



# *CELEBRATING*

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



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

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

One year ago today (the last Tuesday in June), I was driving a truck loaded with furniture as Jean and I anxiously headed west on Hwy 264 to our new home in Farmville! Little did we know of the wonder, the blessings, the miracles God had in store to take place!

Isn't it exhilarating to think of the possibilities Almighty God has in store for us? That even in the midst of challenge, sometimes disappointment...God can turn these occasions into good for those who love Him! **And God has!**

Look at how our church continues to come together...how we are sharing in leadership to guide our church along God's path...how our overall attendance (even in the midst of traditional fluctuations) is growing in attendance...how God through our faithfulness has so richly blessed our financial situation...how we have begun new missions and continue to support existing ones...how God has sent us new persons, families and children... how we are beginning to lay a solid foundation for all who will make Farmville UMC their church home in the future...and the list goes on!

Yet, with all these blessings, isn't it exhilarating to think of the possibilities God has in store for us, for the rest of 2012...in 2013...for 2014 and beyond?

We are a part of Farmville UMC at an exciting time—carrying on traditions of our church, all the while exploring, stepping out, and thinking and wondering of the new opportunities and possibilities Almighty God will place before us...even challenge us as we continue to grow in our faith and commitment, and more in love with Him and all others!

It is easy (most of the time) to recognize those big, huge blessings God imparts to us! Yet we must strive to see even the small, little blessings that come our way each day as well... not wanting to take any for granted—as we together look forward to the wonder, the blessings, the miracles, God has in store to take place here at Farmville UMC!

It is my honor to be appointed to Farmville UMC as your pastor for another year, as we serve our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, together...growing, being a light to the world, as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

To God be the glory...for the great things He has done!!

Have a blessed summer....and know that I will be lifting you up in prayer, as I look forward to seeing you after I return on July 27<sup>th</sup>. God be with you till we meet again!

Pastor Bill





Dear Church Family,

Summer is here and the days are getting longer and hotter! It's that time of the year when most of us hit the road traveling and taking our family vacations. It's also that time of the year when we as Methodists tend to get a bit nervous! That's because this is the time of the year when Pastors may be reassigned to other churches. I'm thankful to tell you that we have nothing to be nervous about; Pastor Bill and Jean will be with us for another year here at FUMC!!

God knows what his plans are and what's best for us at FUMC. I must say that he's got us on the right path. He knew that sending us Pastor Bill and Jean was what we needed. What we have to do is to continue to listen to God and continue to do (and even more) what we've been doing that's getting us as a church family to be where we want to be.

So the next time you see or talk to Pastor Bill and Jean, please let them know how happy we are to have them back with us for another year!  
God Bless, Mike Tugwell, Chairman Administrative Council



**REMINDER—JULY, AUGUST  
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Reminder – Only during July, we will hold one worship service at 10:00am, and no Sunday School classes, except for those who wish to continue to meet.



**CHURCH SOFTBALL  
STARTING SOON**

Church softball is a co-ed league for players 13 and up. We need a minimum of 8 players and 3 must be women at any game to not forfeit. Players must attend or be members of the church they play for, which is defined as attending worship a minimum of twice/month. This way non-members can still play, and people outside the church can come to both play and pray with us. If you are interested in playing, please contact Hunter Walters. A copy of the schedule is included in this newsletter.



Pastor Bill will be away studying at Duke University during July. If you would like to send him a note of encouragement and support, his address is Duke Divinity School, c/o William Price, Summer course of Study, Box 90968, Durham, NC 27708. Come, hear the word of God shared and be blessed by our guest speakers!

- Praise and Worship, Sun, July 8 - Gloria Wall
- Traditional Worship July 15 - Rev. Caswell Shaw
- Praise and Worship July 22 - Nanette Canady,
- Combined Service, July 29 - Sheldon Letchworth.



