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

Whoa....Easter is right before us in just four (4) weeks--**Sunday, March 31st!**

The only time Easter will occur earlier than this year, over about the next 10 years, will be in 2016...when Easter Sunday falls on Sunday, March 27th. But that is a discussion for another time...so let's talk about this Easter and preparing for **Sunday, March 31st!**

Times leading up to **Easter Sunday** can fill up quickly, so please mark your calendar **NOW** for the following dates & times...and plan on participating in the opportunities God has for you!

Palm Sunday.....Sunday March 24.....8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship...Farmville UMC
Easter Egg Hunt for all children 5th grade and younger at 3:00pm

Community Lenten Services – 12:05 pm (service followed by lunch)
Monday March 25.....Farmville Presbyterian Church.....Speaker: Rick Bailey
Tuesday March 26.....First Christian Church.....Speaker: Al Mackenzie
Wednesday March 27....First Baptist Church.....Speaker: Bill Price

Holy Thursday (Communion & Footwashing)...Thursday March 28...6:30 pm...Farmville UMC

Good Friday (Service & Drama)....Friday March 29.....6:30 pm...Farmville UMC

Easter Community Sunrise Service....Sunday March 31...6:30 am (tent)...Farmville UMC
****(followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall)***

Easter Sunday Worship Service.....Sunday March 31...11:00 AM.....Farmville UMC

For us as the Church, Easter is a tremendous opportunity to be that light and witness of Jesus Christ to sow some seeds...to water seeds previously planted...and to maybe see some fruits of our labors...in helping to draw others to God, thru an invitation to join us in Easter worship!

Easter is one of those special opportune times of the year, when God draws to worship services---those who otherwise may not desire to step foot in a church building...those who come, not knowing that God is the One who has brought them here...and those who may not fully realize the **"I AM"** they are worshipping and why!

Yes--Easter Sunday is a very special opportunity for you and I to be a vessel for the Lord... **OR**...to be a stumbling block to others! Let each of us plan on being a vessel for the Lord!

Specific details about our congregation effectively reaching out to others will be forthcoming over the next several Sundays...so plan on worshipping with us...or if you are unable to attend, stay tuned to our 11:00 am Radio Ministry each Sunday on 1250AM WGHB for the specifics!

Please begin today...praying for God to bless this Easter Sunday opportunity at Farmville UMC and in all churches who will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

May God's grace and peace be with you this Lenten Season...and have a Blessed Easter!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill

Schedule of Worship for Holy Week



The Lenten Services during Holy Week will be held at 12:05pm. Lunch follows at 12:30.

- Monday, March 25** – Farmville Presbyterian Church, Rev. Rick Bailey, pastor of the First Baptist Church speaking.
- Tuesday, March 26** – First Christian Church, Rev. Al Mackenzie, pastor of the Emanuel Episcopal Church speaking.
- Wednesday, March 27** – First Baptist Church, Rev. Bill Price, pastor of the Farmville United Methodist Church speaking.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE ~~ March 28 at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~~ March 29 at 6:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY ~~ MARCH 31

SUNRISE SERVICE HERE AT FUMC AT 6:30AM,

Rev. John Dunstan, pastor of the First Christian Church speaking.
(Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall)

EASTER WORSHIP ~~ **COMBINED SERVICE AT 11:00AM**



Remember to set you clock ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins, Sunday, March 10.



**Easter
EGG
Hunt**

**EASTER EGG HUNT -- Sunday,
March 24 at 3pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt/Craft Sunday for
all children 5th grade and younger,**

March 24 at 3:00pm. It will be a great time for fun and fellowship. Don't forget your **Easter Basket** to fill with all the eggs you will find.

The youth will fill the eggs and hide them while the children work on their crafts. We are asking parents to help by **donating candy or small toys, stickers, etc.** to stuff in the eggs and/or volunteer to **make cupcakes or cookies for snacks at the hunt.** Please contact Melissa Walters if you have any questions and for more information.



PRAYER TIME

Please consider joining us as we share and pray for our families, our church family, our nation and our world. Prayer is a special part of our relationship with the Lord. Join us in the Prayer Room on Sunday, March 17th at 5:00pm. If you have special prayer requests that you would like to share, please contact the church office, Mrs. Minnie Lee Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844.



SPECIAL OFFERING MARCH 10

So much of what UMCOR does is about revealing God's steadfast love for humankind. For more than 70 years, UMCOR has brought hope and solidarity to communities both at home and abroad in the wake of disaster, and support and expertise

to those on a path to development. UMCOR's relief-supply ministry is part of those efforts, gathering the goodwill of selfless volunteers to assemble much-needed relief kits and cleaning buckets to ship to those seeking to become self-sufficient or to rebuild lives and communities following an emergency. Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast love throughout the world. Please give generously.



**PLEASE BRING FRESH SPRING
FLOWERS FOR OUR CROSS IN THE
SANCTUARY ON EASTER SUNDAY.**

The children will place their flowers on the cross during the Sunday School hour.



IS FOOD PANTRY MARCH

MONTH --The Farmville Benevolent Ministries distributes food to the needy each Tuesday.

As part of the FBM, our month to supply the canned food is March. **Each bag of food has 6 cans, 1 each of meat**, (spaghetti O's, ravioli, peanut butter, vienna sausage), **soup** (no cream soups and broth), **fruit** (peaches, pears), **corn, baked beans or macaroni and cheese, & peas or green beans**. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 31, when we will bless the food.



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTES

As promised last month more information on the March 23 clean-up date. One of the major jobs we would like to get done is the windows cleaned both inside and out. The men are making plans to take on most of this work. But there are lots of things for the ladies to do. The list below is just some of the items I have noted that are in need of attention. If you know of others, please let Irene know so that it may go on the list. We would love for individuals or small groups to volunteer ahead of time to take on some of these.

