



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 email: diana.homann56@gmail.com.

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
FOCUS: Tuesday June 22 at 6:30
Garage Sale Fundraiser: May 20 from 12-6, May 21 from 9-6, May 22 from 9-6, & May 23 from 9-12
Photo Sessions: May 20 & May 24, 8X10 \$20
Graduation Celebration: May 23 during Worship
Pentecost Celebration: May 23, Wear Red
Food Pantry Distribution: 5/29
Heritage Days Water Bottle Distribution: June 3-6

In House Sunday School News

Pairs and Spares: Wesley Room at 9:30 AM
Path Finders: Office at 9:30 AM
101 Kids: Starts this Sunday, May 23 at 9:30 AM

Online Worship Options

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

ATTENTION: To those struggling to find our Sunday worship videos on YouTube; they are no longer on Pastors Sandi's page but can be found by googling **FCUMC Class Room!**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

Farmer City UMC Class Room - YouTube

Farmer City United Methodist Church (UMC) Class Room is for video's related to Sunday School or Children's Time or Stories.

In House Worship-For Your Safety



Welcome to In-House Worship!

For your safety and others, hand sanitizer is available at the doors. You may choose to wear a mask but will not be required to do so. We are a non-judgmental church and therefore, we encourage you to worship and social distance as you feel comfortable. Please remember, children under the age of 12, cannot be vaccinated at this time. So, some precautions will continue to be taken. **This means, you will begin to see our new normal as we return the following: Children's Messages, Communion, Passing of the Plate and Coffee & Snacks. We will not monitor or ask for vaccination status.**

Starting May 23 is: Children's Message, Coffee and Snacks, & Passing of the Plate!

Graduation Celebration

8th grade and High School Graduates will be honored on May 23 during worship. Please join us as we honor: **Sydnee Evans, Clayton Evans & Lily Enger.**



Pentecost Celebration



Help us celebrate Pentecost on May 23, 2021, by wearing RED which symbolizes the Holy Spirit's arrival. We will have decorations and have individually wrapped cupcakes, coffee, and drink pouches. We will also celebrate our Graduates of 2021 and the return to Sunday School 101 Kids Club! Sunday School starts at 9:30-10:30. Worship starts at 10:45. Enjoy a cupcake and drink before or after worship.

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

A Busy Week End at Church

This is our **Fund-Raising Week for Summer Youth Activities**. Please support our efforts for VBS, The Summer Lunch Club, 101 Kids Sunday School and our Children's End of the Summer Party!

The Basement/Garage Sale starts on Thursday, May 20 from 12-6 PM. Photo Sessions also will be taking place from 10 AM to 7:30 PM.

The Basement/Garage Sale continues Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Even, if you are not a garage sale shopper stop in and say hi and donate to the cause.

You may of course, shop the sale or donate on Sunday, May 23rd. On Monday, May 24th we will continue the fundraiser with more Photo Sessions. **If you have not signed up for photos, please contact Diana at 309-830-2267.**



Opportunities to Give

The Summer Lunch Club: Is a food program that will provide sack lunches for pick up from 10:30-11:30 AM Mon-Fri from June 1 – August 17. Any Youth in grades Pre-K to High School may participate. We now have \$3,995 of our \$5,600 budgeted goal. You may give to this cause by making your check payable to FCUMC and writing Summer Lunch Club on the memo line.

End of Summer Youth Party: We are still working out the details for this event. But we know we want to have a Party! Please consider donating and make your check payable to FCUMC with End of Summer on the memo line.

Vacation Bible School: Please consider donating to VBS. Make your check payable to FCUMC with VBS on the memo line.

101 Kids Sunday School: We need supplies. Please consider giving to our youth class by writing 101 on the memo line of your check made payable to FCUMC.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be in Aug 2-6 from 5:30-7:30 PM each day. We are looking for adult volunteers to help our teens teach. Please let Teresa or Diana know if you can help. We are planning for 50 children. We have ordered supplies and are currently \$105 short.