**DAY CAMP FOR  
CHILDREN AT THE  
REFUGE**

**Day Camp for Kids**

The Refuge is offering an exciting, unique week of day camp for children who have completed first grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade the week of July 9-13. The African Children's Choir, a group of 16 young people from Uganda and Kenya will lead the camp, full of music, arts, dance and learning. Each day your child will participate in activities such as Rhythm games, Drumming/Song, Dance and History, culture and crafts, as they gain a greater appreciation for the African culture. At the end of the week, parents will be able to experience all your child has learned at a final concert. For more information go to [thesonsetrefuge.org](http://thesonsetrefuge.org). Our church has the opportunity to support this event in several ways -- prayer, consider sending your child, and adopt one day in support of the African children. This will consist of material support for their food cost, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Contact Irene Pollard for more information.



**From the Staff Parish  
Relations Committee**

The Youth, Parents, and Congregation would like to thank Sheldon Letchworth for the great

service he has given to our youth and the Lord in serving as our Youth Director. Sheldon stepped down at the end of June. Anyone who would like to make a LOVE Offering to Sheldon please give to Nan or Bert Warren, Jr.

The SPRC is in the process of hiring a Director of Youth Ministries. The Administrative Council voted unanimously to add Children's Ministries to the Youth Director position beginning in 2013.

Many thanks to Paul Grimes and all volunteers for their excellent work to provide and promote the Children's ministry program for 2012.



**ROLAND LANG SCHOLARSHIP**

The recipients of the Roland Lang Scholarship this year were Logan Sutton and Casey Johnson. Logan

and Casey will attend East Carolina University this fall. Congratulations to them upon receiving this reward.



Beth Moore Bible Study - **Jesus, the One and Only,**

Thursdays @ 9:30am at the First Christian Church, 2nd floor Sunday School Building. All are invited to attend.



**FROM  
the TRUSTEES**

Our parsonage is in need of some repairs that are structural in nature that do not need to wait any longer. As we all know the economy has put a strain on everyone's finances including the Trustees. If you are willing to donate to this important cause, please contact the church office or Mike Wainwright. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.



- July 6 – Lance Smithwich
- July 10 – Hassell Eason
- July 12 – Jean Price, Meghan Williams
- July 14 – Jonathan Carraway
- July 15 – Willa Rae Bullock
- July 19 – Scott Lang
- July 21 – Trey Johnson
- July 22 – John Jablonski, Crossan Lauderdale
- July 26 – Frank Powell
- July 28 – Landon Heath
- July 29 – Charles Eason, Mike Tugwell

**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP**



I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. A quick reminder that our monthly men's meeting will be on Monday July 9th, back to our usual second Monday. As always the invitation is open for the men of the church to come and meet for good food and good fellowship. In Christ, Hugh Williams



**THANK YOU NOTES**

Our family would like to thank our church family for all of the hard work and effort that went into planning Confirmation and Graduation Sundays. Both services and breakfasts were made so very special. We appreciate all of the love and effort put forth to create memorable days for our family. With love from,  
The Edwards family, Todd, Suzanne, Duke and Camille

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To My Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown me over the past 18 years of my life! The Wesley Study Bible given to me during Graduation Sunday will be the perfect way to continue growing in my faith during college  
Much love to you all, Casey Johnson

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Dear Mrs. Pollard and Church Family,  
On behalf of our foster parents and youth that attended the foster Parent Appreciation Dinner on May 10<sup>th</sup>, we would like to thank you so much for hosting the event and providing us such a wonderful meal!  
Several of our families have commented to us how nice the dinner was and how friendly your church family was with each of them.  
We truly appreciate your generosity and time you put into planning and preparing for the dinner.  
Thank you so much! Michelle Kennedy

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for honoring me during this special time in my life. The senior breakfast was very nice and Senior Sunday was a special service to me. I appreciate the Bible that was presented to me. Thank you for being a loving, generous church family.  
Love, Logan Sutton



