



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)

NO FOCUS or UMW meetings this month

Holy Spirit Study

Pastor Sandi will be offering the new Advent Series by Adam Hamilton, *"Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas."* The series plans to start on Sunday 11/29 at 4 PM or Monday 11/30 at 6:30 PM and **will be held on Zoom**. Everyone with email will receive an invitation to the sessions.

It is suggested that you have a copy of the book, although it is not required. **I have received the approval to order your family one book at no cost to you; but I must know if you want one ASAP.**

The book is available at: cokesbury.com, christianbook.com, <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/>, amazon.com. It is also available at many Walmart's and Target Stores. The ISBN number is 9781791005542

There are also sessions for children and teens. If there is anyone who might consider leading either group, contact Pastor Sandi as soon as possible. She has all the material you need to lead these sessions.

Food Pantry Distribution & Dedication

Nov 21st is Food Pantry distribution at the Sunshine Center on Rt 54 from 9-12 PM
Worship Service for Nov 22nd will be dedicated to those that help with the **Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.**
Thank You for your service to our Community!

In House Worship News

Worship was held online on Nov 15th and will be online only on Nov 22nd. In fact, you can count on worship being held online ONLY until Dec 13th.

According to the Dewitt Piatt Bi-County Health Department, Farmer City had 8 new cases of COVID 19 last week (based on the report dated 11/16). Please continue to pray for your neighbors and be diligent in your safety practices.

Although, the Administrative Council was planning on reviewing the health information to decide when we could safely worship; this was taken out of our hands by Bishop Frank Beard. On Tuesday, 11/17, the Bishop declared no indoor church for the next 4 weeks or until Dec 13th. On Dec 9th, he will make a determination for the weeks to follow. **So for now, the church building is closed. If you are not essentially needed for filming worship, you are asked to not go into the building.** If you have questions, on whether or not you should enter the building, please call or text Diana at 309-830-2267.

Stay Blessed, Stay Safe and Stay Connected!

2019 Festival of Carols

Did you film any of the Christmas Program last year? We are looking for anyone who has footage of the program (even the smallest portion). Please call the office at 309-928-2355 and leave us a message or call Diana at 309-830-2267.

Pastor Sandi Contact INFO ...Text or Phone: 217-834-3165...Email at: pastorsandihire@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to:

(11/18)-Liz Pratt, Amy Jamison, & Judy Warren
(11/25)-Marjorie Twichell, David Harris & David Cole
(11/29)-Kay Tomlin, Murl Kimmel, Rhonda Reynolds
(11/30) Johanne Thompson...(12/1) Hannah Howell

*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. Then, join the drive by parade for him at the High School!



Birthday Thank You

Thank you so much for all the 80th Birthday Wishes!
~Wanda Hasty

Parent Christmas Shop/Cunningham Children's Home

The deadline to turn in your monetary gifts for both the Parent Christmas Shop and Cunningham Children's Home is Nov 22nd.

Here is the amount we have collected so far:
Parent Christmas Shop: **\$1,625**
Cunningham Children's Home: **\$675**

If you still want to donate to either, please call Janis Maxwell at 217-369-3802.

2020 Holiday Church Family Newsletter

Due to lack of responses, we will not be doing a holiday church newsletter.

UMC Virtual Choir

Do you want to take part in the UMC virtual choir for Christmas? If so, click this link.
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/christmaschoir>

ISO Smart TV

We are in search of a smart tv so that our church family without internet may watch online Sunday Worship. This is the time of year that you may be shopping for a new TV. Why not give your old one to the Church? Our church family without access to our online service is asking for a way to watch Sunday Service. If we can find a TV, we will be able to schedule a small group (after the Bishop gives us the ok to meet again) in our sanctuary for viewing worship. We are looking for at least a 65 in Smart TV. If you have a smart tv for donation, please contact Diana or Pastor Sandi. If you can't help with a donation, please join us in prayer as we try to brainstorm a solution for our non-internet family.

Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

We pray for the family of Ray Otto.

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, (Husband of Katie Copley Harris), 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), Lynn Davis (friend of Craig Brock & Dan Pearl), Julie Hubble (Aunt of Terri Green)

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

From our Community Prayer Box:

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

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.