



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

"A NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD"
March 2015



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Winter-Spring—Winter-Spring Greetings...and may God's grace and peace be with you!

God and nature continue to give us glimpses of the days ahead! Though we look outside our window and see ice and snow...days like the first week of March, with rising warmer temperatures, remind us of what is yet to come...what will be! And even though we cannot see it right now, we trust that the weather will change into spring and summer weather like conditions.

For us, as Christians/United Methodists, the season of Lent is like that as well. We believe... we talk to and listen to God...we realize our shortcomings & failures and seek God's forgiveness...we remember what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus...and though we have not quite reached our destination, we trust we will experience the joy of Easter on Sunday, April 5th!

We have several pilots among us at FUMC, and they would be the first to tell you...at the beginning of flight training, the student flies with an instructor by their side, over familiar terrain, and usually in very good weather. The student's decisions are based upon sight... looking out of the window to see what lies ahead. However, by the end of training, when they receive their "Instrument Rating", they have learned to fly...over unfamiliar area...in total darkness...depending on their instruments—compass, altimeter, air speed, radar—in other words, they have learned to fly by trusting in their instruments!

So what is the spiritual equivalent of an instrument rating for us as Christians...even those of us who do not pilot an airplane?

It is...reaching a point in our journey of faith, where we trust in the Lord with all our heart... and do not rely on our own understanding! In other words, trusting in the Lord for what lies ahead, and not just what we see outside our window!

Though we have begun our Lenten season, with snow and ice outside our window...we trust that our journey of faith will bring us to Easter Sunday, and the true joy of celebrating the resurrection of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are reminded in 2 Corinthians 5:7; we are to live by faith...not by sight! In other words, not focusing on what we see out of the window...but keeping our eyes upon our instrument---the Lord!

May it be so for you this Lenten season...and may it be so for each of us—every day! To God be the glory!

Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill

PS: Hmmm, I wonder...what is your instrument rating with our Lord?



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

Monday, March 30 – Farmville United Methodist Church, Rev. Jarrett Banks, pastor of the First Christian Church speaking

Tuesday, March 21 – First Christian Church, Rev. Kevin Jackson, pastor of the Marlboro OFWB Church speaking.

Wednesday, April 1 – Farmville Presbyterian Church, Rev. Bill Price pastor of the Farmville United Methodist Church speaking.

Farmville UMC -- HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE -- April 2 at 6:30pm
Farmville UMC -- GOOD FRIDAY (UMMEN's Drama) -- April 3 at 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY -- April 5 -- SUNRISE SERVICE at the First Baptist Church at 6:30am
Rev. Rocky Stone, pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church speaking.(Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall)

Farmville UMC – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES at 8:30am and 11:00am

LENTEN OFFERING FOR ADVANCE MISSIONS SPECIALS

Just a reminder of our Lenten offering for Advance Mission Specials. Funds raised through the Lenten offering go directly to missions that are not in our operating budget. If you do not have a Lenten Coin folder/offering box, there are some on the credenza in the hallway and in the Chapel. Please bring your Lenten offering to church on or before Palm Sunday



Food Pantry Needs

MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY 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. Please place items in the grocery cart by the information desk. Thank you.



Outreach Ministry: "Quarters for Our Community"

The Outreach Ministry has been looking for opportunities to reach out and help others in our community. One idea has presented itself. The poor and working poor in our community do not have washing and drying machines at their homes or places they rent. Consequently, it becomes a real burden just getting clothes washed and dried. What many of us simply take for granted, others truly struggle to get done. Can you imagine the hassle and the disruption to your day if you had to drive—or walk—to a laundromat? To say nothing of the lost time standing around attending your clothing? Then there's the money needed to run the machines, money you may have used for food or gas? Here's our idea. Do you know what people do as they sit around waiting for their clothing to wash and dry? They talk. As neighbors. Laundromats are local places where relationships can be formed. Our goal starting this coming Sunday is to collect spare change (specifically QUARTERS) that would then be used by our team on a Saturday morning to hand out to those who come into the local laundromat. It would give us an opportunity to witness to them as well as to alleviate the financial cost. Many in our community who honestly need our help but will never ask. This is a perfect ministry opportunity for our church members wanting to serve, witness, and simply to get to know our neighbors. Starting this Sunday, a collection box will be placed near the Sanctuary for receiving your spare change (QUARTERS) to be used to help our friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact David Monroe at 252-327-3561.



