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

With the month of May comes thinking about and preparing for graduation, grade promotion, weddings....summer vacation and get-a-ways! As much as we plan and prepare for these events, it is important to remember that we still need God to help us through them. Though they certainly are joyous occasions, some events may become more challenging, more emotional and more stressful than we anticipated. So, in the midst of preparing for change, let us strive to remember that Jesus is always there for us, even as we tend to think about and focus on other things!

To assist us during these changing and challenging times, here are some "Emergency Phone Numbers" of scripture verses that may help us over these next few months:

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS (from various sources)

For comfort.....	Psalm 46
For confidence.....	Philippians 4:13
For peace.....	Romans 8:28
When you worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	Psalm 90
When you leave home for travel.....	Psalm 121
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
How to get along with others.....	Romans 12
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
For exaltation and praise.....	Philippians 4:4
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30

God does not take a vacation...God is always there! Deuteronomy 31:8 reminds us, "And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed."

Have faith, trust and depend on God as you think about and prepare for the coming summer months...and remember to have fun! To God be the glory!

Take care....peace...and have a blessed and safe summer!

Pastor Bill



WELCOME CONFIRMANDS

Sunday, April 22, during the Traditional worship Service at 11:00, the following youth were received into the church. We welcome you and will keep you in our prayer as you begin your journey of faith. They are: Tanner Craig, Austin Faircloth, Trey Johnson, Will Monroe, Camille Edwards and Maggie Williams. Lillie Rhodes will join her home church, Monk Memorial. If you wish to send them a card, please call the church office for their addresses.



GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

General Conference of The United Methodist Church began this week on Tuesday 24 in Tampa, Florida, on its 10 day conference agenda ending Friday May 4. General Conference is The United Methodist Church's top legislative body which sets policy and direction for our denomination over the next four years and is "the only body that officially speaks for the more than 12.1-million member denomination." This year, there are 988 delegates, equally divided between laity and clergy. According to The United Methodist Church website, "sites for the international gathering rotate among the church's five regional U.S. jurisdictions. The 2016 General Conference will meet in Portland, Oregon (Western Jurisdiction)." Please be in prayer for the 988 delegates, in addition to The United Methodist Church and the global body of Christ! For further information or to watch parts of the General Conference, please view The United Methodist Church's website at www.umc.org



Want to be a part of music ministry, but can't carry a tune in a bucket? Try handbells! Interested in playing the handbells? This is a great opportunity to be involved with music. The handbells would really sound great for special times in the life of the church. GET INVOLVED! Contact Drucilla or Sheri Von Schritlz if interested.



CALLING ALL SENIORS

You are invited for lunch and a program at **The Refuge on Wednesday, May 9**. Please contact Nan by **Monday, May 7** (753-4803) if you will be able to go. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 and travel together. Lets all visit The Refuge and see the new additions, especially the Ruth House which Etna Lewis has helped with so lovingly.



ROLAND LANG SCHOLARSHIP

Roland Lang Scholarship is available for seniors graduating from a high school located in Pitt County and a member of the Farmville United Methodist church and plans to attend a school located in Pitt County. See Nan in the church office for an application. All application must be returned by May 25.



THE UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT HOMES MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

The United Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization related by faith to the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Although affiliated with The United Methodist Church our communities welcome persons of all faiths and spiritual beliefs. Our entrance age is fifty-five. Mother's Day has become important to the United Methodist family of North Carolina annual conference as caring persons in all districts combine effort to assist retirement community residents whose financial resources have been depleted. The Mother's Day offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a "more abundant life" for residents whose need financial support. On Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, we will be taking an offering for the United Methodist Retirement Homes. There are three retirement homes, Croasdaile Village, located in Durham, Cypress Glen, located in Greenville, and Wesley Pines/Wesley Ridge located in Lumberton. Please make your check out to N. C. Conference, The United Methodist Church. On the Memo line: Mother's Day Offering.



Join us on the Farmville Town Commons on Thursday, May 3 at 6:30pm. Various individuals from throughout the community will offer brief prayers and there will be special music. Please come and be a supportive part of this day of prayer to God. The Farmville Ministerial Association sponsors Farmville's National Day of Prayer



Farmville Benevolent Ministries will be holding their **17th Annual golf tournament on Friday, May 18** at the **Farmville Golf and Country Club**. This is a four-person

superball tournament. The shotgun starts at 8:30am and 1:30pm. **The entry fee is \$60 per person or \$240 per team**. The entry includes green fee, cart, lunch, goody bag and Mulligan, door prizes and raffle. An entry forms is enclosed and there are entry form at the church on the credenza in the hallway. For more information contact Rev. Rocky Stone at the Farmville Presbyterian Church.



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When registering your child/children for VBS, please use the new registration form on the credenzas in the hall way of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The current cost for VBS is **\$5 for early registration (on or before May 16th), and \$10 for those who registry after May 16th.**

Volunteers and support is still needed for VBS (Adventures on Promise Island). VBS is scheduled for June 11th - 15th from 6-8 pm. **For all who would like to volunteer or help, our next meeting will be on May 5th from 3-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** This is a mandatory meeting for all those who are volunteering. Please contact Paul Grimes at paul.grimes9@gmail.com, or pgrimes@kenney.com, 401-391-2175 for questions or concerns.

Foster Parents' Appreciation Dinner



METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES FOSTER PARENTS APPRECIATION DINNER

FUMC has agreed to host the Foster Parents Appreciation Dinner for the Methodist Children's Homes. The date is

Thursday, May 10 in our Fellowship Hall at 6 PM. We need at least a dozen people who are willing to help with this event – decorating, helping with food preparation, cleaning up, serving food, welcoming families, eating with children and families. I also need three desserts. Please let me know if you are available to make these families feel welcome and show our appreciation for the difficult tasks they perform every day in the name of our Lord and the United Methodist Church. Please call me (753-6174) if you are available. Those who attended this event last year at The Refuge had a really good time. Irene Pollard



UMMEN'S NEWS

Attention... Attention.... put May 19th in your calender. The UMM are hosting a **car show and chicken plate sale**, make plans to join us. BBQ Chicken tickets are available

from your nearest United Methodist Man at \$8.00 per plate. Spread the word and let's make this a big event for the whole community. And for the men, join us Monday May 14th for our regular dinner meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours In Christ, Hugh William

THE BACKPACK PAL MINISTRY



BackPack Pals

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the program this year – the tremendous work done by Mike Tugwell, Sandy Tugwell, Marion Stowe, and many others for the kickoff Yard Sale, the many individuals and groups who contributed funds or adopted a child, and the many who helped with the shopping for and packing of the food. Thank you. The school has been very pleased with this program and would very much like to see the ministry continue next year. So even though we still have a few weeks left in this school year, we need to begin the process of planning for next year now in order to get the program started sooner in the new year. I am requesting that each person begin to pray about this opportunity so that commitments might be made in August. Again thank you for all who have contributed to this ministry this year.

A special note of thanks goes to Trina Johnston and the ladies of Curves for the huge contribution of food to the Back Pack Pals. They contributed enough food to complete this school year. Thank you dear ladies and Trina for the idea and leadership in supporting this ministry.



RELAY FOR LIFE – MAY 11-12 LUMINARIA AND TORCH ORDER FORMS

Flames of HOPE are lit at nightfall to honor cancer survivors and caregivers or in remembrance of those who we have lost to cancer. These flames burn throughout the night, serving as a reminder of the purpose of Relay For Life. You can help light the way to a cure for cancer and honor a love one by purchasing your choice of a standard white Luminaria (\$10 each), a Purple Luminaria (\$25 each), or a Torch of Hope (\$100 minimum donation). There are form on the credenza in the hall. The deadline for getting them into the program book has been extended to Monday, April 30th. We will still continue to sell luminaries right up until that the night of Relay but, we will only guarantee the ones turned in by May 1st to be there. Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society and turn the in to the Church Office.



As women of Farmville United Methodist Church, the invitation to come be a part of UMW is extended to one and all.

What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group of women within the congregation organized for and committed to mission. We are women like you: women, who are employed, not employed, housewives, businesswomen, single, married, divorced, widowed, young, middle-aged, and older women. Worldwide, we number approximately one million members and raise nearly \$25 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

To the Woman:

- ❖ who finds meaning in her church and is drawn to its fellowship,
- ❖ who wants to combine fellowship with study, worship, and outreach opportunities,
- ❖ who feels she has gifts that are to be shared with others,
- ❖ who seeks a supportive community to affirm her own sense of purpose and commitment to God...

UMW invites you to:

"grow spiritually through worship, Bible Study and prayer, celebrate the person you are becoming in Jesus Christ, develop meaningful and lasting relationships, share who you are and your gifts, take action and make a difference in your community and the world."For friendship, fellowship, and opportunities to learn and to serve, consider becoming part of UMW at Farmville United Methodist Church.

The May group meetings are as follows:

Circle III meets Monday, May 21st at 7:00 pm at the home of Melissa Walters, program by Margaret Wells.
 Circle IV meets Monday May 21st at 7:00 pm at the home of Mary Elizabeth Moore and Jean Cuthrell.

Upcoming events:

GREENVILLE DISTRICT UMW MISSION STUDY – Saturday, May 12th, Jarvis UMC Greenville. “Joy to the World; Mission in the Age of Global Christianity” Cathy Green, Leader - 9:30 registration, 10:00-2:00 Study/Lunch

Home With A Heart – A complimentary luncheon for Greenville area friends of Methodist Home for Children. Thursday May 24th 12 noon until 1 p.m. Christian Life Ministries Center, St James UMC, 2000 E Sixth St, Greenville. RSVP to Cindy Tripp by May 21st ctripp@mhfc.org or 252-717-6505.

Monday, October 1st – Plans are in the making for a very special Ladies Evening at FUMC with guest speakers: Three Peas in a Pod from God’s Garden. “The Three Peas” are just three ordinary Women with Extraordinary Stories about what God has done for each of them. They are friends and members of Calvary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC. Their stories are different yet similar, in that, in each one you will see God’s Peace, God’s Promise and God’s Protection and they want to share their stories with anyone that will give them an ear. Mark your calendars!

Friends In Faith, Connie Mazingo & Debbie Terrell

Birthdays to Celebrate



- May 4: Ian Warren**
- May 5: Joy Fields**
- May 14: Duke Edwards**
- May 15: Kirkie Williams**
- May 16: Logan Sutton**
- May 20: Evangeline Cochran**
- May 22: Jean Cuthrell, Casey Johnson**
- May 23: Staci Garner**
- May 24: Horace Allen**
- May 26: Randy Pollard**
- May 28: Eloise Carraway**
- May 29: Michael Tugwell**



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

FOR.....Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Richard Crossan, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (healing), Bill Monk (healing), Bobby Carraway (healing), Virginia Wooten (healing), Marilyn Ellis (healing), Kristen Parker & Carson (niece & baby of Janet Clontz), Leona Kilpatrick, Leonard “Flash” Arndt (healing, stepfather of Kirsti Benfield), Larry Woods (healing), Karen Campbell (healing, friend of Vickie Herring), Evelyn McDaniel (great-aunt of Lisa Midgette) Lucille Waters (healing, mother of Polly Galloway), John Sherman (healing), Spencer Hampton (healing, friend of Brett Erwin), Kailey Lynne Eaton (healing cancer 5 yrs old, friend of Darlene Gaynor), Denise Stillwell (healing cancer, friend of Paula Tugwell) Vickie Herring and family, Peggy Sasser (healing, aunt of Vickie Herring) Edna Erwin (healing, mother of Randy Erwin), Sam Register (comfort), Edna Hobgood (healing) unspoken request.

In order for us to keep our prayer list current, your name or the names of your family and friends will be removed on June 1st unless you call the church office requesting that we continue to list your family and friends.



NURSERY SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are creating a roster of individuals or couples to be available to fill in for Mrs. Jean for the 8:30 and 11:00 services on those few occasions when she is unavailable. We want to insure there is nursery coverage for our congregation members and especially when prospective members visit. Please call Nan to have your name added to the Nursery Substitute List.



Home With A Heart: Complimentary Luncheon

At Methodist Home for Children, we believe God calls us as Christians to help vulnerable children.
To free them from abuse and neglect.
To lead them to lives of hope and purpose.
To help them fulfill their God-given potential.

We invite you to walk with us in this important ministry! Please join us Thursday, May 24, for a complimentary luncheon and see for yourself how Methodist Home for Children heals broken lives. The *Home With a Heart* luncheon will be from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Christian Life Ministries Center, St. James United Methodist Church, 2000 East Sixth St., in Greenville. Please RSVP to Cindy Tripp by May 21: ctripp@mhfc.org or 252.717.6505.

100th Birthday **PARTY**

Mrs. Juanita Williams will be 100 years old on May 18, 2012. Everyone is cordially invited to her birthday party on Saturday, May 19th from 2-4pm at the Major Benjamin May Chapter of the DAR (DAR House).

Return Service Requested

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