



# Staying Connected

May 27, 2020

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, 5/31**, 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.

## Drive Up Food Pantry

Drive up food distribution will be on Saturday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9 a.m. at the Sunshine Center on Rt. 54 in Farmer City. First time users are asked to contact our food pantry helpers at 309-824-9718 or 309-830-2672 for more information. If you would like to donate to this community cause, you may mail a check made payable to Salt Creek Resources to 1103 W Clinton Ave, Farmer City, IL 61842 in care of Charlene Sprecker.

**Farewell Drive By for Steve and Jill:** FOCUS is making plans for a drive by Farewell Visit. Stay tuned for more information.



**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).

## Return to church Activities/Worship News

**Phase 3 begins on May 29<sup>th</sup>.** This means the building can be used (up to a limit of 10 people) and the restrooms will be open.

### Preparations will begin for Phase 3 on 6/1:

You will soon see Coronavirus related posters and the closing of some rooms as we prepare for groups of 10.

**Church Cleaning:** Cleaning will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, you may wish to gather in groups of 10. Be sure to have face coverings, maintain social distancing, and be mindful of sharing objects.

**Want to Gather and Have Questions:** Just call Steve at 217-737-4948 or Diana at 309-830-2267.

## 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), Warren Smothers (Broken Hip/Surgery), Bob Ferri (Broken Hip/Surgery)

### Happy Birthday to:

May 28<sup>th</sup>: Presley Whisman

May 29<sup>th</sup>: Ryan Maxwell

May 30<sup>th</sup>: Cody Phillips

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Curt Vance

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Voyles

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kenneth Barlow



### Let Us Praise the Lord!

**Scripture: Matthew 15: 1-28**

#### That Which Defiles

**15** Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup>“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ <sup>6</sup>they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

<sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: <sup>8</sup>“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>9</sup>They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. <sup>11</sup>What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth that is what defiles them.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup>Leave them; they are blind guides.<sup>[d]</sup> If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

<sup>16</sup> “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. <sup>17</sup> “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? <sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

### The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

### Music to Enjoy

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

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtWIT8JiddM>

*Something Beautiful*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMQqSarDf8Y>

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqjogTA4GA8>

**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.