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Our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ



WITH US The Newsletter, A Publication of the Farmville United Methodist Church, September 2012

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

Over the years, in talking with Christians who serve as teachers in the public school systems, including our daughter-in-law April, they talk about how they strive to model a life of Christian discipleship for their students, since they cannot legally teach them about God.

I have also heard stories about the challenges that come along with students of all ages, as they strive to discover who they are in the midst of their growth and among their peers, and how the teachers really try to make each student feel accepted and special!

All children and youth are important and special...to God, to parents and family...to the Church...and to school teachers as well!

In our schools, Christian teachers are called to minister to all children and youth...even the "least of these", and be the example of acceptance of one another, with God's help!

So as we begin yet another school year...let us pray for all children...all youth...all parents...all faculty...and all teachers, who serve as the example of Christ to our students!

By the way, maybe we should also lift up prayers for ourselves and one another...that we too may serve as the example of Christ and model a life of discipleship to our students on **Sunday mornings**...and to all throughout the rest of the week, as well!

Hmmm....seems like we are all in the same boat together, serving as Christ's example doesn't it?

May you have a very blessed fall, as we begin to return to our normal routines of life, school and church!

God be with you... take care...peace....

Pastor Bill



"DO IT FOR LOVE" - have you heard or seen this around our church? This month we will start our 2013 Stewardship Campaign. Hopefully throughout the summer you have read the information mailed and in the monthly newsletters, and have some knowledge as to what our Stewardship Campaign is all about.

Towards the end of September you will receive a letter explaining our campaign. Also included will be a pledge card for those who wish to pledge, along with other information. As our title - "DO IT FOR LOVE"- implies; it is our prayer each of you will feel this as a privilege in honor of God's blessings to you & yours.

We have been extremely blessed that your support for this year has enabled us to meet our obligations in a timely manner, and we trust that you will continue to do your best in your commitment to the Lord and Farmville UMC for 2013, as you prayerfully make your decision about your giving/tithing.

As in previous years, we are stepping out in faith...and your commitment is between you and the Lord. On Sunday, October 21 Laity/Commitment Sunday, those who would like to pledge may do so by placing their card on the altar, or in the offering plate, or just privately lift up your commitment to the Lord where you are seated...during the Committal part of our worship service. A time for those who wish to spend time at the altar rail will also be available. If you are unable to attend services on October 21 and desire to submit a pledge card for 2013, you may drop it by or mail it to the church office at Farmville UMC, POB 153, Farmville, NC 27828.

We, the Finance Committee, thank you in advance for your love of the Lord and commitment to Farmville UMC! And with much love and appreciation to each of you, together may we honor our Lord and Savior for the greatest of all - the gift of LOVE and the CROSS.

In Christ
Harriett Baker,
Finance Chairperson

Welcome



A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE.....

Greetings FUMC!

With great pleasure I would like to announce the hiring of our new Youth

Director, Jonathan Lemmon!

Jonathan is an enthusiastic young man filled with energy, ideas and love for our Lord. The interviewing committee was very impressed with his extensive experiences working with youth and in the mission field. Jonathan and his wife Jennifer live in Greenville. He is originally from Kentucky, a graduate of Murray State and son of a retired Methodist Pastor. Jonathan is the Hospital Outreach Director for Victory Junction, a youth camp in Randleman, NC.

Jonathan will officially start September 1st. Please help us welcome him on September 5th during our Wednesday night supper. The youth and their families will be having a Youth Kick Off cookout for Jonathan and Jennifer on September 9th at 5:30. Thank-you to the Methodist Men for donating the food and cooking for the youth that evening.

Also be sure to thank the outstanding Interviewing Committee when you have the opportunity. They are: Chair - Margaret Wells, Beverly Wainwright, Cindy Parks, Catherine Tugwell, Pastor Bill Price and myself.

A huge thank-you goes to the Search Committee of Margaret Wells and Beverly Wainwright. They did a phenomenal job in accepting resumes, screening applicants, and performing phone interviews. They devoted countless hours to this well done task.

