



Staying Connected

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Farmer City United Methodist Church

Staying Connected is a weekly guide to news, events, and announcements. Send your announcements to Diana Homann by text or phone: 309-830-2267 or by email: diana.homann56@gmail.com. **Stay Connected!**

Worship Options

Online Worship: Sunday at 10:45 AM

Online Worship by:

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/PastorSandiYouTube>

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/FarmerCityUMC/>

Church Activities/Worship News

AA: Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)

Charge Conference: Nov 12 at 7 pm by ZOOM

NO FOCUS or UMW meetings this month

Charge Conference by Zoom



Here is the log in information for this year's virtual church conference. Please feel free to join us by ZOOM on **Nov 12th at 7 PM.**

Angie Lee's Zoom Meeting Room: by computer/tablet or smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2173691234>

By phone: 312-626-6799, 2173691234



Veterans Day Prayer



"Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and 'joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11)."

In House Worship News



Worship was held online on Nov 8th and will be online only on Nov 15th.

It appears that Farmer City had 3 new cases of COVID last week. Please keep your neighbors in your prayers as we continue to fight this invisible battle. To look at the Dewitt & Piatt County COVID numbers follow this link:

<https://www.dewittpiatthealth.com/common-items/article/idph-update-and-local-testing-numbers--1162020>

You have spoken and we are listening! Thank you for sharing your concerns from your health care providers. Thank you for telling us that the hospitals are overwhelmed in our area!

All of your comments and the COVID numbers were presented to the Administrative Council, which met for several days by email meetings. In keeping with our guiding principles of doing no harm, we continue to practice caution regarding returning to in house worship. Therefore, we will offer **online worship ONLY on Nov 15th.**

We know that there are a few that are ready to come back to in house worship but the majority agree that we need to practice caution as we wait for COVID numbers to decline and we are not under mitigation.

Please remember what an unusual time this is for us and that we value you so much we wish to protect your health.

For more information from UMC, Bishop Frank Beard, and the Pressing On document follow this link. <https://tinyurl.com/y39endnj>

Stay Blessed, Stay Safe and Stay Connected!



Our worship videos are now averaging 73 viewers since 9/27/2020!

Happy Birthday to:



Wyatt Cole (11/13)
(11/17)-Wanda Hilty, Liz Slusser, & Mike Mullen
(11/18)-Liz Pratt, Amy Jamison, & Judy Wallace
(11/25) Marjorie Twichell, David Harris & David Cole

*The Birthday and Anniversary list will now cover a two-week period, so that you have time to mail a card if you wish.

90th Birthday Card Shower

Dewey Gronau will be **90** years young on 11/29/20. His family is having a card shower for him. Please send a birthday card and messages to him at 2025 E Lincoln, Westminster Village, Bloomington, IL 61701.



..2020 Holiday Church Family Newsletter

To help us celebrate our church family, we are creating a Christmas Family Newsletter. You are encouraged to send a note to Diana about your family's accomplishments, life stories, promotions, family changes, pictures, anything! **Please send your information by Nov 25th!**

NEW Holy Spirit Study Survey Results

Results are in! The Holy Spirit Study will be on hold as many have asked for an Advent Study. Thank you to all that responded! More information will be coming soon about the Advent Study.
Did you know that the first Advent Sunday is November 29th this year?

Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Roger Barlow, Hannah Jean McCarty, Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Sally Williams Amber, (Jill Anderson's niece)

Cancer: Craig Brock, (Friend of Dan Pearl), Becky Fouth, (Niece to a friend of Rhonda Kimmel), Ken Brock, (Friend of Pearls and father of Craig Brock), Dave Harris, (Son-in-law of Mary Ann Copley), Brian Snider, (Friend of Murl Kimmel), Beth Loy, (Friend of Heather Howell). John Homann, (brother of Diana Homann), Jim Gustafson, (Uncle of Amy Phillips), Gary B (friend of Jane Evans), John Baker (Weldon)

Other: Scott Smith (MS), Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Jane Evans (knee surgery)

From our Community Prayer Box:

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Parent Christmas Shop

We have collected **\$995** so far! How wonderful this is! Thank you for your generous giving. For those that still wish to give, there is still time to donate.

The Christmas Shop is way for parents in need to select 2 gifts for their children. **The deadline to turn in your monetary gifts is Nov 22nd.** The Christmas Shop is open on 12/12/2020 at the Sunshine Center on Rt 54. **Please consider donating to this by adding Christmas Shop on the memo line of your check.**



Cunningham Children's Home GIFT CARDS

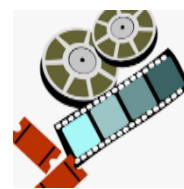
If you would like to donate, (either a gift card or a check), please get your donations to Janis Maxwell, (**by November 22**), to the address of 1215 W Clinton Ave, Farmer City, IL 61842. Please do not mail gift cards. **If by check, write CCH on the memo line of your check.**

Community Food Pantry Collection

Wowzah! Talk about a community full of love and support, we collected a total of **\$1,600 and 5 trunk loads of food!**



Nov 21st is Food Pantry distribution at the Sunshine Center on Rt 54 from 9-12 PM



Are you curious how many people we are reaching by our Sundays Worship videos? Here are the number of total views to date.

September 27: 139 Viewers
October 4: 41 Viewers
October 11: 78 Viewers
October 18: 67 Viewers
October 25: 89 Viewers
November 1: 56 Viewers
November 8: 46 Viewers

Now that's Some GOOD NEWS!

Thank you for continuing to support the financial needs of our church.

Checks made payable to FCUMC can be mailed to 101 S William St, Farmer City, IL 61842 or to 1215 W Clinton Ave, PO Box 234, Farmer City, IL 61842 (in care of Janis Maxwell) or **Consider Online Giving at** <http://www.farmercityumc.org/online-giving.html>: If you don't already have a profile, you will be asked to create one. After that, you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation.