



Staying Connected

March 31, 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!**

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
Food Pantry Distribution: 4/24
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: Office at 9:30 AM

Worship Message for 4/4/2021



The Faith
to Believe



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.

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>

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.

Daily Readings



March 31: Luke 24:25-35
April 1: Luke 24:36-43
April 2: Mark 16:9-15
April 3: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22
April 4: 1 Corinthians 15:35-44
April 5: Romans 14:7-9
April 6: 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

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: (4/1) Erin Boggs
 (4/2): Kevin Evans, Cole Althaus, & Gabby Pearl
 (4/5) Phyllis Massey...(4/13) Phil Wehrle
 (4/17) Wyatt Pearl...(4/18) Lily Williams
 (4/18) Steve Anderson...(4/20) Anna Johnson
 (4/20) Kobe Althaus...(4/22) Kathy Howe

Happy Anniversary...
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.

Grant Money Received

We have received \$1000 in grant monies from the IGRC Committee on Accessibility Ministries. We will use this money to pay for the New Handrails to help folks step up and down in the sanctuary. Grant monies are made available from contributions from local churches to the Disability Awareness Offering. Please consider supporting this ministry during our annual First Mile Missions – Special Offerings.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

Pool Rental: We are looking into free Pool rentals and free food in the parks. If you would like to donate make your check payable to UMC with POOL on the memo line.

Donate bottled water: to help support our community during the Heritage Days celebration. If you would like to donate make your check payable to UMC with WATER on the memo line.

Basement/Garage Sale: Get your items ready now as you SPRING CLEAN. The city wide sale is May 20-22 and all proceeds go toward our summer programs. If you would like to donate make your check payable to UMC with SUMMER PROGRAMS on the memo line. **Volunteers needed to work Sale.**

Volunteer Sunday School Teachers & 3 Day VBS – See a FOCUS Member for more information!

Text or Call Pastor Sandi at: 217-834-3165
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DISASSOCIATION NEWS

IGRC is not disassociating from UMC

New Ways to Give

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>



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!



Lord, Hear our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Roger Barlow, Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ullitzsch, (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.