Blessings!
Bert Warren, Jr



Electronic Giving Now Available

FUMC is pleased to announce a convenient new way to make your regular offerings. With our new electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions. It's convenient for you to provide much-needed consistency for our church. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending service, our church will continue to receive your contributions on an uninterrupted basis. Please call the church office or go on line to our website (www.farmvilleumc.com) and click the link to Vanco Services. There are forms on the credenza in the hallway



Fellowship Meals

Things are getting back to a school routine – so will Wednesday night Fellowships. We plan to begin on Wednesday after Labor Day and run through until Easter. I thank each group who works so hard to prepare and serve meals. I would like to have a group who does not have the opportunity prepare meals to clean-up on Covered Dish Wednesdays. Please call to volunteer. Thank you. Irene Pollard

Fellowship Meal Schedule for September

September 5: Circle III; September 12: UMMEN; September 19: New Beginnings; September 26: Vereen Class.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Fellowship Time



With people returning from vacations and school beginning, September brings more members of the congregation and visitors to our worship services. Join us for Food and Fellowship at 9:30am every Sunday to enjoy catching up with each other or meeting those people new to our church. A calendar will be beside the coffee pot for anyone who wants to volunteer to provide refreshments one Sunday morning. Please sign-up so we can keep this time of fellowship going throughout the year.



Acolytes

As we prepare for fall and spring traditional worship services, our church is in need of acolytes to light the altar candles and serve in special worship services through out the year. Anyone (young and mature alike) above the age of 8 or in grade 3 is eligible to serve. Please contact the church office by Thur., Sept. 13th



BackPack Pals

NEWS FROM THE BACKPACK PALS MINISTRY

We are looking forward to getting started with our Backpack Pals ministry as soon as the schools have an opportunity to identify the children – hopefully by the end of September. As we look toward providing this service for hungry children in our community, FUMC is providing a way that everyone in our church community can become involved. Sunday, September 30 has been designated **FILL THE PEW FOR BACKPACK PALS**. As this is fifth Sunday there will be a blended service. One pew in the sanctuary will be designated and marked for food for the children. A list of specific items which are acceptable for the backpacks is below and samples will be available in the hallway by the kitchen/fellowship hall and at the entrance to the sanctuary in the weeks before this event. (All items should be pop-tops so the children can handle them without help.) We look forward to have the pew overflowing to help us get ready for that first week of our ministry.

Food items needed:

- Individual serving of fruit: applesauce, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, oranges
- Juice boxes or individual size bottle of fruit juice – 100% juice please.
- Individual serving sizes of meat/protein items: spaghetti o's, ravioli, Vienna sausage, beanie-wieners, tuna packets.
- Snack items with as much food value as possible: packets of nuts, nabs, cheese & crackers, granola bars, cheese crackers with peanut or cheese, cheese crackers, pudding cups.
- Breakfast items: poptarts, individual cereal boxes, Quaker breakfast bars.



Addresses of our youth away from home...

- Parks, Andrew**, 151st ENG Co, FOB Lagman, APO AE 09383;
- Jacob Parks**, College Hill Suites, Room 337, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858;
- Logan Sutton**, 614 Tyler Hall, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858;
- Brandon Clontz**, 2111 Thesis Cir. Apt 201, Raleigh, NC 27603;
- Casey Johnson**, Garrett Hall, Room 219, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834;
- Duke Edwards**, University Towers, Room 311, 111 Friendly Dr., Raleigh, NC 27607



UMW NEWS

September greetings to all Farmville United Methodist Women! We

invite every woman who worships at FUMC to join with fellow friends in faith as together we seek God's will and guidance and God's mission becomes our mission.

A joint meeting of Circle III and Circle IV will be held on Monday, **September 17th** at 7:00 in the Chapel. Nancy Jessup will have our program. As we prepare for upcoming events, projects and responsibilities, we ask all women to please make a special effort to attend. Circles will have the opportunity to meet individually prior to being served refreshments.

Monday, **October 1st** at 7:00 pm– 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. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, **November 10th** – UMW Annual Fundraiser - **Holiday Helpers**. We need everyone's assistance in order to have Holiday Helpers take place again this year. In addition to casseroles, desserts, and other food items that we ask our women to contribute, we have many "opportunities" for organizing, decorating, pricing, cashiering and publicizing to be filled as well. Consider how you can help and let us know at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you September 17th ☺

Friends in Faith,

Connie Mozingo and Debbie Terrell



GIVE HANDBELLS A TRY.....Do you like music but can't carry a tune in a bucket? Now you can carry a tune.

