



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH

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"FALL BACK' INTO SERVING GOD"

October 2013



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FROM OUR PASTOR....

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

Last Sunday, September 29th, in our Combined Worship Service message, one of the points shared was that Farmville UMC is a church for persons who are far away from God...yet also a church for persons desiring to grow their faith and draw closer to the Lord!

As we read Gods word--the Bible...as we hear God's messages for our life... as we put our beliefs into Christian action through loving and serving our Lord and others through various ways—**being an open and welcoming church is vital in today's times!**

Some of us may be thinking...well, we strive to make our guests feel welcome at FUMC. We say "good morning" to those we meet...we offer the "love & peace of Jesus" during our worship time...and we even strive to get to know our guests better following our worship service! To which I would reply...Cool, I believe yes we do!

Yet, being an open and welcoming church goes beyond greeting our guests. It goes to the heart of the matter, that all of us, regardless of how long we have been attending...whether we are a member of FUMC or not---have questions, doubts, concerns about God and Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit, loving and forgiving others, salvation, heaven and hell and the list goes on.

The point is...being an open and welcoming church is about allowing those seeking and trying to find their way to God through Christ...those who have accepted our Lord Jesus, yet are striving to understand all that this new way of life offers...and that for those who have been followers of Jesus for many years---**ALL** feel welcome to share their questions and thoughts about a variety of topics and are openly permitted, to honestly inquire about the things that matter most.

Sometimes, as an individual Christian or as a congregation, we can shut off people from bringing up and discussing issues which weigh on their heart and affect their lives because well...we would rather not deal with those things or its not usually what we discuss!

Jesus, when asked a question, frequently responded by posing a question in return—how do you understand this... what does this mean...what do you think?

Being an open and welcoming church means that we all are free to seek with our questions-- so we may find...and to knock with our discussions—so the door will be open!

That's the beauty, wonder and awe of the Christian faith...we are followers of Jesus like Matthew, Peter, James, John and the others...yet we too have questions of our Lord...that we need to be able to openly ask and in Christian love, discuss!

May it be so at Farmville UMC...that we truly are an open and welcoming church!

Have a blessed October...Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



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.

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



ANNUAL CROP WALK FOR HUNGER – OCTOBER 20 – 2:00PM

The Annual CROP Walk for Hunger is October 20 beginning at 2:00pm on the Town Commons. Around the world, your steps in the CROP Hunger Walk can turn into nutritious, green leafy vegetables. The result: More Food for everyone. \$25 can provide a farm family with everything they need to make succulent, nutritious honey – hives, training, equipment. \$50 can provide 400 lbs. of much-needed food for a local church-run food pantry, or seeds and tools for three families. \$100 can provide 250 cute and useful baby chicks, who will grow up to be egg-producing chickens. Join the CROP Walk or donate to a Walker today.



October is Benevolent Ministries' Food Pantry. (At least 200 bags of food needed monthly.)

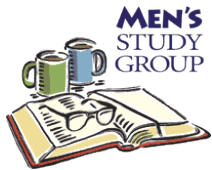
Please bring your donations during this month and place them in the grocery basket in the hallway. Canned Food items (regular size) Green Beans or Peas, Corn, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, Mac & Cheese, Soup (NOT creamed varieties and broth). Meat (peanut butter, vienna sausage, tuna, spam etc.)



UMMen's News

The United Methodist Men's Supper Meeting will

be Monday, Oct. 14 at 7:00pm in the fellowship Hall. All men are invited to join us for good food, and great fellowship.



The Men's Study group continues their weekly 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



FUMC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & CONTACTS

- UM Mission Coordinator** — Pastor Bill
- Welcoming Guest Friends** — church office
- Nursery Volunteers** – church office
- Sound Technician Assistant** (8:30am or 11:00am services) – Bill Sledge



Prayer Time Gathering

Prayer is a special part of our relationship with the Lord. Join us as we pray together for our faith family, our nation and our world as members of Farmville United Methodist Church and the body of Christ on Sunday, October 20h at 4:30pm. **Note time change. All are welcome to attend. Please consider joining us. If you have any prayer requests, you may contact the church office, Minnie Lee Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844.



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

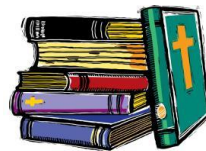
The fall is off to a fantastic start! October is a busy month for the Youth. On October 2nd we host Wednesday Night Supper/Fiesta! It will be another Taco Night! We hope you all come out for some great tacos and fellowship. The youth will be heading out to the Refuge for their annual Stonehinge Youth Event the weekend of October 18-20. The youth will also be attending a fantastic Christian concert in Raleigh! And lastly but certainly not least, the youth will be joining in with the Children's ministry to host the annual Fall Festival at Farmville UMC. Not only will it be the fall festival we have all come to know and love, but it will be an Extravaganza full of fun. Please see myself or Melissa Walters if you have any questions on how to be involved. The Fall Festival Extravaganza will be on Sunday October 27th from 5:00-7:00pm. God is doing great things in our Youth and Church. Peace!

