



FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"FALL BACK' INTO SERVING GOD"

September 2013



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FROM OUR PASTOR.....

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

You probably have heard the saying, "God is Good, All the Time....All the Time, God is Good". In fact, I recall we have said that phrase in our worship services. Similarly, I am also reminded of the words of the psalmist: "Bless the Lord...who satisfies you with good as long as you live." (Psalm 103:1&5 NRSV) Yet I understand that saying it, doesn't necessarily mean—we feel it in our hearts or spirits! That may be especially true during challenging times of change or crisis!

With a new school beginning, I am reminded through Benevolent Ministries and phone calls to our church, that there are many who have placed their faith and confidence in God to sustain them and their family. Yet a time has come when they lack basic necessities, especially the basic necessity to provide for their school age children, as they return for another school year! To many this becomes a time of embarrassment... a "very personal" time of feeling helpless and worthless...even a time of questioning God's sustainability.

Some may reply...well they should have saved...they should have a better job...they should not rely on others to provide for them, etc. But you know, sometimes things just happen in life! Sometimes we do the best we can and things still so not turn out like we thought---isn't hindsight great?

There was a time in my life, that as I remembered God calling me into Christian service, I tried to remain strong...faithful...trusting that God would sustain and provide! But one day as I walked down a street, feeling disillusioned and worrisome, a person approaching me walking from the other way, smiled and said, "Jesus loves you" and continued on their way. What a gift God gave to me through that person, to lift me up and fill my heart, which was full of anxiety! Yes, words can be powerful! Yet sometimes we need more than a word...sometimes we really need another's help!

4 simple things we can do, as the school year begins:

- 1) **Pray for all students**...that no one will stand out and be made fun of...or be thought less of because they are without or in need!
- 2) **Pray for all parents**...that through their efforts or the efforts of others...all families basic necessities will be met...and that parents experiencing "empty nest syndrome", due to school, will be comforted!
- 3) **Participate in "Fill the Pew Sunday"** (with food) in our Combined Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 30 and help children & parents, as they go through worrisome times. You can also help pack the bags on Wednesday night, for delivery to our school.
- 4) **Participate in "Lend a Helping Hand—in School"**, a new program of helping the teachers, staff and children in fulfilling needs within the daily routines of school, such as reading with a child, helping in the library and filling other unmet needs. We can also **pray for teachers and staff**...that their work will be fruitful and their needs met as well!

God calls and uses us to bring encouragement and hope to others...just at the right time! For it really is true---"God is Good, All the Time....All the Time, God is Good". Let us listen to God--then committedly respond! Are you ready? This is going to be a great year...as we do work for God's kingdom! Work and help...that will never be in vain! Praise God!

May God's grace and peace be with you...as you help others in need!

Take Care....peace...

Pastor Bill



PRAISE and WORSHIP

Praise and Worship

service resumes on Sunday, September 8th at 8:30am. We are blessed to have a new leader of the Praise Team and we would like to invite everyone to come meet and welcome Aubrey Digh and worship with us. Hope to see everyone "Fall Back Into Serving God."



PROJECT AGAPE CHRISTMAS BOXES

Bishop Hope invites our church to be directly involved in **Project AGAPE**, the unique mission of North Carolina United Methodist with Christians in Armenia.

One of the ways we are partnering with our Armenian Sisters and Brothers is in our AGAPE Christmas Box Ministry. For many children in refugee communities located in the Kashatagh District, this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. For some of them, this will be the first toy they have ever received. Though these boxes may seem like a small gift, they will carry the priceless love of Christ. Children who receive these boxes will know that they have been remembered and loved. We hope that you might join us in this beautiful action that proclaims Jesus's AGAPE.

There is a list of the items and age groups on the credenza in the hallway. **Please note only a 6qt plastic box with lid can be used. The boxes should be brought to the church on or before Sunday, September 22.** They will be carried to the distribution center the next week.

If any is interested in helping at the 3MC in Goldsboro on Sept. 27 & 28 to inspect and pack the boxes, please let Pastor Bill know.



With people returning from vacations and school beginning, September brings more members

of the congregation and guests 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.



Beginning this Sunday, September 8, we will resume our regular service schedule; 8:30am Praise and Worship Service, 9:30am Fellowship Time; 10:00am Sunday School and 11:00am Traditional Service.



