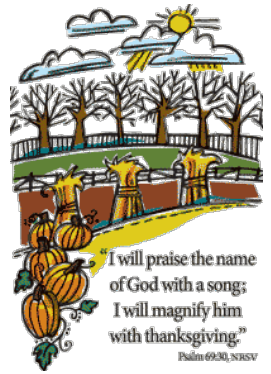




FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH



"OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD"

November, 2015



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

Growing up as a Catholic and going to a parochial school, my first-grade teacher...a young nun by the name of Sister Marie Raymond, really was a wonderful person! Of course strict, but had patience beyond measure!

During my days of growing up in Missouri in the 1950's (and gosh, as I just typed that.... seems like centuries ago), we did not have kindergarten. So, as each of us began our school careers...it began with first-grade. To again say that she had patience beyond measure was an understatement, with 40 plus energy filled kids with vim and vigor going to school for the first time...I honestly cannot remember her ever losing her patience!

Through her ~ patience, she taught me how to be compliant...respectful of others...but also how to listen! She did this through getting to know each of us over the school year and through the warmth of her love...even in spite of our overexcited behavior at times!

Even to this day, as I am writing this newsletter, I can still see her clapping her hands telling us to get back into our seats. What I really learned from her but did not realize until later was...**every day you live, you affect the life of someone else!**

Throughout my life, this statement has undoubtedly proven true and probably within yours as well...though we seldom understand and remember the lasting impact we do have on people around us!

It seems sometimes we labor in vain, spending our strength and energy for nothing. But when we keep Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, others will see the source of our strength and energy! Jesus' light and warmth can be felt by those around us, even when we don't realize it. I think about how Sister Marie Raymond's light shone into my life and all my fellow students...and I give thanks to God for her! She is the kind of loving witness of Christ that I strive to be!

Today as we begin a new month in a season of stewardship and commitment, celebrating our saints, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of Advent...may we give thanks to God for one another and for the greatest gift to all people, Jesus Christ, who truly has affected our lives...not only here on earth but eternally as well!!

May we live our lives daily in such a way then, we truly know and remember...**we are affecting the life of someone else**, as we ourselves are affected by one another as well!

To God be the glory...as we grow in our faith! Take Care....peace....

Pastor Bill



ADVENT BEGINS, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29!

The Advent offering this year will be designated to "Imagine No Malaria"

Miracles are unfolding everyday on the continent of Africa. In just a few short years, United Methodists, through the "Imagine No Malaria" Initiative, and in partnership with other organizations, have helped cut the impact of malaria nearly in half. In 2007, the World Health Organization estimated there were more than 1,000,000 malaria-related fatalities. This number has been reduced to around 594,000. While that is still a staggering number, a nearly 50% increase in life is worth celebrating. And, we can do more!

A reality still remains that in 2015, 89 percent of all new cases and 91 percent of malaria deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa.* Children under the age of 5 account for more than two-thirds of all deaths related to malaria. Sleeping under an insecticide-treated bed net can reduce a child's risk of malaria infection by 20 percent. Through your efforts in the North Carolina Conference, 78,500 persons have been spared the suffering, and possible death, from malaria. Through the creativity and the passion of United Methodists in eastern North Carolina, bed nets and medication have helped calm the fears of mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, in Africa. Health staffs have been trained and health facilities have been renovated and updated. Join the NC Conference's commitment and help us raise \$1 million and save 100,000 lives.

The entire amount raised will go to this mission. At any time, you may simply contribute by using one of the coin folders available on the credenzas in the hallways, 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 – Malaria 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.

FROM THE BISHOP: AN AFTERNOON FOR LAITY WITH BISHOP WARD ----

We celebrate with you the ministry of the laity in The United Methodist and invite you to a great event particularly for laity on **Sunday Afternoon November 15 at 3pm at St. Francis United Methodist Church, 295 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, NC.** Seating for 800 is available on a first come basis-please carpool. Doors will open at 2pm with a book singing starting at 2:15pm. Bob Goff, a noted gospel-proclaimer, amazing storyteller and best-selling author, will be our special guest speaker. He will also spend time with our youth at Pilgrimage 2015 on Friday & Saturday. We also encourage you to read his book, "Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Lie in an Ordinary World," a New Your Times bestseller. The clergy gathers together in worship, connecting, learning and equipping for ministry. This event is convened in the same spirit – for laity so that together, we might worship, connect, learn and go forth ready to love and give!

