



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

AA: Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)

NO UMW or FOCUS meeting in December

Advent Study

The new Advent Series by Adam Hamilton, *"Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas,"* has started. **You can still join in on week two.** You should have received an two emails that will help you log into ZOOM. (FYI: The Advent Study is held either on Sundays at 4 PM or Monday 11/30 at 6:30 PM. Your choice).

It is suggested that you have a copy of the book, **although it is not required.** 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.

OUR CAPS YOUR CAUSE

We are still entering cap codes from Prairie Farms milk containers. We now have a total of **857** codes redeemed. Enter the codes yourself or drop your caps off at the church!

Worship on 12/6/2020



**Will be
filmed at
Farmer
City**

In House Worship News

Worship will be held online only on Dec 6th.

According to the Dewitt Piatt Bi-County Health Department, there have been 10 new cases of COVID-19 in Farmer City (from 11/25-11/28). Prayers continue to be needed for those sick and for those in caregiver roles.

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!

Happy Birthday to:

(12/6) Sig Enger...(12/7) Cindy and Angie Wendell
(12/12) Betty Kent...(12/16) Susie Hoffman
(12/16) Mike Wallace...(12/16) Thysha Choate
(12/17) Dan Pearl...(12/18) Brenda Reeser

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

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

Cantata

Go Sing It on the Mountain, a cantata performed by our Community Choir in December 2016, will be shared once again via the gift of technology. Diana Homan will send a link for this program in next week's Staying Connected. You will be able to enjoy this program throughout December. Since the pandemic prevents us from meeting in person, this is a great way to safely share through music the wonderful message that God came to us in human form. You will hear many traditional carols as well as newly written tunes. Joy Bells along with God's Rockin' Ringers, our youth bell choir, also share their musical talents to spread the good news of Christmas. This program is dedicated in loving memory of Nathan Hieronymus, who shared his strong tenor voice in our Christmas cantatas year after year.

Parent Christmas Shop ~ Dec 12 at 9 AM



December 12
Starting at 9 AM

Sunshine Center
Rt 54 in Farmer City

**Helping Families by Offering
Gifts for Children 0-12 yrs**
Gifts are purchased with donated monies to
the Farmer City United Methodist Church
Parents are allowed 2 Gifts per Child



Thank You

Thank you to Teresa Drinkwater and her daughter Abby for shopping for toys and volunteering their time on Saturday December 12th to the Parent Christmas Shop!

Smart TV Setup

After some shopping (and an open church), we will be scheduling small group settings for those without internet to be able to view online worship.

Here is a picture of what we are considering. This mobile classroom type set up will allow a laptop and sound system to be plugged into the smart tv.



Please Note: We are looking into other options as well. Being able to space 6 ft apart and hear well in the sanctuary is our topmost concern.

Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

We pray for the family of Jim Gustafson and Janice Dick.

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), 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)

From our Community Prayer Box:

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Letters to Share

I still remember attending Sunday School and church. God's been good to me – I still have all my "marbles" – Ha! Ha!. I get good care here in Clinton and have lots of friends. Thanks for always thinking about me.

Betty Kent

I've been blessed this year to have two children tend to me while I was recovering from illness. Although both are married with their own families and living out of state, they arranged to come be with me and work remotely from my house as I healed. David is in Virginia, has 3 children, and yet drove here to IL to bring me home from the hospital. Annette who is AZ, also arranged to work remotely from my house, and stayed almost 2 months because of the ups and downs I experienced. My grandson, Tim lives and works in Farmer City. He helps me in any way needed on a regular basis. I am profoundly grateful for the love and support in my life. During this time, I have felt love through prayer, cards, good deeds, gifts, and more. The church card ministry is beautiful. I am thankful to everyone for the Christian acts that have helped me through my illnesses. Prayers, acts of kindness, and caring of friends are valuable beyond description. Love within family is immeasurable. May God continue to be with you, may he wrap His loving arms around you, and keep you safe.

Sally Williams

Both Betty and Sally receive cards from our card ministry. Betty is 93 and Sally is hospitalized again. Please consider sending both of these ladies a note or card.

Betty Kent, Liberty Village, Clinton, IL 61727
Sally Williams, 507 E Dodge St, Farmer City, IL 61842.