



# Staying Connected

May 6, 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, 5/10**, 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.

 **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).



**May 18, 2020:** 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

**Dear God**, help us to honor you by helping someone who needs what we can give. **Amen.** *You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*  
**James 2:8**

## Cancellations

**City Wide Garage Sales** set for May 28-31<sup>st</sup> have been cancelled by the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce.

**FOCUS and UMW Meetings** are cancelled in the month of May. The UMW will not meet in the summer months of June, July, & August.

**IGRC** cancels all 2020 summer camps.

**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. I have delivered some already, if you want one let me or Steve know.

## Happy Birthday to:

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Deb Chambers  
May 13<sup>th</sup>: Deanna Ester



## Happy Anniversary:

Steve & Jill Anderson (May 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Jaimee & Mark Weidert (May 11<sup>th</sup>)

## Office Contacts

Do you need to contact the office or Pastor Steve? You may call, text, or email to the following.

### For Secretary and Treasurer Needs:

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### For Immediate Needs:

Steve: 217-737-4948 [pastorsteveanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsteveanderson@gmail.com)

It's hard to believe but I'm celebrating my one year anniversary as church secretary. It's been a real pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. **Thank you again!** Diana

## Let Us Praise the Lord!

### Scripture: **Matthew 13: 31-52**

#### **The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast**

<sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." <sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." <sup>34</sup> Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup> So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

#### **The Parable of the Weeds**

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

#### **The Parables of the Hidden Treasure & the Pearl**

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

#### **The Parable of the Net**

<sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the

bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. <sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

### Music to Enjoy

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

*More Than Enough*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7EfJRrJueY>

*It's Me, It's Me, Oh Lord*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiVNO6a89ck>

### 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).

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our ministries and outreach.**

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