



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

## Church Activities

**AA:** Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)  
**Adult Sunday School:** Sunday at 9:30 AM  
**Sunday Worship:** In House at 10:45 AM  
**Ad Min Council:** 4/25 at 6:30 PM  
**Food Pantry Distribution:** 3/27  
**Palm Sunday Worship:** 3/28 at 10:45 AM  
**Maundy Thursday:** 4/1 at Weedman at 6:30 PM  
**Good Friday:** 4/2 at FC at 6:30 PM  
**Holy Saturday Silent Prayer Hour:** 4/3, 1-2 PM  
**Easter Sunday Worship:** 4/4 at 10:45 AM  
**FOCUS:** 4/15 at 6:30

## In House Sunday School News

**Pairs and Spares:** Wesley Room at 9:30 AM  
**Path Finders:** Will begin meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>

## Worship Message for 3/28/2021



Palm Sunday  
A Lot Can  
Happen in One  
Week...

## In House Worship-For Your Safety

### Welcome to In-House Worship!

For your safety and others, please wear a mask and social distance. Hand Sanitizer is available at the door. Hymnals are in the pews. Devotional Books are on the table by the door. We will have congregational speaking and **will sing all songs**. More new guidelines were released on March 11, 2021. **If you are interested in a virtual meeting with Bishop Beard, click on: <https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/PreEaster>. Topics include: COVID & IGRC disaffiliation process.**

## Online Worship Options

**YouTube:** Farmer City UMC Class Room & <https://tinyurl.com/PastorSandiYouTube>  
**FaceBook:** <https://www.facebook.com/FarmerCityUMC/>  
**Webpage:** <https://www.farmercityumc.org/sermons>

## Online Sunday School Message for 3/28

I apologize for not getting this written & recorded last week. This is the last of the series:

**One Step Away Series/Mary Magdelene**  
<https://www.farmercityumc.org/sunday-school-videos>

## Daily Readings



March 24: Luke 11:5-13  
March 25: Romans 8:25-27  
March 26: Luke 18:9-14  
March 27: Matthew 6:5-8, 16-18  
March 28: Matthew 6:9-14  
March 29: Luke 24:1-12  
March 30: Luke 24:13-24

## Easter- All Are invited

A **Maundy Thursday** service will be held at Weedman at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 1. This is a candlelight service. The Last Supper is re-enacted around a table with 12 people participating in Communion.

**Good Friday** service will be held at FCUMC on April 2 at 6:30 PM. It will also be a low lit or candlelight service with music. Worship will be a reflection of Jesus' hours on the cross.

**Holy Saturday** is a day of mourning. It is the first day without Jesus. We pray, we mourn, and we comfort each other. The Farmer City Church will be open from 1-2 PM for you to have a silent moment spent in reflection and prayers.

**Easter Sunday:** Worship service will be at 10:45 AM. We will have communion. We will not be hosting a brunch this year.

**TO:** (3/26) Kristan Maxwell  
(3/26) Cindy Hanafin... (3/26) Keith Evans  
(3/30) Teri Builta Emmerson... (4/1) Erin Boggs  
(4/2): Kevin Evans, Cole Althaus, & Gabby Pearl  
**Happy Anniversary**  
**Amy & Mark Phillips (3/27)**  
**Brent & Cindy Hawn (4/2)**  
**Murl & Rhonda Kimmel (4/3)**

\*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.

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

### Cunningham Children's Home

The Cunningham Children's Home is having a March Freshness hygiene drive. A donation of \$12 will help one Cunningham child for one month and a donation of \$142 will help a child for one year. **You have 3 ways to give.** **1)** Make your check payable to FCUMC with CCH on the memo line. **2)** Shop for items and place them in the box available by the front door of the church. All items will be accepted but especially needed items are toothpaste, men's body wash, and men's deodorant. **3)** Donate online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/freshness/>

### FOCUS

Invite your neighbors and friends to **Easter worship**. We have many families in our community searching for church worship and activities. This is a great first-time worship!

**Easter Bunny in the Park** will be on 3/28 starting at 2 PM at the Circle Park (the Square). This is a photo opportunity for children and families. **Candy Too!**

**Speaking of Children, We want you back!** We are looking into free Pool rentals and free food in the parks. Oh, and VBS and Camping and Weekly Activities! Stay Tuned for more information!

**For now, we are asking for bottled water** to help support our community during the Heritage Days celebration at the end of May. If you would like to donate packages/cases of water, you may start to bring those to the church. Also, begin to prepare for our annual Basement Sale (May 27-29). All proceeds go toward our summer programs.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed for our Littles and Youth. Volunteers needed for Basement Sale & VBS! See a FOCUS Member for more information!**

### Give by Phone App

Download our FREE App! Search your App Store for GivePlus Church, a free phone app to give a donation to the church. Below is a picture of the App. It's easy to use and you can select different funding categories such as: General Operating, Salt Creek Food Pantry, Christmas Shop for Parents, and Community Neighbors Help (ramps). You can donate with checking/debit, savings, or credit card. Watch this short video to learn how easy it is: <https://vimeo.com/262292774>



### Text Giving

Also, new is Text Giving. To use Text Giving, text the dollar amount of your gift in the message line to our dedicated phone number: 844-561-0383. For example, if you want to give \$5 your message is 5. It's that simple!

### Allergic to Easter Lilies

**Pastor Sandi is allergic to Lilies, please do not bring real Easter Lilies to church. You may bring an artificial arrangement.**

### Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

**We pray for the family of Tina Borton Beck.**

**Health Issues:** Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Roger Barlow, Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Sally Williams, Diana Homann, Margaret St. Clair (Cousin to Laura Enger & Stephanie Drake), **Ruth Nafziger**

**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), Jim Wright (Accident), Jim Ratcliff (surgery), Garret Wendell (Accident), Dan Mahnke (triple bypass)

**Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.**