Finance Committee Seeks Your Thoughts!

In striving to be good financial stewards for our Lord, the question has been discussed in our Finance Committee meetings about the overall effectiveness our Sunday Morning 11:00am radio ministry, in light of the annual cost of \$6500 per year. The Committee is looking at ways to be more economical and address the new technology opportunities available. The Finance Committee is seeking your thoughts regarding our radio ministry, especially whether or not you listen to the 11:00am service...how often...does the radio ministry help you in your relationship with God...and would you listen to the service live on your computer if it was available instead of on the radio? This is very important...and we need to hear from you if you listen on the radio to our worship service---whether you are a member of FUMC or not! Please email the church at church@farmvilleumc.com or call the church office at 252-753-4803 to let us know by Friday March 27.



**Next "Away Day"
Seniors and Older Adults
Fellowship Gathering
Wed, April 1 at 10AM**

"Away Day" (away from your normal activities) is for seniors and older adults to meet and enjoy a time of fellowship. **Join us from 10:00-12:00am in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship, fun & light refreshments. If you can't come at 10:00, come when you can.** We are looking forward to continue this new ministry for our senior and older adults. If you would like to help with this ministry for our senior and older adults, please call the church office. We can always use an extra pair of hands.



Circle III will meet on March 16 at Jean Allen's home. Darlene Gaynor and helpers will give a birthday party at Heritage Healthcare on

Saturday, March 21. Circle III will cook and serve the Wednesday night fellowship meal on March 25. The menu will be baked spaghetti, roll, salad, and tea.

Circle IV will meet on March 16 at 7:00pm at the Church



The UMMen's Supper Meeting, Monday, March 9 at 7:00pm. All men are invited, come join us for good food and great fellowship.



**CHILDREN'S
Activities**

An **Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for March 29**, so be on the lookout for more information! We would appreciate candy donations to place inside the eggs, so please consider dropping off individually wrapped candy to the church office by March 18.



We are in need of two Sunday School teachers for our Youth (teens). If you are interested in serving our Lord through teaching our young people, please contact Margo Sherman (sherman.margo@yahoo.com)

MESSAGE FROM THE SPRC..

It is with regret that we share with our FUMC family that Player Eason has resigned as Children's Ministries Director. Please join us in thanking Player for her work with our children the past year, and wishing her well in her career working with special needs children. As the SPRC meets to plan for this important role, we ask for your prayers and God's guidance

Children's Ministries Director - The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is currently seeking applicants for a part-time Children's Ministries Director. Salary is \$2,500 per year and a minimum of 2 children's activities will be expected per month during the school year (August-May_ and 1 activity each month during the summer (June & July). A copy of the job description can be obtained from the church office or any SPRC member. If interested, please e-mail a resume or description of your qualifications to church@farmvilleumc.com, or you may drop your information off in the church office. This position is open until filled, but consideration will be given to applications received by March 31, 2015



Youth Calendar of Event

Mar. 1st

Pam & Chuck Preparing Dinner at 6:00pm

Jr. High Meeting @ 5:00pm - 6:45pm

Sr. High Meeting @ 6:45pm - 7:30PM

Mar. 8th

United Methodist Men - providing dinner at 6:00PM

Jr. High Meeting @ 5:00pm - 6:45pm

Sr. High Meeting @ 6:45pm - 7:30PM

Mar. 15th -

Need a Volunteer to provide Dinner at 6:00PM

Jr. High Meeting @ 5:00pm - 6:45pm

Sr. High Meeting @ 6:45pm - 7:30PM

Saturday Mar. 21st -

Sound District - Skeeter Run at St. James UMC

Driver Volunteers & Chaperones Needed

We will go out to lunch after the Run

Mar. 22nd -

Pizza & Game Night @ 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Bring Sodas / Drinks & Snacks Please

Mar. 29th -

Joint UMYF & Parent Worship Night

6:45PM - 7:45PM - Prayer Station Worship Service



**Prayer
Request For**

Christian Sympathy to...