How about trying handbells? You don't have to be able to sing or read music. It's fun and just think of the beautiful music you can make. Contact Drucilla or Sheri Von Schiltz if you are interested



UMMen's News

Hello All,
School's back in and that means back to Wednesday night fellowship meals. The UMM will take on the cooking Wednesday, September 12th so men are requested to bring their aprons and pitch in for our sausage and pancake supper. Monday, September 10th will be our regular supper meeting at 7:00pm. See you then!
Hugh Williams



PSALM 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" **Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday September 5** at 6:15 for children – 3 years to 5th grade, and at 7:00pm. for the Chancel Choir. There is always room for you, come join the fun.



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....

I would like to start by thanking all who have help to get the parsonage in order, people have donated their time and funds to make it a home for Pastor Bill and Jean, again I say thanks. There are several **fixes** that need our attention -- here are the ones the Trustees are addressing and need to address soon; the Trustees have received bids and approved replacement of the roof shingles, rear entry doors, and kitchen windows. Also, because of the ongoing issue with moles, our own Danny Laurerdale, Agricultural Extension Agent for Pitt County, along with other Trustee members are working on a solution. Additionally, we will need new carpeting in all areas of the house and volunteers for painting and wallpaper removal. I have asked Nan to list these issues in this newsletter, if anyone would like to give monies or donate their time please contact Nan or myself. I would also like to thank Pastor Bill and Jean for all the hard work that they have done to make the house a home anyone would be proud to live in. The yard has never looked better thanks to Jean's green thumb, with every ones help I feel the other **fixes** will be forthcoming. Thanks be to God for with him all things are possible.

Mike Wainwright
Chairman of the Trustees



**DONATIONS NEEDED
SUNDAY, SEPT. 9
12 NOON—4 PM**

FARMVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On September 9, you can do a simple thing that will make a difference in someone's life. Actually, one donated pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Won't you be a part of this great opportunity?

Here's how to get ready:

Make an appointment. Sign up to donate between 12N—4pm.

Hydrate. Drink plenty of water prior to donation time. Maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet by eating iron-rich foods such as green vegetables, enriched breads and cereal, seafood, fruits, meats, eggs, dried beans and peas, molasses

Bring your ID. Bring a friend.

RELAX !!! It's simple, safe—nothing to fear.

Donations across the US are down 10% presently, so your donation is much needed. Please seriously consider how you can help—by donating, assisting and encouraging others to do so. Any questions ? Find answers at redcrossblood.org



Church History

OUR HISTORIANS NEEDS

HELPChurch historians (Nancy Harris and Marion Stowe) need help identifying pictures of the past of some of our church members. If you have

been a member of FUMC for awhile perhaps you could help. Please join Nancy and Marion on **MON., Sept. 24** at **3:30** p.m. in the church library if you can assist with this project. It is fun to take a look at the past as we begin to move into the 112th year of FUMC!



Sept. 7: Trey Fields, Nancy Jessup, Marion Stowe

- Sept. 8: Harold Bailey**
- Sept. 9: Jimmy Evans**
- Sept. 10: Chuck Johnson**
- Sept. 15: Amy Pollard, R. G. Cochran**
- Sept. 16: Lori Craig**
- Sept. 20: Roxie Smith**
- Sept. 24: Camille Edwards**
- Sept. 26: Janet Hall**
- Sept. 27: Sandy Tugwell**
- Sept. 29: Pat Johnson**



Prayer Requests

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

FOR Andrew Parks, and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health) Horace Allen

(health) Tracey Smith (health) Cindy Parks (healing) Karen Campbell (healing) Denise Stillwell (healing) Edna Erwin (healing) Kailey Lynne Eaton (healing), Jean Cuthrell (healing), Minnie Lee Winborn (health) Lee and Nancy Baldree (healing, brother & sister-in-law of Sarah Hunt.), Kristen Baker (healing, granddaughter of Billy and Gray Baker), Alex Alvarez, Jr. (healing), unspoken request.

(If you wish to list your family and friends please call the church office.

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