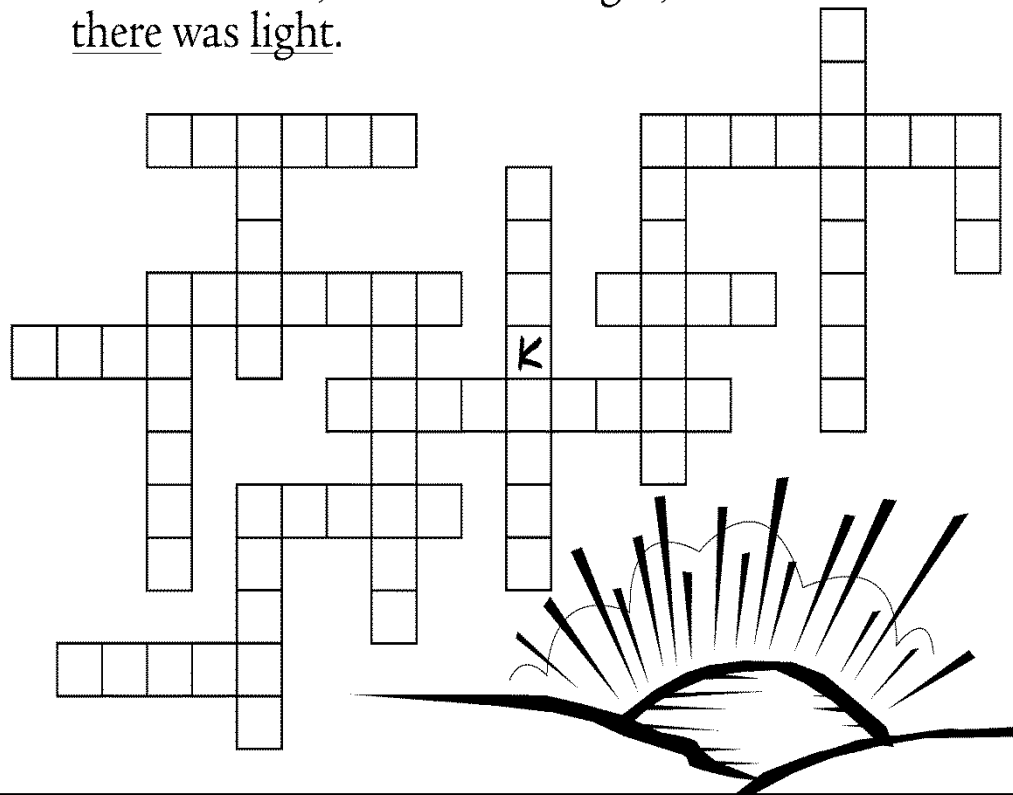


# The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

**Directions:** Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



## Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

**What you need:**

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Contact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Contact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Contact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Contact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.