



# Staying Connected

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Farmer City United Methodist Church

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](mailto:diana.homann56@gmail.com). Let's Stay Connect!

## Announcements

**Online Worship** will be available **Sunday, 5/17**, 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.

**If you don't have FaceBook**, email Steve at [pastorsteveanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsteveanderson@gmail.com) & receive the worship service by email.

## Return to Church Activities/Worship News

**Email Communication:** Our Return to Church plan was emailed on 5/10, for those that don't have email; you are receiving this today. If you have questions, please call Diana or Steve.

**Are you entering the church?** If so, please refrain from doing so while the building is in a closed status. Any item that you might need can be picked up and delivered to you. Please call Steve or Diana.

**Additional Offering Option:** You may begin to mail offering checks made payable to FCUMC to 1215 W Clinton Ave, PO Box 234, Farmer City, IL 61842 (in care of Janis Maxwell).

**Bloodmobile:** The next bloodmobile will be **5/18** at the Farmer City American Legion. Blood donations are needed! There will be no canteen (which our UMW was to run) and no cookies.

## Prayer for Graduates

**Dear God**, bless and inspire our graduates with hope as they move into the future. **Amen.** *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*  
**Psalm 32:8**



**Do you need a fabric face mask for yourself or others?** Contact Stephanie Drake at 217-390-2860 or by email at [drakesteph89@gmail.com](mailto:drakesteph89@gmail.com).

**Michael Madden has been appointed to serve as the pastor of Cotton Hill United Methodist Church in Springfield, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Michael states, "I'll attend licensing school this summer and then continue my education for several years while serving as their pastor. Cotton Hill was formerly Woodside United Methodist Church until they moved to their new location on Cotton Hill Road about 5 years ago. The church is located on the south side of Springfield near the University of Illinois-Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College campuses. The parsonage is near Lake Springfield and just down the street from where Alexis will attend school. Cotton Hill is looking for a pastor who can help them get outside of their church and get more involved in their community. I think we are a good fit, and while we're sad to leave Farmer City, we're excited to do ministry with them. We will probably be moving sometime in the middle of June. I'll share more information and a goodbye before we go."

## Happy Birthday to:

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Diana Homann  
May 17<sup>th</sup>: Jean Michaels  
May 17<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Stiger  
May 20<sup>th</sup>: Marylou Gillis



## Let Us Praise the Lord!

**Scripture:** **Matthew 14: 13-21**

### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."



<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.



<sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## Music to Enjoy

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

*Blessed Assurance*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeiy9-t2GE>

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM7lym4u9QY>

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

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

## 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, Jeanne Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Jim Schuler, (Friend of Teri Green), Callie Krzyzanowski, (Niece of Jill Anderson), 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), Warren Smothers, (Broken Hip/Surgery), Bob Ferri, (Broken Hip/Surgery).

**The Upper Room:** FREE download PDF copies of the Upper Room are available at:

<https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>. We have some at the church and those can be delivered. We have delivered some already, if you want one let me or Steve know.

**Your offering helps to support our ministries and outreach.**

**Thank you for continuing to support the financial needs of our church.** Checks made payable to FCUMC can be mailed to 101 S William St, Farmer City, IL 61842 or to 1215 W Clinton Ave, PO Box 234, Farmer City, IL 61842 (in care of Janis Maxwell) or **Consider Online Giving at** <http://www.farmercityumc.org/online-giving.html>: 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.