...the family of Richard Crossan who died Mar. 3, 2015

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR...Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (recovery), Nellie Lang (health), Frank Powell (recovery), , Kirsten Baker (healing), Billy & Gray Baker (health), 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), , Harry Lamm (healing), Laura Whitehurst (recovery) Dan Webb (healing), 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), Robert Hancock (recovery) Wayne Copeland (recovery), Diane Norville (healing). Mary Lib Moore (healing). the family of Dick Crossan (grief),

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

Volunteers needed to help prepare and serve at the Community Soup Kitchen. FUMC is responsible the 3rd Monday of each month. If you are interested/willing to participate in this ministry, please call the church office or contact Jenny Lewis (753-5393)



**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**



All are invited to participate in the Sound District's Skeeter Run at St. James UMC Greenville NC from 8AM-12PM. All proceeds go to "Imagine No Malaria."

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Return Service Requested

**Pastor: Rev. Bill Price – pastor@farmvilleumc.com
Admin. Assist.: Nan Walston – chuch@farmvilleumc.com
Organist/Music Director: Drucilla Lamm – choir@farmvilleumc.com
Youth Director: Angela Banks - youth@farmvilleumc.com
Praise Team Leader: Aubrey Digh – praisetteam@farmvilleumc.com**



CALENDAR

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- Set your clock forward!!!

Sunday, March 8 - 3rd Sun. in Lent

- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 5:00pm Bible Study - Parlor
- 5:00pm Jr. High Youth
- 6:00pm Youth Fellowship
- Dinner/UMMen
- 6:45pm Sr. High Youth

Monday, March 9

- 9:00pm UMMen's Supper Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

- 6:30pm Worship Committee
- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45pm Trustees Meeting
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

- 6:30pm Nominations & Leadership

Sunday, March 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent

- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Confirmation Class
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 5:00pm Bible Study- Parlor
- 5:00pm Jr. High Youth
- 6:00pm Youth Fellowship
- Need volunteer to provide dinner
- 6:45pm Sr. High Youth

Monday, March 16 7:00pm Circle III

- 7:00pm Circle IV

Tuesday, March 17

- 7:00pm Community Men Group

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

- 6:00pm Finance Committee

Saturday, March 21

- 8:00am Skeeter Run

Sunday, March 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent

- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Confirmation Class
- 11:00am Traditional
- 5:00pm Bible Study - Parlor
- 5:30pm Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, March 24

- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Confirmation Class
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 5:00pm Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:45pm - Joint UMYF & Parent
Worship Night

Monday, March 30 - Community Worship

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Service
FUMC - Rev. Jarrett Banks

Tuesday, March 31 - Community Worship

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Service
First Christian Church - Rev. Kevin Jackson

The Beginning of



Holy Week

Other Dates to remember

Wednesday, April 1

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Service
Farmville Presbyterian Church - Rev. Bill Price

Thursday, April 2

- 6:30pm Holy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

- 6:30pm Good Friday Service



February 2015

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 8: Hunter Walters
 March 15: Chuck Johnson
 March 22: Chuck Johnson
 March 29: Brad Durrett
 April 5: Walter Jessup

USHERS

Mar. 1: Charles Eason
 Mar. 8: Chuck Fields
 Mar. 15: Dewey Fuquay
 Mar. 22: Bob Ginn
 Mar. 19: David Garner

ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar. 1: Tommy & Beth Hardy
 Mar. 8: Benita Hollowell
 Mar. 15: Sarah Hunt
 Mar. 22: Walter & Nancy Jessup