BackPack Pals

HAPPY SEPTEMBER:

Summer is over and school is in session. Time to start a new schedule for many people (some of us old folks only

remember the days). But for the church it means a new beginning, thus it is time to get our BackPack Ministry started. As we did last year, we plan to have a **FILL THE PEW Sunday. The date is September 29 – which is a fifth Sunday thus a combined service.** The procedure will be the same as last year. A pew(s) will be designated at the front of the sanctuary. Food Items may be placed there on Sunday morning or before. A service of blessing will be held for the food, the program, and children & their families who will be recipients. Below is a list of items that are useable in the program. **All should be individual serving items and when appropriate have pop-top lids.**

PROTEIN ITEMS: spaghetti/pasta cans, Vienna sausages, potted meat, peanut butter to go, beans & franks

FRUIT ITEMS: fruit cups, applesauce, 100% fruit juices (juice boxes or packets)

BREAKFAST ITEMS: Poptarts, individual cereals, breakfast bars, Quaker Oatmeal on the Go

SNACK ITEMS: Nabs (square crackers with peanut butter or cheese), Animal crackers, Pretzels, raisins, pudding cups, Cheese crackers, Cheese & crackers packs, granola bars, any small snack items.

I ENCOURAGE everyone to read NUTRITION LABELS – watching the sugar content and choosing good nutrition for the children.

Back Pack Pals Coordinator
Irene Pollard



Fellowship Meals

Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00pm will be the kick-off for our weekly Fellowship Meals. We will be discussing some possible ministry efforts after the meal on this date so be sure to come and plan to stay for the discussion. **New Beginnings Class will cook for the first meal.**

School
Project
Assistants



LEND A HELPING HAND --IN SCHOOL

You are all aware that budgets everywhere, in private and public sectors, are being cut due to economic times. Our schools are no exception. HB Sugg and Sam D Bundy Schools can use some assistance that will not cost you a penny – just a little time and effort. Following some conversations with Mrs. Smith, principal of the two schools, we have a list of tasks that staff members have a difficult time juggling in the day. A few man hours would really make a lot of difference in the lives of these young children. Prayerfully consider giving some time, in an organized way, to the schools. **We will begin a discussion of ideas and needs following dinner on September 4.** Please plan to become involved in this mission project to enhance our community.

Celebrate Back to
Church Sunday



GETTING CLOSER ~ SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 8

~ DON'T MISS IT!!

Sunday, September 8 will be a special day at FUMC!

First, we will begin holding

both Sunday worship services ~ 8:30 am Praise & Worship Service in the Chapel and 11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. **Secondly**, Sunday **September 8** will be Promotion Sunday, when we will recognize all children entering into 3rd Grade and all youth entering 6th Grade. **Thirdly**, Sunday September 8 will be our Kick-off Sunday, with our new church theme and where opportunities will begin for activities, studies, missions, times of fellowship and more! **DON'T MISS IT ~ because** we will celebrate this special Sunday with a kickball game for all ages at 4:00pm, followed by a covered dish meal, and a great time of fellowship, with meeting new faces! So invite someone...invite a family...to be a part of something special at FUMC!



UMen's News

Greetings to All,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Just a quick reminder that our regular supper meeting is on **Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00pm**. The invitation is open to the men of the church to join us for food and fellowship. Hugh Williams



FUMC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & CONTACTS

Teachers — Children's Fall Sunday
School Class – Melissa Walters
Assist in creating a new FUMC website –
Margaret Wells
UM Mission Coordinator — Pastor Bill
Evangelism Coordinator — Pastor Bill
Welcoming Guest Friends — church office
Nursery Volunteers – church office
Sound Technician Assistant (8:30am or 11:00am
services) – Bill Sledge



UM Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds

August 31, September

1,2,14,15,28,29, and October 5,6,12,13 are designated as NC Conference United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds. Tickets are available for United Methodists at the discounted cost of \$29.99 per person ages 3 and up for those dates. To order tickets for Kings Dominion, go to www.kingsdominion.com and enter PROMO CODE: KDMETHODIST at the top right corner of the page. To order Carowinds tickets, go to www.carowinds.com and enter PROMO CODE: CAMETHODIST at the top right corner of the page. Place your credit card order and print out the ticket(s) to bring to the park. For each ticket redeemed, a \$1 contribution is made to the conference Youth Service Fund.



