



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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Going Forth Into the World, To Reach Out to Others



July 2013

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FROM OUR PASTOR.....

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

As I sit here at home, with it raining again tonight...my mind drifts to Genesis 7--"And the rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights." While it certainly has not rained 40 days and nights (YET)...we have gotten a lot of rain...with more forecasted yet to come this week and beyond. I guess we will just have to "**wait**" and see what comes!

Hmmmm, Waiting! I guess the idea of waiting comes as no surprise to any of us – as we wait for many things in our life! Yet, in the midst of these "things"...what is it, you are really waiting for? Sunshine and no rain for a while...better health...vacation...a job...arrival of a baby...to buy a new vehicle or home...how about retirement? This year—2013--is now half over! It is July and many have been waiting for summer to get here and school to be over. Time has just flown by!

You know, thousands of years ago, many devout people were waiting for God to send into the world the Messiah – the Christ. And they waited and waited and waited...it seemed like forever- as if God had abandoned them...which of course, God hadn't! For us in today's age, as Christians we too are waiting for the Messiah – Jesus Christ...but this time--for His return!

For many---waiting is like patience...it is not a virtue! It can be challenging and very frustrating! It can shift our focus from the present...to something in the distant. Shift our attention and recognition of blessings we are currently receiving...to a time we believe to be of greener pastures. Waiting can even be a time--of drudgery...anticipation of something we dread!

For most of us though...waiting is not much fun! But maybe it's because we desire and want – both the present & the future at the same time---we want it all...now!

So, in the midst of all these things...what is it that you are really waiting for in your life? Is it of the temporal nature...or spiritual? Both may have, from a human perspective, silver linings of pleasure and satisfaction. Yet as we 'maybe get' what we've been waiting for and then it's gone and over with quickly...waiting for something—or more specifically some one more eternal...Jesus Christ...is certainly worth waiting for!

For the promise is revealed in Isaiah 40:31: "Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." (New American Standard Bible)

As summer is here...yet will also pass quickly, may you have blessed and safe summer, as you wait for the Lord Jesus and His return! As you wait for—whatever it is that you really are waiting for!

May God's grace and peace be with you...as you gain new strength and not get tired or weary!

Take care....peace...and be safe!

Pastor Bil



PASTOR BILL - REAPPOINTED TO FUMC!

We are most pleased to announce that Pastor Bill has been reappointed to serve (along with his wife Jean) another year at Farmville United Methodist Church!

Please take an opportunity to express your gratitude for sharing their excellent spiritual leadership and their love for the Lord and our Congregation!



Summer Worship Schedule

REMINDER—SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Reminder – July, August and Sept. 1 we will continue to have Sunday School at 9:00am and Worship at 10:00am. We will begin our regular services, Praise and Worship at 8:30am and Traditional Worship at 11:00am on September 8.



FROM OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.....

Children's Sunday School

Teachers are needed for July 21 and August 4. There is a signup sheet on the desk in the hall through the end of the year. **Children's Ministry Meeting Sunday, July 7th at 9am in the Chapel**



NEWS FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE.....

The good news is all bills are paid, including apportionments. Thank you for your support. HOWEVER, expenditures have exceeded income by \$10,000. During the months of April and May contribution have been much lower than the first three months of the year. As summer is upon us, please remember to support your church with your tithes and offerings. To make it convenient the church has been offering direct bank draft. It has certainly been easy for my family. Call the church office for assistance if needed.

Randy Pollard, Chairman



ROLAND LANG SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of the Roland Lang Scholarship this year is Sarah

Faircloth. Sarah will attend East Carolina University this fall. Congratulations to her upon receiving this scholarship.



Happy July to you all! June was a great month for the Youth. The trip to Lake Junaluska went amazingly! I just want to say a big "Thank You" again for all your prayers and support for the trip to Lake J. It was a great success! The Youth worked on a service project, raised nearly \$500.00 for YSF (Youth Service Fund), and most importantly had a God filled weekend. I was honored to witness some amazing spiritual growth in all of them. A big "thank you" also goes out to Bert & July Warren, as well as Janet Clontz for chaperoning the trip. As I look ahead at the rest of the summer, I pray that the growth that was experienced at Lake J continues with the Youth as well as spread to others. God bless!

Jonathan Lemmon

July Meeting Schedule

July 14th: 6:00-8:00 Combined Youth Meeting
July 28th: 6:00-8:00 Combined Youth Meeting



Fellowship Meals

Following discussion at the Administrative Council, it was decided fellowship meals in the fall will **begin on the Wednesday night following Labor Day (September 4)**. The present plan is to end them the week of Easter. We can revisit this at any time during the year. If there is any group that prepared meals last year and DO NOT plan to do so this coming year, please let me know as soon as possible. Perhaps there are some persons who have not helped in this process in the past that would like to help. Contact me to talk about how this can occur. Thank you in advance for your dedication to providing great meals for our fellowship times. Irene Pollard

African Children's Choir will be singing at The Refuge on Friday, July 5th at 6:30



Thank you for your generous contributions to help the victims in Oklahoma. So far we have collected \$555.00. If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your check or envelope "Oklahoma Victims" and drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Other Giving opportunities are "Stop Hunger Now," and the Sound District "Grow a House."

UMMEN'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 8th at 7:00pm. 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



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-member 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. (See insert for schedule).



Church History

FROM OUR CHURCH HISTORIANS.....

In attempting to keep our Church History current we would like to include pictures from all the events the church has during the year. As we may not be at all the events, we would appreciate everyone sharing their great pictures with us from activities you may have been in charge of or attended. If you put up a bulletin board using photos, programs, etc. please remember to share with us for the church scrapbooks. We will be glad to have the photos scanned and originals returned to you if you do not have extra copies. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Eloise Carraway and Nancy Harris
FUMC Historians



Dear Church Family,

Words seem to inadequate to express our deep gratitude to our entire church family. Life events over the past year have certainly led us to such happy times but also such scary and anxious times too. Through it all we have felt the immeasurable love and support of the FUMC. Every card and letter sent to Andrew in Afghanistan or Jacob in Italy was a treasured keepsake that was too dear to discard---so they brought them all back home to Farmville. All the gifts to Andrew were so deeply appreciated from the good food (cheese straws, peanuts, snacks, Girl Scout Cookies) to the Merry Christmas Banner, Nativity Set, and winter socks (to name just a few). Both Andrew and Jacob did encounter a bit of teasing for receiving the most during mail call. What a great problem to have! Andrew's prayerful send-off and jubilant welcome home were further assurances of God's peace, joy and protection! Please continue to join our family in praying for God's peace and love in this world!
Cindy, Andrew and Jacob Parks

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Thank you for your gift of \$219.00 to the United Methodist retirement Homes Foundation "2013 Mother's Day Offering."  
With warmest regards Cheryl P. Miller  
Development and donor Management Coordinator

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Dear Rev. Price
Thank you for your gift of \$532.09 to Methodist Home for children
Because of loyal support from friends like you, vulnerable children in our care will receive the love and stability that they need to grow and live fully into their God-given potential.
I thank you for this gift on behalf of the Board of Directors and the young people who are blessed by your generous spirit. Many blessings to the good people of Farmville UMC. Thank you for your kind offering!
Polly J. Willis, Vice President of Advancement
Methodist Home for Children

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the beautiful Bible presented to me during the Senior Recognition Ceremony. That was a wonderful service and to be recognized by my church family was very special to me. The Bible will be with me as I move to the dorms. I understand college will be a new experience and I am glad I will have God to help guide me through it. The Bible will be by my bed so I can read a passage from it between writing papers and studying. I am not far from home, will attend services as often as I can. You will all remain in my prayers and thank you again for all your support and guidance over the years.  
Love always,  
Sarah F.



**Teachers** - - Children's Sunday School Class – contact Melissa Walters  
**Assist in creating a new FUMC Website** - contact Margaret Wells  
**UM Mission Coordinator** - - contact Pastor Bill  
**Evangelism Coordinator** - - contact Pastor Bill  
**Welcoming Visitor Friends** - - contact church office  
**Nursery Volunteer** - - contact church office

Christian sympathy to the family of Gill Evans.



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, Bob McGaughey

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR...** Rufus & Evangeline

Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Frank Hemingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Alec (Jonathan's nephew), Scuttie, Coley and Graceleigh Harper Hood (daughter, Graceleigh), Lynnette Williams (healing), Terrance Rogers (healing), Else (recovery, Heide Wilson's stepmother), Cindy Parks (recovery), John Sherman (recovery), Kevin Mielke (healing, father of Jennifer Lemmon), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Tornados, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Frank Powell (recovery), Arthur Stevenson (healing), Kimberly & David Davis (grief), unspoken requests.

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**Return Service Requested**

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