Sunday School 101 Kids (5-12 year olds)



May 23 – June 20: Our first series of lessons teaches us that Jesus fixes broken things. We will examine 4 of the miracles of Jesus as recorded in the book of John. Week 5 will conclude this series as we discuss how Jesus came to fix our relationship with God.

Tacos in the Park is Back!

We will be having Taco's in the Park on June 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Please join us and invite your friends and family. All are welcome to this free event.

Nowlin Scholarship Letters

Parents, check your email and respond if interested! May 23,2021 is the deadline to apply!

IGRC SUMMER CAMPS

Schedules and other information about UMC camping experiences can be found at www.igrc.org/camping

Confirmation Classes

Is your high school or junior high age child interested in a confirmation class? If so, Pastor Sandi would like to talk to you about dates and times. Once dates are established, mentors will be needed. See Sandi.



TO: (5/20) Marylou Gillis...(5/21) Jerry Hoffman
(5/23) Sherry Byrd...(5/23) Vickey Ziegler
(5/25) Halley Drinkwater...(5/28) Presley Whisman
(5/29) Ryan Maxwell...(5/30) Cody Phillips
(6/1) Curt Vance...(6/2) Jennifer Voyles

Update on Wearing Masks for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference

(from Curtis Brown)

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has updated their safety guidance to state, "...**fully vaccinated** people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

This means that fully vaccinated people will not need to wear a face mask or physically distance in most of our churches during worship services, gatherings, and meetings, including while speaking and singing. A fully vaccinated person is someone who is two weeks past receiving a full dose of vaccine(s).

Unvaccinated people will still need to wear masks in larger, multiple-household gatherings such as most church activities. Additionally, some fully vaccinated people may wish to continue to wear masks out of an abundance of caution or in solidarity with children and other people who are not able to be vaccinated.

At no time should church leaders demand information about vaccination status (or any other protected health information), request vaccination cards be shown on admittance, or pressure participants in any way to show proof of vaccination. When in doubt our churches should continue to plan their gatherings as if participants are unvaccinated.

Heritage Days Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger Hunts will be held on Thursday June 3, at 6:30 PM on S. Main Street by the bank.

This year, it will be extra exciting as there will be **3** types of Hunts! For the Littles there will be a Pirate Treasure Hunt. Each child will receive a map with clues to locations with Pirate Treasures! ARR Matey! **This event is being sponsored by local churches (including FCUMC) and will advertise VBS dates and times.** A flyer will be at the event for older youth and parents!

There will also be a Photo Hunt and a Explore Your Town Hunt! Prizes will be awarded for each Hunt and include Toys for the Pirates, Arm Bands for the Photographers, and cash for the Explorers! All ages including adults are welcome!



Judy Wallace is home! Praise God! Judy thanks all for the many prayers, cards, and well wishes! She is answering texts but is often delayed in her responses.

Roger Barlow is at Westminster Nursing Home in Bloomington. He will most likely will be there for a few more weeks. His son Kevin, who lives with Roger, had Covid and Roger's doctor will not let him return home just yet. Roger wants to thank everyone for the prayers!

Ruth Nafziger is at Luther Oaks. She is doing therapy and seems to be improving. Ruth appreciates the prayers, cards, and well wishes!

John Homann will undergo an outpatient back surgery on May 19 to help with his spine pain. He is grateful for the phone call from school friends and the many cards and prayers from the church!

Lord, Hear our Prayers

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Judy & Mike Wallace, Roger Barlow, (Recovering after Hosp), Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Margaret St. Clair (Cousin to Laura Enger & Stephanie Drake), Ruth Nafziger, Kevin Barlow (Covid)

Cancer: Craig Brock, (Friend of Dan Pearl), Ken Brock, (Friend of Pearls and father of Craig Brock), Dave Harris, (Husband of Katie Copley Harris), **John Homann**, (surgery is 5/19), 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: Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Bishop Frank Beard, (eye surgery)

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to Our Youth Visitors



What a joy it was to meet and worship with Lexi, Jade, and Nicole Phelps!

Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Susie Hoffman on May 21