



Staying Connected

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This is a way of staying connected while we are social distancing at home. You'll find weekly information placed here. Send your announcements to Diana Homann by text or phone call to 309-830-2267 or email: diana.homann56@gmail.com. Let's Stay Connect!

Announcements

Online Worship will be available **Sunday, April 19th**, on the Farmer City United Methodist Church Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FarmerCityUMC/>

- To set up a Facebook account, follow these directions. Go to facebook.com; enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender. Click Sign Up. To finish creating your account, you need to confirm your information.

Cancellations: The Farmer City Chamber of Commerce will be announcing soon whether the City Wide Garage Sales will be cancelled or not (see save the dates below).

Save the Dates:

- 1) We are still planning on having a garage sale during the **Community Wide Garage Sales** from May 28th-31st. Be sure to set items aside while you're spring cleaning! You may bring items to the church 2 weeks prior to the sale (or starting on May 10th). The proceeds will benefit our youth going to church camps.
- 2) **Jill & Steve's Farewell Brunch** will be held at both Weedman (June 7th) and Farmer City (June 14th).

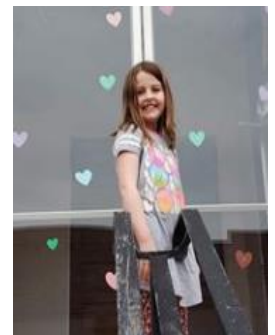
Bellflower Area Christmas Cantata: Anyone from the surrounding communities is welcome to participate in Bellflower's Area Christmas Cantata. If you are interested, please contact Allen Grussing at 309-722-5004 or allen.grussing@gmail.com. Tenor and bass voices are especially needed. Rehearsals will be weekly beginning in October.

A Special Thanks from Wanda Hilty: It is with gratitude that I thank all of you for your help in beautifying the kitchen. A big thank you to the following for cleaning: **Sue Hoffman, Ashley Madden, Alexis Madden, Janis Maxwell, Dick Maxwell, Judy Wallace, Vickey Ziegler, and Julie (Hilty) Lutz**. A special thank you to **Marty Kopp**, who painted the steps and landing off of the kitchen.



Easter Bunny Walk: Michael Madden (pictured above in a Bunny costume) wanted to spread some Easter joy so he began walking around town as the Easter Bunny. He started his daily journey on March 31st. Each day, he covered a different section of town. He posted his daily walking map to our church Facebook page. According to Facebook, he received many smiles from both adults and children. **Way to go, Michael!**

Heart Movement: Are you participating in the Heart Movement to show your love during social distancing? Thanks to **Ashley and Alexis Madden** the church windows are covered in hearts.



Let Us Praise the Lord!

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ⁶ And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Prayer List

Please keep the following in your prayers.
(New additions in bold print.)

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Doris Kelly, Roger Barlow, Mary Lou Beggs, Dan Pearl, Jeanne Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Jim Schuler, (Friend of Teri Green), Callie Krzyzanowski, (Niece of Jill Anderson), Mike Wallace, Wyatt Cole, **Jim Sorensen, (son-in-law of Dave and Karen Harris).**

Cancer: Marsha Thompson, (Friend of Pastor Steve), 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, (Son-in-law of Mary Ann Copley), Bill Jones, (Friend of Diana Homann), Brian Snider, (Friend of Murl Kimmel), Beth Loy, (Friend of Heather Howell).

Other: Scott Smith (MS), Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove, (Lung Transplant), **Scott Pearl, (Surgery), Cindy Hanafin's nephew, Tyler Graf (age 31) has been missing since 4/11.**

Click on the links below to listen, sing & enjoy the following music:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js

Thine Be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6Ks49apfIE>

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6I6orjM3NI>

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Did you know that when Charles and John Wesley published their first hymnal, *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1739, that the *alleluias* of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" are not there? The original song/poem was housed at the back of the hymnal in a section reserved for special days. The *alleluias* were added by a later editor to make the lyrics fit the tune.

On Apr 10, 2020, the Global United Methodist virtual choir sang the Easter anthem, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Follow this link to listen:

https://www.umc.org/en/content/global-united-methodist-virtual-choir-brings-easter-anthem?utm_source=umnow&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=members&utm_content=choir04/13/2020&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTVdabVpURTFNR1JsT0dNMiIsInQiOiJQM050TTVMZzdrYnBGMDNwcfRWNIJxQjI4ViVnR29uQnM4UGlnVFVLYVpWYjNHcW10enZoZlo5eUZQZWHZUYVlQKzRLemhUQ0xGMnB3cjI3b2x1WUpPVkp2MkFGRWlMeGs5Tk9McVBCl2hkUnk0cnZCcXAYMiltU3Q2YzVvZ3RLUGEifQ%3D%3D

Your offering helps to support
our ministries and outreach.

Two Ways to Give to the Church:

Online: On our Farmer City United Methodist Church webpage, you will find a link for Online Giving. If you don't already have a profile, you will be asked to create one. After that, you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation. Here is the link to online giving:
<http://www.farmercityumc.org/online-giving.html>

By Mail: Checks made payable to FCUMC can be mailed to 101 S William St, Farmer City, IL 61842.

Thank you for continuing to support the
financial needs of our church.