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward and Gray Locklear, Conference Lay Leader



FARMVILLE CANCER CARE MINISTRY – 3RD GATHERING

On October 7th at 6:30 the Farmville Cancer Care Ministry held it second "Gathering" in the fellowship hall of the Farmville United Methodist Church. Our guest speaker was Tracie Durrett owner of the Verde Spa here in Farmville. She talked about skin care on a daily basis and during treatments which is very important. We rang our bell in celebration

for one that had finished treatments and had a drawing for a *Blanket of Hope* which was won by Jackie Stevenson. Following the gathering there was a time to attend a patient or caregiver support group or an encouragement, prayer time. This is open to any one that would like to attend. FCCM is about bringing hope, love and support to all affected by cancer.

Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30pm** (registration at 6:00). We will again celebrate all accomplishments and memories and have a drawing for a *Blanket of Hope*. For more information please call 252-753-4803 or email us at fccm27828@gmail.com, or catch on us Facebook, Farmville Cancer Care Ministry.



THE AWAY DAY GROUP ~ NEXT GATHERING ~ NOV. 4 ~ 10AM

The "Away Day" Group will meet on Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00am in the fellowship. We will have a short devotional and prayer request. Jean Price will speak about a new ministry "Prayer Walk." We may even take little walk. Also, Ashlie Boberg will lead us in a few minutes of yoga. We have board games, cards, and puzzle, or if you prefer, just sit and talk that's okay too. There are always things to talk about, especially this time of the year. We have had a great year and a lot to be thankful for. Bring your favorite snack and share the recipe. Join us for a fun filled couple of hours. There is always room for one more, bring a friend!!



FUMC Stewardship Campaign for 2016

"Seeking the Wisdom to Joyfully and Boldly Live and Give"

The Stewardship Committee has designated Sunday, November 1 as the beginning of the FUMC Stewardship Campaign. At the 8:30am Praise and Worship Service Todd Edwards will speak about the campaign and David Stowe will speak at the 11am Traditional Service. Brad Durrett will be our speaker at both services on Nov. 8.

Nov. 15 will be a spirit-filled Consecration Sunday! It will be a **combined service at 11:00** with special music and a guest speaker, Chuck Stokes. Afterwards there will be a complimentary box lunch to celebrate our commitment to God. What a blessed opportunity we have! Let's all be in prayer for our church at this time. Please let the church office know how many people in your family will be able to attend the luncheon celebration so we can plan accordingly. Let's all be "SEEKING the WISDOM to JOYFULLY and BODLY LIVE and GIVE.

PRAYER TIME FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Prayer is vital to the life of the church. The Stewardship Committee has designated **6 times for prayer prior to Consecration Sunday on Nov. 15**. At those times we will pray that God will continue to guide us so that FUMC will successfully reach out to others through Holiday Helpers, Fall Festival and Stewardship. We pray for the heart and mind of Christ in all we do. Please join fellow church friends for prayer in the Prayer Room at **7:00am Tuesdays, Nov. 3, Nov 10, and/or at 5:30pm Wednesdays Nov. 4, & Nov. 11**.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Col 4:2



The **Farmville United Methodist Prayer Walk** is a spiritual time to lift up the body of Christ and our mission of bringing others to Christ. During your time of prayer you are encouraged to take a cross from the basket in the Prayer Room and visit each room of the church (a route is given), and pray for the ministries that occur in each room and the individuals that will enter that room, receiving the ministry that is offered. This church is called to be a beacon to this community, offering what the Lord is desiring it to be. As believers, we are called to pray. Prayer is a valuable gift that we can offer up to our Lord, our Savior; let us all gather to pray, as often as we can. Our church is easily accessible to all who attend here; we all have "the code" to get into the side door. We ask that as you go into each room, if it is not lit, please do so, but turn off the lights as you leave. Many activities are held each night, but feel free to come and pray!! Come during the day as well, but pray as the Lord leads. This church **WILL** be blessed by your prayers!!!!



The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at Farmville Presbyterian Church Sunday, Nov. 22 at 7:00pm.

Invite your friends; let's have a good attendance as we give thanks to God through this time of worship.



The United Methodist Men's Supper Meeting will be Monday, Nov. 18 at 7:00pm in the fellowship Hall. All men are invited to join us for good food, and great fellowship.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES"

"Children's activities will be every Wed. night at 6:15 in one of the Sunday School rooms. This if for children K-5.



Farmville United Methodist Women's News.....

The next meeting for FUMW is Nov. 16 in the church parlor at 7:00pm.



