



# 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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Continued Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year! May God's grace and peace be with you!

A simple reminder to each of us...all of us--Christmas Day may have indeed passed, but Christmas in the form of the Christ child...should always be present in our daily lives!

May that be true, as we begin the new year of 2016!

A little story from years ago, about a group of church members who visited a nursing home during the Christmas season to sing some hopefully familiar hymns and exchange some greetings of hope with the nursing home residents!

As some fifteen church members arrived at the nursing home on a Wednesday evening, the residents were already gathered and waiting! Most of them were frail and thin, and many others sat patiently in their wheelchairs. It was shared...that by the look on their faces, many seemed to be living in the past rather than in the present.

The church members quickly organized and began singing joyfully, with smiling faces that offered a glimpse of encouragement. For some the familiar tunes, the old words and the message of hope seemed to fill the room and most of their hearts! Yet, though they held their attention for the first couple of songs, many of the residents seem to begin drifting away...lost in their own little worlds. Periodically, a person here and there might seem to get refocused on the singers and their melodies...until one of the youngest church singers had her two-year son wiggle out of her arms, and he began to explore the room.

Suddenly, the residents were very attentive and alert! Each one leaned forward, calling to him, coaxing him to come their way...all the while tracking his every step. The church group paused momentarily in their singing, as they followed the actions of both the residents and the child!

Apparently, quickly tuckered out by all the attention, the child just leaned against a nearby sofa and laid his head on a pillow. As the mother broke ranks of the church group to go get her little boy...suddenly, one of the residents in her sweetest elderly voice began singing acapella "What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap was sleeping..."

The room went silent, as all watched the little boy...with the elderly lady filling the background with her beautiful singing.

It was a reminder to all, that Christmas in the form of the Christ child, is more than familiar words and old hymns. God became a Child who captured the world's hearts and brought hope, purpose and joy to our lives!

That Wednesday evening, some nursing home residents and even a church group watched a child bring hope, purpose and joy...to so many lives... and capture their hearts as well!

May we hold onto and cherish any glimpsed of Christmas throughout the year of 2016. For we never know, do we...when or where Christmas glimpses may find us!

To God be the glory...as we continue to grow in our Christmas faith! Peace....

Pastor Bill



The UMW will meet on Jan 18 at 7:00. Our guest speaker will be Judith Robertson. You will enjoy her Christian comedy routine.



**FUMC Men's Group "NEED A HAND?"**

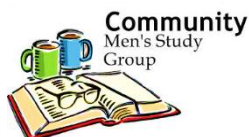
Do you need a hand doing simple repairs around your home? Putting batteries in smoke detectors, or your toilet leaks, an outlet is broken, or your window is cracked and needs to be replaced? If you need a hand, call me at 520-822-7547 or send me an email [rcheath54@gmail.com](mailto:rcheath54@gmail.com) and I will contact a skilled worker to assess and assist. The help is free, we only ask you pay for the parts. This is not for emergencies. We are looking for volunteers to help do the repairs; you don't have to be male. Anyone is welcome to help us help each other. Call or email me. There is a list of names and phone numbers on the bulletin board near the kitchen to call for help.

UMMen Supper meeting, January 11 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome, come join us for good food and great fellowship. Bring a friend!



I hope everyone had a very, Merry Christmas. Jr/Sr MYF had a great month. Besides our regular meetings, we decorated the fellowship hall Christmas tree, went caroling, and helped with the Christmas Eve service.

We have a busy month upcoming too! We will be doing a soup and sandwich fundraiser January 10th to help with our ski trip. We hope everyone will come out and support us. The following weekend will be our trip. We will head out on January 16th, and return on the 19th. We ask for your prayers for safe travel and skiing! Once again, we thank everyone for their continued support.



The Men's Study group continues their weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. All men are welcome to come and learn more about how this group of men is encouraging one another as they grow in their faith.



**CHURCH-WIDE PLANNING MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7 AT 3PM in the Chapel**

Our annual planning meeting for 2016 will be February 7th at 3pm in the Chapel. Committees will share their goals for the year. All are welcome to help implement God's plan for His ministries through our Church!



**SPiritual GIFTS  
WORKSHOP – JAN 22 & 23**

Begin the journey... Discover your gifts and learn how you can use them to serve God, your neighbor, and the world. Join us at Farmville United Methodist Church for a two-part spiritual workshop facilitated by Sammy Hudson of the Refuge on the evening of **Friday, January 22 from 6pm to 9pm** and **the morning of Saturday, January 23, from 9am to 12 noon. Please call the FUMC office (753-4803) by Sunday, January 17, if you plan to attend. This will help us prepare in ordering materials and food. This is a community-wide workshop at no cost so please spread the word!**

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee



**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP - FEB 12 & 13**

When you were standing at the altar reciting your marriage vows, did you have any idea that marriage would be so complex? It probably didn't take you long to understand that your spouse is not as much like you as you thought. But figuring them out is more than just an equation. Marriage is more than a science; it's an art. And like any art form, marriage requires an investment of time, focused study and the right tools. If you need to soften some of the edges in your relationship, or want to brighten the landscape of your marriage, *The Art of Marriage* is for you whether you've been married one year or 50 years. This marriage event allows you to experience God's design for marriage from expert teachers and humorous vignettes via video. You'll leave better educated about your marriage, your spouse and yourself. **So please join us for this exciting opportunity beginning at 6pm on Friday, February 12 and continuing through Saturday, February 13, 2016. The cost is \$40 per couple which includes two workbooks as well as refreshments on Friday and Saturday.** There will be a break for lunch.