- Dust returns (vents)
- Clean light switches
- Clean table/chairs in fellowship hall
- Attend to some issues in bathrooms
- Clean under counters and shelving in kitchen
- Polish brass altar items in Chapel
- Dust baseboards particularly in chapel and sanctuary
- Change light bulbs in areas throughout (except sanctuary)
- Polish silverware
- Cleans/straighten china cabinet (top and bottom)
- Clean gutters, which means going on roof.



FarmvilleUMC has available an electronic option for making regular offerings.

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.



It's March already and time is flying by fast. Be sure to mark your calendars.

On March 16th the UMW are sponsoring a Fashion Show and Luncheon.

- **Name:** "2nd Blessing's Fashion Show and Luncheon
- **Time:** 12:00 Noon
- **Date:** Saturday, March 16th
- **Place:** FUMC Fellowship Hall
- **Cost:** \$12.00
- **Proceeds:** Benefit "Back Pack Pals" and Benevolent Ministries
- **Meal:** Salad, Chicken Casserole, green vegetable, spiced apples, roll and dessert

We only have 100 tickets to sell. Circle leaders, members and Nan have tickets for sale. For sale is high-end gently used clothing- some items will be modeled and others will be hanging in the hallway. Dressing rooms will be available. Please invite your friends and we will have a good time.

Meals on Wheels is the week of March 25-29 with Circle III in charge of scheduling.

Lenten Services 12:05 pm each day

Monday, March 25th:

Farmville Presbyterian Church (Rick Bailey)

Tuesday, March 26th

First Christian Church (Al Mackenzie)

Wednesday, March 27th

First Baptist Church (Bill Price)

Easter Sunrise Service March 31st at 6:30 am

Farmville UMC, John Dunstan

Circle IV is responsible for flowers on March 24th (Palm Sunday)

Circle III has flowers for March 31st (Easter Sunday).

Thank you ladies for all you do for the church and remember it takes everyone.

In Christian Love, Darlene Gaynor



CHURCH-WIDE PLANNING MEETING – THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 10 at 2:30pm our church will begin laying a foundation for a FUMC vision, intercessory prayer, music, committee and meeting goals, in addition to establishing 2013 calendar of events, etc. will take place. You are important to FUMC.....please plan to attend! Any questions, please contact Hunter Walters, Beverly Wainwright, Co-Lay Leaders or Pastor Bill.

**Men's Study Group
Tues, 7pm in Parlor**



February was another great month for the Youth. We held our first lock-in of the year, and it was a great success! We had 25 kids attend, and almost everyone managed to stay up till at least 4:00 AM, that is!! A special "thank you" to all the people who sent food, dropped by, and took time out of their sleep schedule to help make the lock-in possible! Looking ahead to March, we will continue diving deeper into our weekly bible studies and building upon our discussions. I am also happy to announce that the youth will most likely be attending a Surge Youth Event Weekend at Lake Junaluska this Summer! Sign ups will start this week for the youth and once I have a better understanding of how many youth will be attending I will be reaching out for chaperone volunteers. I know myself and the Youth are looking forward to a fun filled spiritual weekend! I continue to thank you all for your support of this great ministry. God Bless!!!
Jonathan Lemmon

MARCH UMYF Meeting Schedule

Sunday, March 3rd.

4:30-5:30 Parent & Youth Director Meeting
6:30 Combined Dinner (JR & Senior High)
6:30-7:30 Combined Meeting (JR & Senior High)

Sunday, March 10th:

**No Meeting (I will be out of Town)

Sunday, March 17th:

5:00 JR High Meets
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Senior High Meets

Sunday, March 24th:

5:00 JR High Meets
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Senior High Meets

Sunday, March 31st:

**No Meeting due to Easter Holiday

On March 27th the Youth will be hosting Wednesday night supper and will be serving Soup & Sandwiches! Rather than the usual \$5.00 per person fee, we are asking for open donations to go toward our summer trip to Lake Junaluska! We head to Lake "J" on June 20th and will return on the 23rd. Thank you all so much in advance for your support and we hope to see you at our fundraiser on the 27th!!! God Bless!!!



UMMEN'S Supper meeting Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm. All men are welcome. Come join the fellowship and great cooking.

March 1: Jo Ann Lang
March 2: Rufus Cochran
March 5: Vickie Herring, Dan Lauderdale

March 12: Pat Sumrell
March 17: Hilda Medlin
March 18: Sandra Parker, Laura Powell
March 25: Jessica Heath, Julie Warren
March 27: J. C. Brock
March 28: Margo Sherman
March 30: Suzanne Edwards



WELCOMING MINISTRY – FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

FUMC has recently revived a committee whose sole purpose will be to make visitors and prospective new members feel welcome and at ease when worshipping with our congregation. Our goal is to have visitors 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 visitors after they visit us. We hope to match visitors with FUMC member of similar interest, ages, same age children, and other common links. The FUMC members would figuratively "adopt" the visitor, 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenzas in the hallways. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC experience God's love.**



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR.....

Andrew, Jacob Parks and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Edna Erwin (healing), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvaez, Jr. (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Maxine Weaver (healing), Paul Grimes (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Denise Stillwell (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Frank Hemmingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Shawn Stoddard (heart), Dorothy Wilson (healing) Edgar Cardana (healing) family Sandra Pierson (grief, sister of Debbie Terrell), Rebecca Thomas and Mission Team (safety), Alec and Mission Team (Jonathan's nephew), family of Gwen Tyson (grief), Scuttie & Coley Hood (daughter, Graceleigh Harper Hood, newborn with major complications) unspoken request.