



Staying Connected

Feb 3, 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. **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: 2/27

Worship on 2/7/2021



Starts at
10:45 AM



In House Worship News



On Jan 31, we held in house worship! We will have In-House Worship Feb 7th at 10:45 AM. We will have Holy Communion! Masks need to be worn and please 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!

Online Sunday School Message for 2/7

Fasting!

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-14

<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 McCarty, 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.

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

Food Drive – 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
SALT CREEK 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

Bible Study: Forgiveness

Starts on February 24

"If your enemies are starving, feed them some bread; if they are thirsty, give them water to drink."
Proverbs 24:17 (CEB)

There is nothing more crippling than holding on to anger. Anger, more than any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distort our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationship with God.

In the passionate and life-changing book *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go*, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings insight to the challenge of forgiveness. Hamilton argues that revelation comes when we realize that forgiveness is a gift, we give ourselves rather than to someone else. He also contends that only when we learn to forgive others and ourselves can we truly receive forgiveness from God.



Join us as we do a study on this book during Lent.

You have two options for times:

Sundays: February 24 & 28, and March 7 & 14 at 4:00pm

Wednesdays: February 24, and March 2, 9 & 16 at 10:30 am

Paperback Books are available at Christianbook.com at \$5.99. The hardback and paperback copies are also available on Amazon at a greater price.

The book is also available as an e-book on Christianbook.com for \$9.69 or on Amazon for the Kindle version at \$8.54.

I would like to have at least one of these times be in-person. I know some of you will not be able to meet in person that soon, so one of these times will likely be online.

If you are interested, please email me with the day of the week you would like to attend and how you would like to attend, as soon as possible. There are two different covers for the same book, either book is correct!

I look forward to sharing in this study with you. I have had several people recently tell me they needed to hear more about this topic! I pray you will attend.

Pastor Sandi,



Ash Wednesday Services Announced

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.

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:

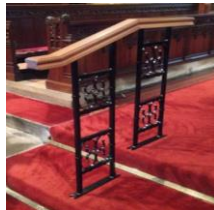
- (2/3) Carol Mullen...(2/4) Jill Hayes
- (2/7) Grace Williams...(2/9) Heather Wendell
- (2/9) Lee Galaway...(2/11) Jodi Riegel
- (2/17) Terri Green...(2/19) Nancy McLaughlin
- (2/22) Phebe Galaway...(2/26) Heather Howell
- (2/27) Will Duggins...(2/28) Sandy Boyles



*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.



Here is an example of a handrail

IGRC Grant Applied For

IGRC's Committee on Disability Concerns offers grants to assist churches with accessibility needs such as our handrail improvement for the sanctuary. A request for grant monies was submitted on Jan 30, 2020. The committee will review our application in February.

Neighbors to Neighbors Funding Used

Here is a picture of the completed ramp for Benni and Virginia Bucannon. The ramp is in the 500 block of West Green on the North side.



Virginia Bucannon was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Daily Readings

- Feb 4: Jude 11-19
- Feb 5: 1 Timothy 5:17-25
- Feb 6: James 2:1-7
- Feb 7: James 2:8-13
- Feb 8: Matthew 7:15-23
- Feb 9: Genesis 22:1-8
- Feb 10: Hebrews 11:17-31
- Feb 11: Galatians 5:1-6