**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR.....**

- Andrew Parks, and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health)
- Horace Allen (health) Tracey Smith (health) Cindy Parks (healing) Karen Campbell (healing) Spencer Hampton (healing) Denise Stillwell (healing) Edna Erwin (healing) Kailey Lynne Eaton (healing), Jean Cuthrell (healing) Yovvne Allen (healing) unspoken request.
- (If you wish to list your family and friends please call the church office.)**



**Statistical Report for June 2012**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Average Sunday School Attendance</b> | <b>-----26</b>            |
| <b>Average Worship Attendance</b>       | <b>----- 119</b>          |
| <b>Average Offering</b>                 | <b>-----\$2,813.63</b>    |
| <b>Need each Sunday</b>                 | <b>-----\$4,932.12</b>    |
| <b>Budgeted Need to date</b>            | <b>----- \$128,250.12</b> |
| <b>Actual Raised to date</b>            | <b>----- \$116,542.79</b> |

## OUR SERVICE ---



### USHERS

July 1: Walter Jessup  
July 8: Sheri Von Schrlitz  
July 15: Chuck Johnson  
July 22: Randy Erwin  
July 29: Bob McGaughey  
Aug. 5: David Monroe

PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH BY 10:40am. If you cannot serve, get someone to serve in your place. Let Horace Allen know about the change.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

July 1: Rachel Patterson  
July 8: Emily Davidson  
July 15: Dana Fitzgerald  
July 22: Laura Whitehurst  
July 29: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Powell  
Aug. 5: Margo Sherman

If you prefer to give a contribution to a mission of our church in lieu of flowers, please call the church office. If you have a special Sunday you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, call the church office to reserve that Sunday.

### GREETERS

July 1: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hardy  
July 8: Julie Kingrey, Teresa Parent  
and Sara Peterson  
July 15: Mr. & Mrs. Josh Boberg  
July 22: Mr. & Mrs. William Galloway  
July 29: Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Benfield  
Aug 5: Mr. & Mrs. David Monroe

### SOUP KITCHEN

July 16: Joy Fields and Polly Galloway  
August 20: Jean and Bill Price  
Sept 17: Debbie and Mike Terrell

### NURSERY (Infants to age 5)

July 1 -- Crib Nursery and Nursery  
Jean Tyson, Mary Monroe and Will  
July 8 -- Crib Nursery and Nursery  
Jean Tyson, Pam Johnson and Casey  
July 15 -- Crib Nursery and Nursery  
Jean Tyson, Melissa and Hunter Walters  
July 22 -- Crib Nursery and Nursery  
Jean Tyson, Kirkie Williams and Maggie  
July 29 -- Crib Nursery and Nursery  
Jean Tyson, Paula Tugwell and Catherine

Sunday, July 1 -

10:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, July 2

Pastor Gone to July 27

6:30pm Softball FUMC vs CFBW

Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

6:30pm Softball Baptist vs FUMC

Sunday, July 8 Praise and Worship

10:00am, Gloria Wall, Lay Servant

Monday, July 9

7:00pm UMMen Supper Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

6:30pm Softball

Presbyterian vs FUMC

Thursday, July 12

6:30pm Softball FUMC vs FFWB

Sunday, July 15 Traditional Worship

10:00am, Rev. Caswell Shaw

Tuesday, July 17

7:00pm Men's Study Group

Thursday, July 19

6:30pm Softball FUMC vs KCRFWB

Sunday, July 22 - Praise and Worship

10:00am, Nanette Canady, Lay Servant

Tuesday, July 24

7:00pm Men's Study Group

Thursday, July 26

6:30pm Softball FUMC vs FCC

Sunday, July 29 Pastor Returns

10:00am Combined Worship

Sheldon Letchworth, speaking

Tuesday, July 31

7:00pm Men's Study Group

7:30pm Softball FUMC vs SOLW

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Return Service Requested

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