**Sunday School teachers
needed beginning Sunday,
September 1st.**

**Children's Ministry meeting,
Sunday, September 1st in
Chapel at 9:00am.**

Thanks, Melissa



New Bible Studies

KNOWING – LOVING – SERVING JESUS

*** Sunday, September 22nd to November 10th
6:30-7:45 PM ***

This is a 3-part study about “**Knowing, Loving, and Serving God**”. In September we will focus on “**Knowing God**” by deepening our understanding of God and the Scriptures. In early 2014, we will focus on “**Loving God**” and experiencing spiritual transformation, and then in mid to late Spring 2014, our emphasis will shift to “**Serving God**” by using our hands, time & gifts to serve others and share Christ! The program focuses on 15 core traits of a committed Christian (5 traits in each study part), which portray what it’s like to live as a passionate and dedicated follower of Jesus! **It’s not necessary to attend all 3 study parts, however, it is strongly recommended for full impact. Participant Guides costing \$5/per study part, will be ordered. Each part will be about 7 weeks, with each weekly session being about 75 minutes long.** Please sign the ‘**Orange**’ registration sheet on the desk in the hallway and for further information, talk with Pastor Bill or Church office.



Friends in Christ

“Tuesday Friendship Daytime Bible Study”

*** September 10th to October 29th - 10-11 AM *** (Bring Your Bible & Note Pad)

Get Ready & Get Excited...for everyone is invited...to invite a friend...and bring your bible along with a notepad, for an 8-week...daytime Open Bible Study along the topic of ‘Friendship’! Each week we will study words in the Bible that begin with the “Letter” of the week...ultimately spelling out the word F-R-I-E-N-D-S during our study! Please sign the ‘**Green**’ registration sheet on the desk in the hallway. For further information, please contact Lisa Midgett at 413-9932, or the Church office.



GRACE: MORE THAN WE DESERVE, GREATER THAN WE IMAGINE BY MAX LUCADO – A study of Max Lucado’s book –

Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine will begin in September. Please contact Suzanne Edwards, Nancy Wilson, or the church office, if you would like more details or would like to join us as we study. Suzanne at 753-7844 or moyeedwards@costalnet.com or Nancy at 228-0152 njwlsn716@yahoo.com .



CLASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ~

Beginning Sunday,

September 8 @ 10AM

The Seekers Class will begin a new study on “Kick-off” Sunday, September 8 at 10am called “Jesus in the Gospels”. This study is a Disciple Studies approach, tailored to our Sunday School structure. Unlike the familiar approach of the “life & teaching of Jesus”, we will look at the way each Gospel writer presents events, teachings, and the picture of Jesus that emerges in that gospel—Matthew Mark, Luke & John. If you are interested in attending this study which will last approximately 9 months, with a weekly reading...please sign the ‘**Yellow**’ registration sheet on the desk in the hallway, as soon as possible, so books can be ordered. If you have any additional questions, please talk with Pastor Bill or the Church Office.

UMWOMEN'S



September is approaching fast and hope everyone had a good summer.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 9-13 Meals on Wheels – Circle IV
Sept. 16 Circle III – Margo Sherman/Debbie Terrell,
Program in Church Parlor

Circle IV- Church Chapel

**** Circles meet on the 3rd Monday night at 7:00 PM**

Oct. 3: Wesley Foundation Meal – Circle III
Nov.: Holiday Helpers – Date not set, will be letting you know more info soon

Circle IV sells all-occasion cards so let Pat Sumrell (753-5433) know if you would like to purchase cards.

Remember it takes everyone. In Christian Love,

Darlene M. Gaynor



MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Men's Study group will resume their weekly meeting on **Tuesday nights at**

7:00pm in the parlor beginning Tuesday, September 17th. 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.



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, September 15th 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.



I am extremely looking forward to the fall and all that is in store for not only the Youth, but the entire congregation here at Farmville United Methodist Church. **The Youth Kickoff for the new year will take place on September 15th from 6:00-8:00p.m.** All parents and siblings of youth are invited to attend. There will be great food, fun and fellowship. I will also be laying out the schedule and outlining all that is in store for Farmville UMC Youth this fall. Please join with me in prayer for another amazing and fruitful year for the Youth. God bless!

Jonathan Lemmon



**WELCOMING MINISTRY –
FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS**

FUMC has recently revived a ministry

whose sole purpose will be to help guests and prospective members feel welcome and at ease within our congregation. Our goal is to have guests experience the love of Christ through us and to grow in their desire for the Lord. We need your help!

We would like to compile a list of members from both services, who would be willing to make contact with guests after they visit us. We hope to match guests with FUMC members of similar interest, ages, same age children, and other common links. The FUMC members would figuratively “adopt” the guest, remain in contact with them and assist in any way, 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. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenzas in the hallways. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help all who enter FUMC, to experience God’s love.



The family of Doris H. McKeel would like to thank each and every one of our church family for being

with us at the time of our loss. The food, cards, calls and visits were appreciated. We miss our Mother, but we know she is alright and we are so thankful for having her with us this long.

In Christian Love,
Darlene M. Gaynor, Dianne M. Morris, Susan M. Casper, Fitz McKeel



ADULT SENIORS (and anyone else who is interested) Have you seen the wonderful 1902

signature quilt that our first church members made for a fundraiser? Hundreds of folks in this community signed it at 10 cents per name. Deb Higgins of the May Museum will have the quilt on display in our fellowship hall on **Thurs., Sept 12 at 11:00 am.** She will offer a touch of history of our church and community in the early 1900's. Bring your friends to this special event followed by a light lunch together at the Colonial Inn ! (Call Nan at 753-4803 for Dutch lunch reservations.)

From 10:00-11:00am, Staci Garner will be available to give flu shots. Please bring your insurance cards.



**DONATIONS NEEDED
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15
12 NOON—4 PM**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

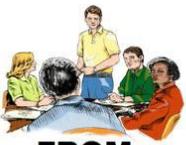
On September 15, you can do a simple thing that will make a difference in someone’s life. Actually, one donated pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Won’t you be a part of this great opportunity?

Here’s how to get ready:

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



FROM
the **Board of Trustees**

First let us remember all things done in his name are good. There have been many ongoing projects at the church as well as the parsonage this year. The organ was cleaned and tuned (it sounds wonderful), carpets were cleaned in the fellowship hall, educational entrance and chapel. As you enter the church you will also notice new signage directing guests around the building (a few are in place with others coming) and there will also be outside signage to direct our guests. In the chapel there will be a monitor installed for early service. This will allow the removal of the screen and everyone will have a great view when we sing, as well as slides for Pastor Bill's sermon. The bell tower has been repaired and is chiming and the bells are now working again. The parsonage is undergoing repairs for issues found during the annual inspection. We hope to have all the repairs completed by months end. Thanks to Bill and Jean--the yard is looking great. Please ride by if you have a chance and see all the hard work (the landscape looks better than it has in years). We still have many challenges ahead of us, please continue to pray for our board members as we continue to do our part in God's work, I would like to thank each one of them for their support over the last three years for their time and effort given. May God continue to bless us as we do his work.



**Electronic
Giving**

FUMC is pleased to announce a convenient way to make your regular

offerings. With our 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 Service



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

FOR... Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Frank Hemingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Alec (Jonathan's nephew), Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family (healing), Lynnette Williams (healing), Terrance Rogers (healing), Else (recovery, Heide Wilson's stepmother), Cindy Parks (recovery), John Sherman (recovery), Kevin Mielke (healing, Jennifer Lemmon's father), Jaxson McLawhorn (healing), Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes (recovery), Arthur Stevenson (healing), Kimberly and David Davis (grief), Gene Ennis (healing), Jesse Braxton (recovery), Linda Hodge (recovery), Gladys Dail (healing) Cynthia Groathouse (recovery, Hugh Williams' mother) Grant Bullock (healing, son of Willa & Tommy Bullock) unspoken requests.

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



- Sept. 7: Nancy Jessup, Marion Stowe
- Sept. 8: Harold Bailey
- Sept. 9: Jimmy Evans
- Sept. 10: Chuck Johnson
- Sept. 15: R. G. Cochran, Amy Pollard
- Sept. 16: Lori Craig
- Sept. 20: Roxie Smith
(5400 Glenhaven Dr.,
Cumming, GA 30041)
- Sept. 24: Camille Edwards
- Sept. 26: Janet Hall
- Sept. 27: Sandy Tugwell
- Sept. 29: Pat Johnston



COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES

Parents, if you have a son or daughter that will be 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 this church cares about them. **Please call the church office as soon as you can with this information.**

SOUND DISTRICT CELEBRATION

On September 15 from 3-5pm there will be a District Celebration with Bishop Ward at the Garber UMC, 4201 Country Club Rd, New Bern, NC 28562. If you are interested in attending please register on line at <http://districts.nccumc.org/district-clergy-gatherings-with-bishop-ward-registration-page/> or call the church office by Monday September 10.



FLU CLINIC – SEPT 30

CVS (Staci Garner) is having a “Flu Shot Clinic” during and after our covered dish luncheon on Sunday, September 30. Please bring your insurance cards. (Medicare B and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NC are free)

Return Service Requested

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