We had an exciting and fun filled October. The youth are excited because we are planning a ski trip after the first of the year. Most of them

have never been skiing, so it should be a fun event. We will be having a **Soup & Sandwich fundraiser this Sunday** to help get our trip funding started. We have been averaging good attendance each Sunday in hopes that our group will continue to grow. As many of you know, our Fall Festival is coming up on the 14th. The MYF will be doing a 50/50 drawing that day, and will announce a winner after the auction. Also, we are in charge of the auction that night. We are still looking for a few items to be auctioned off. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, please see Hunter. Nov. 1 - No Youth; Nov. 8 & 15 - Combined at 6; Nov. 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service at 7; Nov. 29 - No Youth.

Delane Fuquay will have the program and Irene Pollard and Debbie Terrell will be the hostesses.

The FUMW is selling Aunt Ruby's Peanuts. Please support this annual fundraiser. Orders are due Sunday, Nov. 22 and peanuts will be available for pick up on Tues. Dec. 8. Money will be donated to local charities. Our annual **HOLIDAY HELPER** event will be on **Sat. Nov. 14 from 10:00 to 11:30am. It will be part of FUMC Fall Festival day.** All UMW in our church will be asked to bring at least 2 frozen holiday food items or desserts to be sold. Ingredients should be written on a card with the name of the person who cooked the food. Food items will be turned in Fri. Nov. 13 from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Workers will be in the church kitchen to accept the food and they will price each item. **Cheese biscuits will be sold on Sat. for \$2** - either cooked or not cooked. Please support this fundraising project. Money will be donated to Back Pack Pals and the Farmville Cancer Care Ministry.



COMMUNITY MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Men's Study group continues their weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. 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.



Monday, November, 23, 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 Christmas. This is a church wide event. We need men, women and children. 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.

Fellowship Hall - Youth -- Tree in Fellowship Hall

Circle IV -- Sanctuary

Circle III -- Hall

Chapel -- Chapel Tree -- 8:30am service members

UMW -- Altar Sanctuary- flowers or greenery

Birthdays of the Month



Nov. 10: Connie Mozingo

Nov. 13: Andrew Parks

Nov. 15: Jo Ann Benfield, Bill Sledge

Nov. 16: Tommy Bullock, Charles Eason

Nov. 28: Trena Johnston, Nellie Lang



Volunteers Needed for AGAPE Christmas Boxes

There is a lot of activity at the Missions Warehouse preparing Agape

Christmas boxes to make their way to Armenia for Christmas! Many of you have generously given of your time by volunteering at the Missions Warehouse at 3MC, 676 Community Drive, Goldsboro. We are also currently processing health kits and school kits. Many of these kits were shipped and used in SC after the flooding, which depleted our stock.

We have an urgent need to get the AGAPE boxes processed and shipped, to insure that the boxes get to Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh in time for Christmas on January 6, 2016. This is labor intensive work and a work of love. We have processed around 2500 boxes, with approximately 1000 more to go. **A couple of urgent work dates have been scheduled. These dates are Thursday, November 5, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, November 7, 8:45 a.m. until completion.** The November 7 date may be a container packing date, but that depends on how the processing goes on October 31 and November 5. Call Bill Haddock at 910-262-3831 before you come on November 7 to see what kind of help might be needed that day.



Please Be In Prayer For... Rufus

Cochran (health), **Tracey Smith** (health), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Nellie Lang** (health), **Billy & Gray Baker** (health),

Lynnette Williams (health), **John Sherman** (healing),

Roxie Smith (health), **Bill Monk** (healing), **Leona**

Kilpatrick (healing), **Mary Lib Moore** (healing), **Lamm**

Family, **Vickie Herring** (health), **Mary Allen** (peace), **Al**

& Amy Hunt (healing,) **Konni Potts** (healing) **Helen Kelly** (healing) **Kim Shovelin** (healing), **Peggy Harrell** (healing,

Janet Clontz's mother) **Maria Chemin** (healing, mother of **Suzi Greene**). (If you wish for your name, or the name

of your love one put back on the prayer list, please call the church office.)



November 2015 & Calendar

USHERS -

Nov. 1: Brad Durrett
 Nov. 8: Charles Eason
 Nov. 15: Dwayne Benfield
 Combined Service 11:00am
 Nov. 22: Dewey Fuquay
 Nov. 29: Chuck Fields
 Regular Services

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 1: Bill and Karen Sledge
 Nov. 8: Sandy Tugwell
 Nov. 15: David & Marion Stowe
 Nov. 23: Thanksgiving - UMWomen
 Nov. 29: 1st Sun. in Advent
 Christmas Decorations

ACOLYTES

Nov. 1: Savannah Reel
 Nov. 8: Bailey Walters
 Nov. 15: Ushers - Combined Worship
 Nov. 22: Molly Walters
 Nov. 29: Savannah Reel

SANCTUARY GREETERS

Nov. 1: Chuck & Pam Johnson
 Nov. 8: David & Mary Monroe
 Nov. 15: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield
 Nov. 22: Debra Evans/Margo Sherman
 Nov. 29: Garland & Connie Mozingo

WELCOMING GREETERS

Nov. 1: Bob & Anne McGaughey
 Nov. 8: Garland & Connie Mozingo
 Nov. 15: Randy Erwin/Robert Heath
 Nov. 22: David & Mary Monroe
 Nov. 29: Cindy Parks/Rachel Patterson

KID'S Korner

Nov. 1:-----
 Nov. 8: Ashlie Boberg
 Nov. 15: Mike Wainwright
 Nov. 22: Teresa Parent
 Nov. 29: Ashley Matthews

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nov. 1: -----
 Nov. 8: Tracie Durrett
 Nov. 15: Mike Wainwright
 Nov. 22: Brad Durrett
 Nov. 29: Melissa Walters

NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Nov. 1: Mary Monroe & Emily
 Nov. 8: Hunter & Melissa Walters
 Nov. 15: Jean Allen & Savannah Reel
 Nov. 22: Paula Tugwell & Catherine
 Nov. 29: Kirkie Williams & Molly

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Nov. 4: UMMen
 Nov. 11: Circle III
 Nov. 18: Circle IV
 Nov. 25: NO MEAL
 Dec. 2: Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Grades-1,2,3

Nov. 1: Teresa Parent
 Nov. 8: Debra Evans
 Nov. 15: Sara Peterson
 Nov. 22: Teresa Parent
 Nov. 29: Debra Evans
 Dec. 6: Sarah Peterson

Youth

Nov. 1: Todd & Suzanne Edwards
 Nov. 8: Chuck Johnson
 Nov. 15: Todd & Suzanne Edwards
 Nov. 22: Todd & Suzanne Edwards
 Nov. 29: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield
 Dec. 6: open

BACK PACK PALS PACKING SCHEDULE

Nov. 4: The Monroes
 Nov. 11: Kay Crossan
 Nov. 18: Youth
 Nov. 25: Thanksgiving
 Dec. 2: The Monroes

Statistical Report for October 2015

Ave. Sunday School Attendance ----- 23
 Ave. Worship Attendance ----- 87
 Ave. Offerings----- \$2,668.32
 Need to Date----- \$239,201.26
 Raised to Date----- \$191,842.65



Calendar

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day
Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour,
 Daylight Savings Time Ends!

FUMC Stewardship Campaign Begins

8:30am Praise & Worship
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Worship
12:00 Soup & Sandwich Youth Fund Raiser
 NO Youth

Tuesday, November 3

7:00am Prayer Time - Prayer Room
6:30pm FCCM Monthly Gathering
 7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, November 4

10:00am "Away Day"
5:30pm Prayer Time - Prayer Room
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - UMMen
 6:15pm Children's Activities
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5

1:30pm FCCM Training Class

Sunday, November 8

8:30am Praise & Worship
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Worship
 6:00pm Combined Youth

Monday, November 9

6:45pm FCCM Training Class
 7:00pm UMMen Supper Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

7:00am Prayer Time - Prayer Room
 7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, November 11

5:30pm Prayer Time - Prayer Room
 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner -
 UMWomen - Circle III
 6:15pm Children Activities
6:30pm FCCM Yoga Class
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, November 14

FUMC FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 15 -

Combined Service-Consecration Sunday

Luncheon to follow service

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Combined Worship
 6:00pm Combined Youth

Monday, November 16

6:45pm FCCM Training
 7:00pm UMWomen - Parlor

Tuesday, November 17

7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, November 18

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner
 UMWomen - Circle IV
 6:15pm Children's Activities
 6:45pm Board of Trustees
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19

6:00pm Finance Committee

Sunday, November 22 -

Thanksgiving Sunday
 8:30am Praise & Worship
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Worship
 7:00pm Community Worship -
 Farmville Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Rick Bailey speaking.
 7:00pm Youth - Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24

7:00pm Community Men's Group

Wednesday, November 25

No Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Office Closed

Sunday, November 29 - Regular Service

8:30am Praise Worship
 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Traditional Worship
 NO Youth

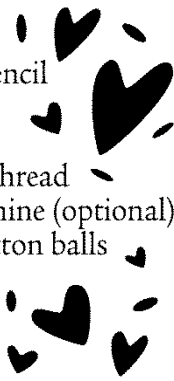


Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.



With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV