



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:

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/PastorSandiYouTube>
FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/FarmerCityUMC/>
Webpage: <https://www.farmercityumc.org/sermons>

Church Activities

AA: Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)
Adult Sunday School: Sunday at 9:30 AM
Food Pantry Distribution: 1/30

Worship on 1/31/2021



Starts at
10:45 AM

In House Worship News



On Jan 22, we moved into **Phase 4, no mitigations!** This means that churches may gather for any purpose in groups of 50. Children and youth programs are back. Sunday School is back! Masks will need to be worn and social distance will still apply. Bulletins and hymnal will be placed in the pews. We will have congregational speaking. We will have the church cleaned for you to return to in-house worship. **We will have In-House Worship Jan 31st at 10:45 AM.**

Stay Blessed, Stay Safe and Stay Connected!

Online Sunday School Message for 1/31

God is the Alpha and the Omega!
Scripture: Revelation 1:8, 1:17-18, & 21:5-7
<https://www.farmercityumc.org/>

In House Sunday School News

Sunday School books will be in the Wesley Room for all that want to attend starting at 9:30 AM on Sunday. If you have taken a book home and plan to attend, please bring your book. Participants will read the lesson out loud with masks on in a "round the room" process.



Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Roger Barlow, Hannah Jean McCartney, Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Sally Williams, Sue Kopp

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), 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 & youngest sister to Johanne Thompson)

Other: Scott Smith (MS), Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Tom & Kathy Rick (Covid & Related Complications), Nate Wells (Friend of Sandi with heart problems)

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

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Here's a look at some of the items we report on at Year End

Members

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
128	123

Average Weekly Attendance

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
43	35

Average Number of Online Worship (One minute view)

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
New to 2020	15

Number of Giving Participants

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
58	48

Amount received from Identified Givers

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$92,800	\$84,587

Amount received from Non-Identified Givers

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$3,001	\$1,942

Total Giving for Budget

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$95,801	\$86,529



Pastoral Salary & Health Benefits (FC Portion is 59.41%)

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$38,196	\$39,843

Pastoral Reimbursement

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$2,671	\$2,420

Staff Salary

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$15,255	\$10,820

Program/Worship Expenses

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$4,235	\$3,205

Operating Expenses

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$17,200	\$19,975

Maintenance Expenses (Church only)

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$1,120	\$2,660

Total Expenses

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
\$78,677	\$78,923

Total Income vs. Total Expenses

At the close of 2019	At the close of 2020
Total Income \$95,801	Total Income \$86,529
Total Expense \$78,677	Total Expenses \$78,923
Difference=\$17,124	Difference=\$7,606

A Note from your Treasurer:

Overall, our income outweighs our expenses; however, we have less surplus than we did in 2019. (\$7,606 compared to \$17,124.) This makes it important that we continue to be conscientious of our expenditures in 2021.

Regarding income, in comparison of our total giving for the budget, we see a 9.7% decrease (\$95,801 to \$86,529) which directly correlates to the 17% decrease in giving participants (58 to 48). Bottom line: Less are giving more and for that we thank you!

Diana Komann, Treasurer

Clergy & Laity Virtual Gathering - You Are Invited

You are invited to join the Iroquois River District Clergy & Laity Virtual Gathering. It will take place virtually on several different dates and times listed below.

Both sessions "Pastor Parish Relations Committee Training" and "Mission and Vision of the Church" are open to all clergy and laity. You do not have to be a PPRC member or any committee member to participate. You can take both sessions or just one. Please register by Monday, February 1, 2021. Registration can be found at: <https://igrc-reg.brtaapp.com/IRD2021ClergyandLaityVirtualGathering>.

Mission and Vision of the Church

Leader: Angie Lee
 Guest Speakers TBA
Content: Mission and Vision of the Church during & after Pandemic
Session size: Limited to 20 participants



Date	Time
Saturday, Feb 6	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 9	3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Saturday, Feb 13	9:00 am-10:30 am

Pastor Parish Relations Training

Leader: Angie Lee
Content: PPRC's Duties for Mission and Ministry of the Church
Session size: Limited to 15 participants



Date	Time
Saturday, Feb 6	9:00 am-10:30 am
Sunday, Feb 7	2:00 pm-3:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 9	1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb 9	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb 13	11:00 am -12:30 pm

Happy Birthday to:

- (1/28) Jim Howe... (1/29) Clarine Tipsord
- (1/31) Tim Maxwell... (2/2) Douglas Kramer
- (2/3) Carol Mullen... (2/4) Jill Hayes
- (2/7) Grace Williams... (2/9) Heather Wendell
- (2/9) Lee Galaway... (2/11) Jodi Riegel
- (2/17) Terri Green... (2/19) Nancy McLaughlin



*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.

Handrail Improvement

We will soon have 3 handrails for stepping up and down in the sanctuary. The estimated cost is \$3,000. Please consider giving to this church improvement by writing handrails on the memo line of your check.



**Falling
is not
Fun**

**What
day is
this?**

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Wednesday, Feb 17th 2021

Neighbors to Neighbors Funding

We had a surplus of funding after our summer projects last year, so when a local family needed a ramp built for medical purposes, our Administrative Council approved the use of the funds. Troy Jamison is leading the project.

Here's a little bit about the family... Both Benni and Virginia Bucannon have health issues. However, Virginia was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. They have been struggling getting Virginia in and out of the house in her weakened state without a ramp.

Daily Readings

- Jan 27: 2 Peter 3:7-13
- Jan 28: Revelation 20:11-15
- Jan 29: Revelation 21:1-5
- Jan 30: Revelation 21:6-8
- Jan 31: Revelation 22:12-15
- Feb 1: Psalm 82:1-8
- Feb 2: Deuteronomy 16:18-20
- Feb 3: Luke 6:20-26