Jonathan Lemmon



We will have a **Fall Extravaganza on Sunday, October 27th from 5 to 7** in the church parking lot. We will have Trunk or Treat, a few games and refreshments. Please plan to come and bring your friends and neighbors, as all kids, young and old are invited. Also, **I need volunteers to decorate their vehicles for Trunk or Treat.** If interested please see me, there is also a sign-up sheet on the desk outside the Fellowship Hall. (See Insert)

Thanks, Melissa



On-Going Bible Study

Friendship Daytime Bible Study – meets in the

Fellowship Hall each Tuesday at 10:00am

Grace Study -The Grace study continues to meet on Sundays at 5:00pm in the parlor.

“Knowing God” Bible Study” - meets each Sunday at 6:30pm in the Chapel



Senior Adults
Ministries

1902 FUNDRAISER

If you haven't seen the 1902 quilt made by early members of our church for a fundraiser, you still have a chance to do so. It will be

on display at the May Museum for a few more weeks. Our church was organized in 1901 and met in an old academy and other various locations. In 1902 six women formed the Church Builders Society and held numerous money-making projects to raise funds for a church building/lot. This quilt is one such fundraiser. Our Adult Seniors enjoyed viewing the quilt in Sept. after which they went together for lunch.



New Members:

Welcome to.....C. J. and Alice

Tynch who joined our congregation by profession of faith September 1, 2013. C. J. & Alice and their daughter, Virginia, reside at 2494 Beaver Creek Rd., Greenville, NC 27834.

Births

Julia Kate Boberg, daughter of Joshua and Ashlie Boberg, was born September 11, 2013. 6875 Stantonsburg Rd. Their Mailing address is P. O. Box 493, Farmville, NC 27828

Deaths:

Christian Sympathy to...
...William and Polly Galloway on the death of her mother, Lucille Waters. (3126 Howard Dr.)



COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES

Logan Sutton – 3291 E. 10th St., Apt. # 204D, Greenville, NC 27858
Brandon Clontz – 2111 Thesis Circle, Apt. 201B, Raleigh, NC 27603
Stephen Allard – 900 North Heritage St., Kinston, NC 278501

Ashley Sutton – 1361 Fleming School Rd., Greenville, NC 27834
Parents, if you have a son or daughter that is away from home at a college/university, please call the church office with their addresses. We like to keep in touch; we want our young people to know that their church cares about them.

October is such a beautiful time of the year with the leaves changing colors, warm days and cooler nights. We have a lot going on now until the end of December. Be sure to mark your calendars so you will not miss anything.

- **Oct. 3** : Wesley Foundation Meal – Circle III
- **Oct. 21** : Circle III at home of Anne McGaughey with Margaret Wells - Program Circle IV at the church. All circles meet at 7:00 pm.
- **Oct. 26** : 2nd Annual Sound District Meeting in Kinston (Queen St. UMC)
- **Nov. 4-8** : Meals on Wheels – Circle III
- **Nov. 16** : “ Holiday Helper”
We are having our “Holiday Helper” fundraiser on Nov. 16th from 9 to 1 in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We will be having holiday menu foods, chicken casseroles, other meat casseroles, veggie casseroles, sweet potato casseroles, collards, soup, frozen cranberry salads, desserts, and other good food. There will also be booths set up by talented church members and friends with items for sale. Come on out and do a little Christmas shopping and buy delicious food for the holidays. There will also be cheese biscuits for sale while you shop.
- **Nov. 24** : Community Thanksgiving Service at First Christian Church
- **Nov. 25** : “Hanging of the Greens” at 6:30 pm at the church. This is for everyone to come out and help and we will have light refreshments.

Circle III will be selling peanuts again this year, more information coming soon.

Be sure to mark your calendars!! Remember it takes everyone. In Christian Love, Darlene Gaynor



Nursery **volunteers are needed** to help Jean keep the **CRIB ROOM** and **NURSERY** during the **11:00 worship service**. If you are willing to give your time

to help with this need, there is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the hallway near the office. Please indicate how many Sundays a month/year you are willing to help, and which room you wish to be in. YOUTH and MEN are needed also.



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

FOR...Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn

(health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex, Jr. and Nicky Alvraez (healing), Vickie Herring (health), 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), Terrance Rogers (healing), Else (recovery, Heide Wilson's stepmother), Cindy Parks (recovery), John Sherman (recovery), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Gene Ennis (healing), Jesse Braxton (recover), Gladys Dail (healing), Grant Bullock (healing), Rev. Rick Bailey (recovery) Connie Smith (recovery), family of Lucille Waters (grief), Frank Hemmingway (healing).

(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.)

October Birthdays



October 1: Molly Williams
October 7: Beverly Wainwright
October 8: Dewey Fuquay, Jr.
October 9: Darlene Gaynor
October 10: Irene Pollard
October 15: Jean Allen
October 19: Tyler Fuquay
October 24: Sue Hardy



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY MEETING**

**Children's Ministry
Focus Group Meeting
on Sunday, October
13th @ 3:30pm for all
parents of children**

through 5th grade and anyone interested in children's ministries at FUMC. The SPRC will host a focus group meeting to discuss the needs, wishes, and any ideas for the continuation and future development of one of the most important ministries in our church, our children! A nursery will be provided.

Return Service Requested

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