



# Staying Connected

Feb 17, 2021

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](mailto:diana.homann56@gmail.com). **Stay Connected!**

## Online Worship Options

**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  
**Worship: Sunday In House at 10:45 AM**  
**Food Pantry Distribution:** 2/27

## Worship Message for 2/21/2021



God's  
Forgiveness



## In House Worship News

**On Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, we held in house worship!**  
**We will have In-House Worship Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 AM.** Please wear a mask and social distance. Bulletins and hymnal will be placed in the pews. We will have congregational speaking and will sing the last song. However, you will be excused prior to singing if you are not comfortable.

**Stay Blessed, Stay Safe and Stay Connected!**

**Pastor Sandi Contact INFO**  
Text or Phone: 217-834-3165  
Email at: [pastorsandihire@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsandihire@gmail.com)

## Online Sunday School Message for 2/21

There will be no online Sunday School Class  
<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.)

**We pray for the families of**  
**Hannah Jean McCartney, Virginia Bucannon, and**  
**Deanna (Neef) Summers.**

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

**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.**

## Food Drive – Give a Helping Ham

**\$ 385 Collected**  
**Our Goal \$1000**

## Give a Helping Ham



**Help provide a HAM for EASTER**  
**Food Drive**



**Donations will be accepting in the months of**

**February and March**

**(Sponsored by the Farmer City United Methodist Church)**

### **BENEFITING THE FARMER CITY SALTCREEK FOOD PANTRY**

**Monetary Donations ONLY for Ham Purchase**

**Checks can be made payable to**

**Farmer City United Methodist Church**

**Write "Ham" on the memo line of your check**

## Handrail Improvement

The Trustees have contracted Phil Schmidt Welding, of Farmer City, to make and install the railings. The estimated cost is \$3000. If you wish to contribute to this cause, make your check payable to FCUMC and add handrails on the memo line of your check.

If you would like more information on the **Mission & Vision of the Church Post Pandemic** or wish to **help create a video for spotlighting our church**, please contact Diana at [diana.homann56@gmail.com](mailto:diana.homann56@gmail.com)

### *Happy Birthday to:*

(2/17) Terri Green... (2/19) Nancy McLaughlin  
(2/22) Phebe Galaway... (2/26) Heather Howell  
(2/27) Will Duggins... (2/28) Sandy Boyles  
(2/28) Wally Miller... (2/29) Ashley Reeser  
(3/1) Brayden Evans... (3/1) Kelsey Byrd  
(3/2) Russa Milburn... (3/10) Julie Lutz



\*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.

## Daily Readings

Feb 17: Joel 2:12-17

Feb 18: Zechariah 7:1-13

Feb 19: Isaiah 58:1-7

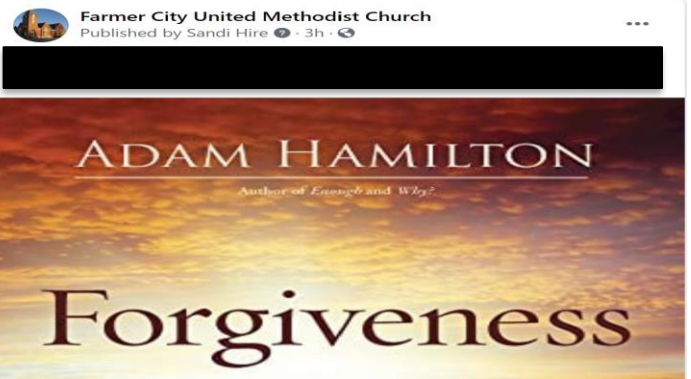
Feb 20: Isaiah 58:6-10

Feb 21: Isaiah 58:11-14

Feb 22: Jeremiah 7:1-11

Feb 23: Isaiah 56:1-8

Feb 24: Matthew 21:1-11



**Sundays at 4 PM**  
**At FCUMC**

## Lent Forgiveness Study

**With Pastor Sandi**

Adam Hamilton book, *Forgiveness*

Available on [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) and  
[Amazon](http://Amazon)