ACOLYTES

Mar. 1: Savannah Reel
 Mar. 8: Molly Williams
 Mar. 15: Lance Smithwick
 Mar. 22: Bailey Walters
 Mar. 29: Usher

SANCTUARY GREETERS

Mar. 1: David & Mary Monroe
 Mar. 8: Garland & Connie Mozingo
 Mar. 15: Phil & DeEtte Reel
 Mar. 22: Margo & Breece Sherman
 Mar. 29: John Jablonski & Nancy Wilson

WELCOMING GREETERS

(Sunday School Entrance)

Mar. 1: Walters Family
 Mar. 8: Williams Family
 Mar. 15: Annis Family
 Mar. 22: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield
 Mar. 29: Parent Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mar. 8: Melissa Walters
 Mar. 15: Maggie Williams
 Mar. 22: Tracie Durrett
 April 12: Lindsay Annis

KID'S Korner

Mar. 8: Teresa Parent
 Mar. 15: Ashlie Boberg
 Mar. 22: Mike Wainwright
 Mar. 29: Jean Price

NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Mar. 1: Mary & Emily Monore
 Mar. 8: Hunter & Melissa Walters
 Mar. 15: Staci Garner & Bailey Walters
 Mar. 22: Jay & Lindsay Annis
 Mar. 29: Kirkie & Maggie Williams

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Mar. 4: Covered Dish
 Mar 11: New Beginnings
 Mar. 18: UMMen
 Mar. 25: Circle III
 April 1: Circle IV

BACK PACK PALS SCHEDULE

(Pack bags on Wednesday of each week)

Mar. 4: Youth
 Mar. 11: Monroe Family
 Mar. 18: Kay Crossan
 Mar. 25: Margaret Wells & Friends
 April 1: Youth Group

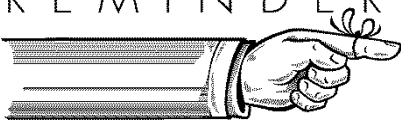
Statistical Report for March 2015

Ave. Sunday School Attendance----- 28
 Ave. Worship Attendance----- 121
 Ave. Offering ----- \$3,681.40
 Need to date ----- \$27,814.10
 Raised to date ----- \$48,392.19



March 2015

PRAYER REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

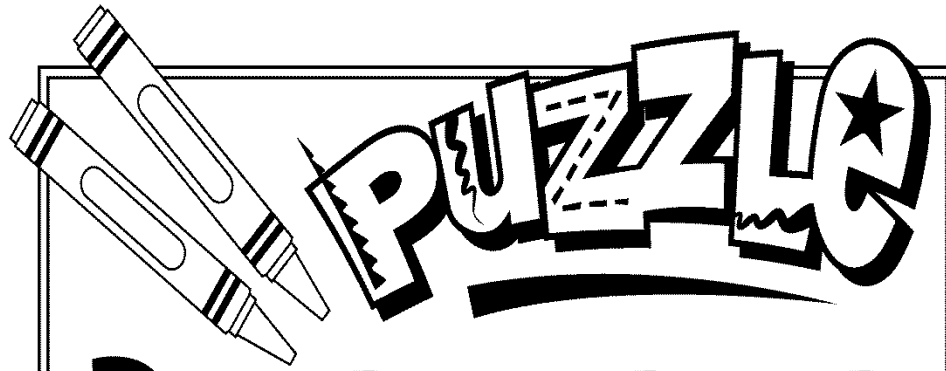
What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 1
apple
anxious
artichoke | 2
every
eagle
emu | 3
purple
pink
prayer | 4
Paul
petition
Peter | 5
taste
touch
thanksgiving |
| 6
rest
requests
relax | 7
God
George
Greg | 8
puddle
peace
pond | 9
transcends
train
truck | 10
unusual
unique
understanding |
| 11
guard
giraffe
gorilla | 12
hearts
hold
held | 13
many
minds
more | 14
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania
Philippians | |

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians
6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard,