



"FALL BACK' INTO SERVING GOD"

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR....

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

As we go through this coming month of November, beginning to prepare for the holidays, I am reminded of a story which surrounds Psalm 119:18: "Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." At first glance we may think, that does not sound very holidayish! But let us get to the story...

A person suffering from poor eyesight, decided to undergo cataract surgery shortly before the holidays. They were naturally apprehensive about the upcoming surgery...hoping and praying that all would work out well, just as the doctor had foretold, after having performed many successful surgeries.

The day of the surgery came and went and soon after the procedure, the person began to see familiar surroundings in a new way! They began to discover the various color schemes around them, particularly in clothing. Fabric they once saw as black...they could suddenly distinguish as really being deep blue, and a jacket they bought thinking it was gray, really turned out to be moss green.

It was amazing! Things had changed...or did they? No, the things had not changed--rather, their vision had become sharper. The veil that covered their eyes had been removed and they were seeing a new reality!

As a Christian, we come to know Jesus and then many times become comfortable in our new life, forgetting to appreciate its true value. Our spiritual vision can become clouded, so that the way we look at things in our daily lives becomes distorted. This can be true especially in preparing for and going through Thanksgiving, Advent and the Christmas holiday season—where frustration, lack of patience, being overwhelmed, fear and anxiety, too much to do in too little a time can cause us to spiritually lose our focus on what is important within our life! The result is--we look back at yet another holiday season and realize we did not experience the joy we knew when we first gave our lives to Christ!

So, as we begin this month of November, you and I have some time we can spend with God, asking...seeking...God to heal our eyes and remove whatever clouds our vision, so we have clear sight this holiday season, regarding what is truly important within our lives!

Please know that I will be praying for each of you this month...1) that you will walk hand in hand with God, 2) that God will redirect your vision toward the things that are eternal, and 3) that your eyes will be open to the wondrous things of God this holiday season!

To God be the glory...as you grow in your faith! Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill



World Communion Sunday is November 3. There are six Sundays in the year that a conference wide offering is taken, and this is one of those Sundays. Impacting a life, church, community and nation at one time is no easy task. However, the World Communion Sunday offering does just that by nurturing students to lead, today and in the future. **World Communion Sunday** calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. United Methodists relate to **World Communion Sunday** by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

We will be taking a special offering Sunday, November 3. Please indicate on your envelope or check "World Communion" and drop it in the offering plate.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

It's that time again! The Holidays are fast approaching, but don't panic - we can help! Don't get stuck in the kitchen during the holidays, spend your time enjoying your family and friends. How you ask??

The Farmville United Methodist Women have the answer! Our annual **Holiday Helpers** will be **Saturday, November 16th** in the Church Fellowship Hall (located at 4588 West Church Street) from **9:00 am until 1:00 pm**. Coffee and a variety of **homemade holiday food items will be available**. There will be everything from homemade cookies, cakes and pies to entrée casseroles, vegetable casseroles as well as some surprises. These wonderful delicacies will be available for a reasonable price thus enabling us to support many worthwhile local missions.

The United Methodist Women are asking all members of the church to donate items for the "Holiday Helpers" fundraiser. The items need to be ready to cook or already cooked or frozen and prepared to transport after being purchased. Please include instructions for cooking. A list of the ingredients is helpful for special diets. Also please label your items as to the sizes (i.e.. quart of stew or 8 x 8 casserole). This will help when pricing.

There will also be vendors sharing their arts and crafts or specialty items. Those already committed as vendors are Margaret Wells-pottery, Lisa Smith-seasonal wreaths, Newton Smith-sporting art, Julie Warren-gourds, Dianne Morris-scarves, and Jay Annis, book author. Other vendors are being contacted to join these plus Nan Walston and Laura Powell have agreed to share their wares.

Mark your calendar to stop by for our Holiday Helpers! Make the holidays easy this year and let us help you as we reach out to others.

Delane Fuquay and Nancy Jessup
Publicity Co-Chairpersons



Remember to set your clocks back one hour beginning Sunday, November 3.



NOV. 10 ~ UNITED METHODIST MEN'S SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 10 our UMMen will be leading both worship services, followed by a fundraiser of Chili/Soup lunch and time of fellowship immediately after the 11:00am traditional service in the fellowship hall.



The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at the **First Christian Church Sunday, November 24 at 7:00pm**. Invite your friends and let's have a good attendance as we give thanks to God through this time of worship.



ADVENT BEGINS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Advent Offering -- The advent season is nearly upon us. This

offering provides a means for us to have some flexibility in the months ahead to support special mission needs, to sometimes respond to unexpected natural disasters, etc. The entire amount raised goes to missions. At any time, you may simply contribute by using one of the offering envelopes on the back of the pew or by personal check; just indicate on the envelope/check "**Advent Offering,**" and drop it in the offering plate. Thanking you in advance for your generous gift in the name of the One who gave all for us.



VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

The Volunteers in Schools Program is off to a good start. Most have been trained and begun work. There is

always room for more. If anyone is interested they may talk with Irene or any of those volunteering to talk about their work and the blessings received from being in the schools. One does not need to be free on any particular day or even once a week. There are many jobs that are periodic and others that are just once a year. In other words if you have a particular interest of talent/skill just let us know you are willing and able to share. Jobs are always available.

Also supplies are needed all year. Want to know more just talk to Irene or any teacher.



Senior Adults Gathering

SENIOR ADULTS/JOY CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club of Farmville wish to give back to this wonderful community which has supported them. Their Cheer & Step Team will be performing for our Older Adult Seniors on Tues., Nov. 12 at 4:30 in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome to attend this free event as we celebrate the season of giving thanks!



Monday, November 25, at 6:30pm our church will celebrate the holiday season with a "Hanging of the Greens"

gathering. **We would like all people of our church to come out and help decorate for the holiday season.** This is a church wide event. We need men, women and children. We are asking everyone to bring a new "Warming of the Tree" item to be placed under the Christmas tree after it is decorated. This can be anything that would help someone to stay warm throughout the winter. Examples are blankets, gloves, socks, hats, mittens, coats, scarves, etc. Please bring some goodies so we can have refreshments at the end. Everyone is needed to help throughout the church with these special assignments

Men -- Trees assembled with lights prior to 7:00 Monday in the Chapel and Sanctuary and hang the wreaths outside of church.

Youth -- Tree in Fellowship Hall

Circle IV -- Sanctuary tree decorations

Circle III -- Hall

Need Volunteer -- Chapel Tree

Darlene Gaynor -- Chapel Nativity

Lynn Faircloth -- Sanctuary Nativity

UMW -- Altar Sanctuary

GRACE BIBLE STUDY continues meeting on Sundays at 5pm in the parlor.

KNOWING GOD BIBLE STUDY resumes this Sunday at 6:30pm in the chapel. (Nov. 10 last class)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues studying "Getting Ready for Advent." Come join us at 10:00 and bring a friend!



Advent Sunday School Class

Beginning **December 1**, we will be starting an **Advent Sunday School Class** for all who wish to participate. The Study is "**Finding Bethlehem in the Mist of Bedlam**" by James W. Moore. The cost of the book which includes daily devotions is \$11.70. Please let Pastor Bill know if you want a book before Mon. Nov. 18. More information to follow.



UMW News

November is here and the year is almost gone.

Mark your calendars so you will not miss anything:

Nov. 4-8: **Meals on Wheels** (Circle III)

Nov. 16: **Holiday Helpers**

We are having our Holiday Helpers on Nov. 16th from 9 to 1 in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We will be having Holiday Menu foods such as meat casseroles, veggie casseroles, collards, frozen cranberry salads, desserts, and other good foods. There will be booths set up by talented members

and a few friends with items for sale. There will also be cheese biscuits for sale while you shop. Come on out and do a little Christmas shopping and buy foods for the holidays.

Nov. 18: **Circle III** – Melissa Walters is hostess

Circle IV – Meets at the church

Both circles meet at 7:00 pm.

Nov. 24: **Community Thanksgiving Service** at First Christian Church

Nov. 25: **Hanging of the Greens**. Meet at 6:30 in the Sanctuary with Pastor Bill leading us in prayer. This night is for everyone to come out and help decorate the church for the holidays. Please bring a light refreshment to share and enjoy the fellowship.

Circle III is selling Aunt Ruby's peanuts- contact a member if you would like to place an order. The orders need to be in by Nov. 24th. Pick-up will be Dec. 3rd. Darlene Gaynor (749-4816) and Maxine Gaynor (749-5561) are leading this fundraising project.

Circle IV is selling all-occasion cards, get well and sympathy cards. Contact Pat Sumrell at 753-5433.

Be sure to mark your calendars!! Remember it takes everyone.

In Christian Love,
Darlene Gaynor



STEWARDSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions. For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. To donate, visit the church website at www.farmvilleumc.com and locate the link to the giving page or call the church office for information.



Community Men's Study Group

The Men's Study Group continues their

meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the parlor. All men are welcome to come and learn more about how this group of men is encouraging one another as they grow in their faith. No meeting on November 26th.



PRAYERS *for our* CHURCH

Prayer is an amazing gift we have as believers in Christ. Come be a part of this special time of praying together for our faith family, our community, our nation and our world as members of Farmville United Methodist Church. We will meet on Sunday, November 17th at 4:30pm in the Prayer room. Please contact the church office, Minnie Lee Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844 if you have any questions or prayer requests.



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe it is already November! We (the youth & myself) have had a great fall! We spent some time at the Refuge last month, and truly had a blessed weekend. The Fall Festival Extravaganza was a huge success. We had several families from the community as well as our church come out and take part in the fun. There were games and a whole lot of cupcakes and candy! Thank you all for your help and support. A big thanks to Melissa Walters! Also, Janet Clontz and Cindy Parks are such huge supporters of all we do in Youth, please say thank you when you see them. Looking ahead at November, I am excited to settle back into the normal routine, at least for a few weeks before the holidays. It is an exciting time around Farmville UMC. God bless!

Jonathan Lemmon



Welcoming, Fellowship Friends Needed

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. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC experience God's love.



COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES

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NC 27834

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If you son/daughter is not listed, we would like to have their addresses also. Please call the church office.

Thank You! Notes

Grant and Elaine Bullock would like to thank the entire

congregation of Farmville United Methodist Church for your prayers. This has been a very difficult time for the Bullock family, but God's grace and your prayers have pulled us through.

Grant has another test on the 28th of October. Please keep him in your prayers. God Bless You All!
Farmville United Methodist Church,

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Thank you so much for your generous donation of school supplies. Your kindness has touched many

Thank you Again

Warmest Regards,

Kelli Joyner, School Counselor, H. B. Sugg



Nov. 10 – Connie Mazingo

Nov. 13 – Andrew Parks

Nov. 15 – JoAnn Benfield, Bill Sledge

Nov. 16 – Tommy Bullock, Charles Eason

Nov. 28 – Trena Johnston

Nov. 29 – Nellie Lang

(3274 N. Contentnea St.)



### PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR..

....Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex, Jr. (healing), Billy Baker (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), Else (recovery), Cindy Parks (recovery), John Sherman (recovery), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Jesse Braxton (recovery), Gladys Dail (healing), Grant Bullock (healing), Connie Smith (recovery), Frank Hemmingway (healing). Frank Powell (recovery).

**To keep our prayer list up to date, please let the church office know, if a person may be removed.**

**Thank you. Reminder – Prayer Journal is at the back of the church.)**



**Meals on Wheels Scheule for November 4-8:**

**Monday, November 4:**

Anne McGaughey and Ann Joyner  
Eloise Carraway and Jean Price

**Tuesday, November 5:**

Ronald and Sandra Parker  
William and Polly Galloway

**Wednesday, November 6:**

Debra Evans and Minnie Lee Winborn  
Ann Rogers and Heide Wilson

**Thursday, November 7:**

Pat Sumrell and Lisa Migdette  
Jean Allen and Kay Crossan

**Friday, November 8:**

Randy and Irene Pollard  
Darlene Gaynor and Maxine Gaynor

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**Return Service Requested**

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