This seminar is open to the community so spread the word! Please contact Dwayne Benfield at [dkbenfield88@hotmail.com](mailto:dkbenfield88@hotmail.com) or 252-531-2453 to register no later than January 29, 2016.

In Christ,  
Dwayne and Kristi Benfield



**HELP NEEDED FOR THE SOUP  
KITCHEN**

We need church members to sign up for our Soup Kitchen for all next year. **FUMC is responsible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.** The Soup Kitchen serves 25-40 people a month. Food may be cooked at FUMC and taken over. There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk. For more information, contact Jenny Lewis.



**Please Be In Prayer For...**

**Rufus Cochran** (health), **Tracey Smith** (health), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Nellie Lang** (health), **Billy & Gray Baker** (health), **Lynnette Williams** (health), **John Sherman** (healing), **Roxie Smith** (health), **Bill Monk** (healing), **Leona Kilpatrick** (health), **Mary Lib Moore** (healing), **Lamm Family**, **Vickie Herring** (health), **Mary Allen** (peace), **Al & Amy Hunt** (healing), **Konni Potts** (healing), **Helen Kelly** (healing), **Peggy Harrell** (healing), **Arnesto & Maria Chemin** (healing), **Jim Duyck** (healing), **Jean Padgett**, **Kern Sanford**, (Sally Davis' Dad) **Dan Webb** (father of Debra Evans), **Lola Hines** (healing, Polly Galloway's sister), **Sue Hardy** (recovery), **Arthur Stevenson & family** (.Rehab), **Melissa Davis** (healing), **Chuck Stokes** (healing), **family of Louise Thomas** (grief), **Edna Hobgood** (healing), **Tammie Frizzell** (peace), **family of Mike Terrell** (grief, death of his sister, Jeanie Terrell), **family of Frank Hemingway** (grief), **Newton Smith** (grief, death of his father Edward Newton Smith, Jr.)

**Christian sympathy...**

**...to Tommy and Willa Bullock on the death of her sister Etta Palmer who died December 26, 2015. She lived in Saratoga CA. Prayers for family peace.**

**"NO EVIDENCE OF DISEASE"**

Cancer surgeons become a rock bank, patients become fans. Music can change the journey. A film by Andrea Kalin, Thursday, February 25, 10:00am-12pm at the College of Nursing, Room 1100. For more information see flyer on the information desk.



**Jan. 1: Carol Lynn Heath**  
**Jan. 3: Brian Cleveland, Anita Powell**

**Jan. 5: David Stowe, Mike Wainwright**

**Jan. 6: Teraza W. Foster**

**Jan. 7: Hunter Walters**

**Jan. 10: Wes Mozingo**

**Jan. 12: Todd Edwards, Charles Walston**

**Jan. 15: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield**

**Jan. 20: Randy Erwin**

**Jan. 23: Gray Baker**

**Jan. 28: Elizabeth Hardy**



You Don't Have To Go Through It Alone

*DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside those who are or have journeyed*

*through one of life's most difficult experiences.*

**What is DivorceCare??** **DivorceCare** is a "gateway" between our community and the church in that it offers support and encouragement to those who are struggling with separation and divorce but perhaps never attend a church or are infrequent attenders.

**You're Invited to an Orientation Session, Sun. Jan. 10, 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please share with someone you know who might benefit being a part of this group!**



## January 2016 Service & Calendar

### USHERS -

Jan. 3: Bob McGaughey  
 Jan. 10: David Monroe  
 Jan. 17: Garland Mozingo  
 Jan. 24: David Stowe  
 Jan 31: Robert Heath  
 Feb. 7: Mike Terrell

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 3: Mike & Debbie Terrell  
 Jan 10: Mike & Paula Tugwell  
 Jan. 17: Emily M. Davidson  
 Jan. 24: Hunter & Melissa Walters  
 Jan. 31: No Flowers  
 Feb. 7: Buzzy & Margaret Wells

### ACOLYTES

Jan 3: Bailey Walters  
 Jan. 10: Ushers  
 Jan. 17: Molly Williams  
 Jan. 24: Ushers  
 Jan. 31: Ushers  
 Feb. 7: Bailey Walters

### SANCTUARY GREETERS

Jan. 3: Dewey & Delane Fuquay  
 Jan 10: Bob & Joan Ginn  
 Jan. 17: Wand Hancock & Harriett Baker  
 Jan. 24: Tommy & Beth Hardy  
 Jan. 31: Teresa Parent & Sara Peterson  
 Feb. 7: Walter & Nancy Jessup

### WELCOMING GREETERS

Jan. 3: Buzzy & Margaret Wells  
 Jan 10: Walter & Nancy Jessup  
 Jan. 17: Chuck & Pam Johnson  
 Jan. 24: Bob & Anne McGaughey  
 Jan. 31: Bert & Diane Warren  
 Feb. 7: David & Mary Monroe

### KID'S Korner

Jan. 3:-----  
 Jan. 10: Teresa Parent  
 Jan. 17: Mike Wainwright  
 Jan. 24: Ashley Matthews  
 Jan. 31: Ashlie Boberg  
 Feb. 14: Jean Price

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jan. 3: -----  
 Jan 10: Brad Durrett  
 Jan. 17: Melissa Walters  
 Jan. 24: Tracie Durrett  
 Jan. 31: Ashlie Boberg  
 Feb. 14: Maggie Williams

### NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Jan. 3: Mary Monroe & Emily  
 Jan. 10: Melissa Walters & Bailey  
 Jan. 17: Anita Powell & Maggie Williams  
 Jan. 24: Paula Tugwell & Catherine  
 Jan. 31: Tracie Durrett & Emily Monroe  
 Feb. 7: Kirkie Williams & Molly

### FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Jan. 6: New Beginnings  
 Jan. 13: UMMen  
 Jan. 20: Circle III  
 Jan. 27: Circle IV  
 Feb. 3: Youth

### BACK PACK PALS PACKING SCHEDULE

Jan 6: The Monroes  
 Jan. 13: Kay Crossan  
 Jan. 20: Youth (Sun. Jan 17)  
 Jan. 27: Jenny Lewis & Polly Galloway  
 Feb. 3: The Monroes

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Statistical Report for December 2015

Ave. Sunday School Attendance -----	26
Ave. Worship Attendance -----	106
Ave. Offerings -----	\$12,577.69
Need to Date -----	\$289,266.64
Raised to Date -----	\$266,449.47



# January Calendar

Saturday, January 1

Office Closed

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany Sunday - Communion

8:30am Praise and Worship

9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, January 5

6:30pm Farmville Cancer Care Gathering

7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, January 6

10:00am Away Day Group

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - New Beginnings

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, January 10

8:30am Praise and Worship

9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

12:05pm Soup & Sandwich

Youth Fundraiser

Monday, January 11

7:00pm UMMen's Supper Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, January 13

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - UMMEN

6:30pm Yoga Classes

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, January 17 -

Human Relations Day

8:30am Praise and Worship

9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

Saturday, January 16-Janury19

Youth Ski Trip

Monday, January 18

7:00pm UMWomen

Tuesday, January 19

6:30pm FCCM Nutrition Class

7:00pm Community Men Group

Wednesday, Jan 20

6:00pm Fellowship Meal - Circle III

6:45pm Board of Trustees

7:00am Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, January 22

6:00-9:00pm Spiritual Gifts Class

Saturday, January 23

9:00am-12:00 Spiritual Gifts Class

Sunday, January 24

8:30am Praise & Worship

9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Worship

6:30pm Administrative Council

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 FCCM Mind/Body Relaxation Class

Wednesday, January 27

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Circle IV

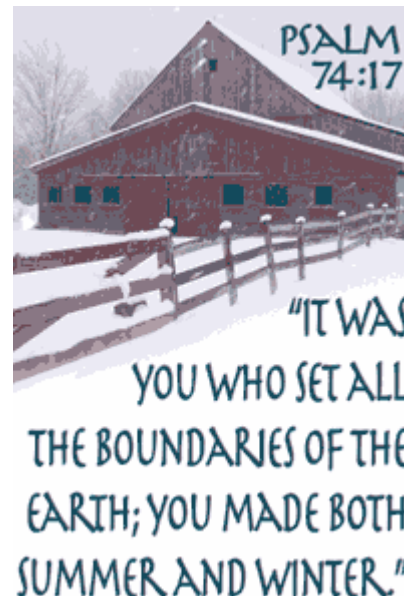
7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, January 31 - Combined Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Combined Worship

(More activities (time and dates) will be added when they become available)





### **FCA Community Event**

**When: January 23rd 2016 from Noon until**

**Where: Farmville Central HS Gym**

**The Farmville Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes you to join us for a community informational event on January 23rd. We will be eating Chili at 12:00, followed by a brief informational presentation by David Wall, the director of FCA of Eastern NC, and the local FCA leaders. Then we will have a dodgeball tournament for the youth, and the young at heart. Spectators are welcome to stay and watch the fun. Teams will be organized on site. We would really appreciate a donation of three canned food items, as admission (appreciated, but not required). These items will be donated to the Farmville Food Bank. We look forward to seeing you then and there. If you have any questions, please contact:**

**Blake Modlin 252-902-5870**

**Chris Tomlin 252-814-9940**