**Sunday Sessions at 4 PM**

**2/21, 2/28, 3/7, & 3/14**

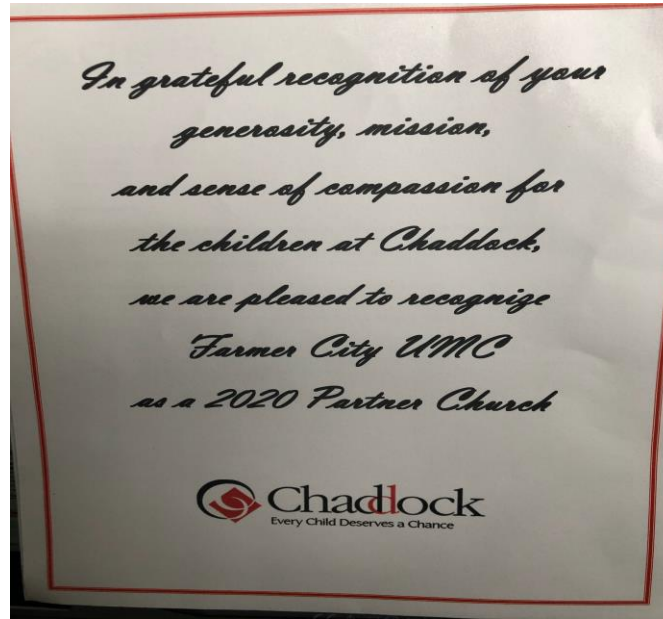
**Please email Pastor Sandi for more  
information at**

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## Ash Wednesday Services Is TODAY!

We were recently recognized as a **Chaddock Partnership Church** for our 2020 contributions and received this certificate of appreciation! **Thank You for all you do!**

For more information on Chaddock, visit <https://www.chaddock.org>



### **Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday.**

We will have two services for Ash Wednesday. The first will be at Weedman UMC at 10 am. If you do not work outside of the home and would like to come to service during daylight hours, please come to this service no matter which church you usually attend.

The other service will be at 7 pm at Farmer City UMC. If you work during the day and would like to come to a service, please feel free to come to this service, no matter which church you usually attend.

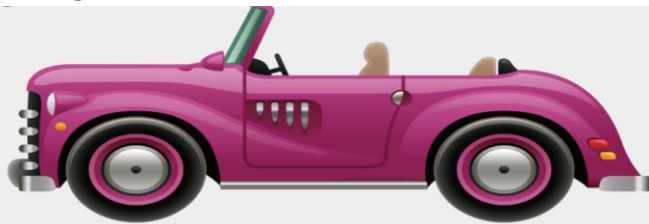
The service will be short. There will be no music or singing. Due to an abundance of caution, I will be handing out small containers of ash to you as you arrive at the church. During the service, you will impose the ashes on your hand or forehead at the appropriate time. If you are in a family group, you can impose the ashes on a family member.

I encourage you to start Lent with this unique service!

*Pastor Sandi*

**Important Note:** Water and ashes are not a good combination. The mixture may form a caustic substance that will irritate or even burn the skin. I always use either dry ashes or a little olive oil with the ashes. **Similarly, do not remove the ashes by trying to wash them off!** Instead, rub them off with a towel (not moistened with water) followed by some olive oil or other vegetable oil to help remove the residue.

Please contact **Sharon Stiger** if you can help drive others to doctor appointments in surrounding communities such as: Champaign, Bloomington, and occasionally Peoria and Chicago.



**This is a service provided through Outreach Ministries. Sharon can be contacted at 309-928-9400**

## Office News

### Recent Unemployment Scam

The FCUMC was recently used as an employer of a unemployment claim. The claimant could not produce a valid ID and the office confirmed the activity as fraudulent.



### Postal Mail

If you are bringing in the postal mail from the mailbox or need to give the office a bill or any other information, please place it in the INBOX on Diana's desk labeled MAIL. We have never had a designated area and we are finding mail in odd places. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Click here to watch videos honoring Black History Month.**

<https://www.igrc.org/blackhistory>

