



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!**



Region 6 Under Mitigation!

Worship Options

Online Worship: Sunday at 10:45 AM

Online Worship by:

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

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

Church Activities/Worship News

AA: Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)

Admin Council: Nov 5th at 6:30 PM (FCUMC)

Charge Conference: Nov 12 at 7 pm by ZOOM

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

In House Worship News

Worship was held online on Nov 1st and will be online only on Nov 8th.

This is an unusual time in our church history and our love for our congregation's health and safety is our topmost concern! Here is the link to Bishop Frank Beard's video and Pressing On document. <https://tinyurl.com/y39endnj>

The council will meet on Nov 5th to review in house worship for Nov 15th.

Stay Blessed, Stay Safe and Stay Connected!

Governor Pritzker and the IDPH are announcing COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Region 6—East-Central Illinois—beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020. Region 6 includes Iroquois, Ford, Dewitt, Piatt, Champaign, Vermillion, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Shelby, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland, and Lawrence counties. There will be new mitigation requirements for bars, restaurants, sports, and gathering size. You can read the mitigation document here:

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=6>.

Of particular note for churches is the mitigation restriction on gathering size to "limit to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity." This applies to all church gatherings except for regular worship. The IGRC is recommending but not requiring that our churches limit their indoor worship services to the lesser of 25 people or 25% of room capacity. Per local public health officials, all other church activities, including funerals and weddings, should follow these lower limits, but worship services may continue with Phase 4 guidance on larger-sized indoor gatherings. **Local public health officials are still encouraging caution and requesting that churches be diligent in slowing the spread of COVID-19. This continues to be an ongoing public health emergency, and increased viral spread poses the risk of increased illnesses, increased deaths, and increased interruptions to in-person church gatherings.** This new limit supersedes the Phase 4 recommendations found in our Illinois Great Rivers Conference "Coming Back to the Heart of Worship" guidance. **Our recommendations are in keeping with our guiding principles of doing no harm by continuing to exercise caution and support public health efforts at limiting viral spread.**

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Happy Birthday to:



Michelle Althaus (11/6)...Todd McCarty (11/8)
Eleanor McConkey (11/8)...Wyatt Cole (11/13)
(11/17)-Wanda Hilty, Liz Slusser, & Mike Mullen
(11/18)-Liz Pratt, Amy Jamison, & Judy Wallace

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

NEW 2020 Holiday Church Family Newsletter

One commonly said phrase this year is how much folks miss their church family. To help us celebrate each other, 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!**



Holy Spirit Study

A survey was sent by email asking if you wanted to participate in a study created by Bishop Beard and led by Pastor Sandi. Are you interested? What day and times work well for you? Please respond to the survey.

Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

We pray for a safe and fair election process.

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: Everyone to Stay Happy & Heathy AND Prayers needed over a tough decision to make others happy or oneself happy

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.**

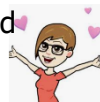
Cunningham Children's Home GIFT CARDS

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!**



Veteran's Day Alter Pictures



Thank you for your service!

From left to right: **James Lashbrook** (Army Lineman 1945-55), **Chris Wehrle** (Marines), **Ash Kettleison** (Marines Driver, Heavy Machine Gunner, and Platoon Sergeant 2001-11), **Ace Williams** (Army Paratrooper 1959-60), **George Wisegarver** (Army Ammunition Handler 1943-45, and **Marty Kopp** (Army Crew Chief 1967-70)

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.farmerciumc.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.