



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)
Sunday Worship: In House at 10:45 AM
FOCUS: Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00
Pool Party: July 28th & Aug 12th 6-8 PM
Backpack Blessing: August 22nd during Worship
Food Pantry Distribution: 7/31
The Summer Lunch Club: 6/14-8/17 delivery only

In House Sunday School

Pairs and Spares: Wesley Room at 9:30 AM
Path Finders: Office at 9:30 AM
101 Kids: Sanctuary 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/UC...>

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.

Confirmation Classes Begins in August

Is your high school or junior high age child interested in a confirmation class? If so, see Sandi because classes start in August.



Tim & Terri Green on July 22
Mike & Judy Wallace July 31

Visiting with Pastor Sandi

Pastor Sandi has established a summer schedule which includes times for anyone to visit with her. Starting in July, you will find her at both churches. On Mondays from 10 AM to 1 PM, you will find her at Weedman and On Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, she will be at FCUMC. Coffee will be a brewin' and all are free to visit either church. All other days she will work from home. Friday is her day of rest and renewal. Sandi has also decided to schedule her afternoons for emails so if you send an email that needs immediate attention, please text her. Otherwise, your emails will be answered in the afternoons.

The Summer Lunch Club

It's been a month since the Summer Lunch Club began. We have passed out and delivered over 350 sack lunches. That's an average of 88 per week. Last week we had a volunteer who prepared small carrots and celery sticks in snack size sandwich bags. We also received a donation from the school of two cases of oranges and apples. Another volunteer is preparing plain lunch meats on buns. If you would like to do something like this, please contact Diana Homann at 309-830-2267 so she can coordinate when an item (you would like to prepare) would be needed. Thanks to all our special volunteers! We will continue to provide sack lunches until school starts. August 17 will be our last day.

Sunday School 101 Kids, July 4



Last week we cancelled Sunday School 101 Kids because of water in the basement. There will be no Kids 101 on Sunday July 4 either. We will continue with our

Summer Road Trip Series on July 11. Class is from 9:30-10:30 AM. **Attendance on 6/20: 0**

Trustees React Quickly to Water Issues



These spots of rain-soaked parts of Farmer City, the corner of Plum and High streets, in Farmer City, Illinois, following about 7 inches of rain that passed the Illinois county city street Thursday, one of the largest towns in the area.

Steve Hoffman/Platt County Journal, Republican

Steve Hoffman, reporter of the Platt County Journal, reported that between June 24-26 rainfall produced about 7 inches of water in Farmer City and has caused flooding in some areas. The picture

above shows the flooding at the street corner of High and Plum. Many homes within the community have suffered from water seeping into their

basements and many are stating, "we haven't seen this much water since the Flood of '73". It comes with no surprise that we found water in the church basement.

However, our trustees quickly went into action and in only a couple hours had accessed

our needs for new sump pumps, battery backups and dehumidifiers. I can't think of a better time to say thank you to our Trustees. Marc Enger is the Board of Trustees Chairperson. Other board members include Dan Tomlin, Jerry McKinley, Brent Cordes, Sharon Pearl, Wanda Hilty, Dick Maxwell, Sue Kopp, and Tom Bolton. Next time, you see one of our Board Members give them a shout out and a thank you for taking care of the church property!



TO: (7/4) Tom Bolton...(7/7) Kevin Barlow
 (7/8) Chris Wehrle...(7/10) Melanie Enger
 (7/10) Tina Cole...(7/13) Annette Moreland
 (7/16) Sue Kopp...(7/17) Ted Kelley
 (7/18) Kayla Cole and Hannah Williams
 (7/22) Tim Green.(7/23) Pat Wehrle & Devin Voyles

Recycle Bins

Our first Recycle Pick up by Knights Environmental Services will be July 6th. Please recycle using the recycle bins located all over the church. Soon we will have a coffee container to recycle coffee grounds. Please help us "Go Green" and use the recycle containers.

Giving Opportunity – Building Needs

Help us maintain our building! Maintaining the church building is much like the maintenance on your own home. Some years, we experience only routine maintenance needs and in other years...well, it seems like everything needs fixed. Guess What? It's one of "those" years. Please consider giving to our "Maint-Nance" Train Campaign to help us fundraise for maintenance needs. Your donation check should be made payable to FCUMC with Maint-Nance or Building on the memo line.

**All Aboard...
 the
 Maint-Nance
 Train**



Thanks for stopping at the Railroad crossing so that our Maintenance Train can continue its work Maintaining the Church Building.

Help us keep our Train On Track and consider donating to the upkeep and repair of our church. This fundraiser has a goal of \$2,000 and will run from July-August.

Did You Know

Did you know that our Summer Garage Sale & Photo Fundraiser generated over \$2100 in donations. Donation containers allowed shoppers to donate to the following categories: The Summer Lunch Club, Summer Youth Activities/Pool Parties, VBS, and Youth Sunday School. Thank you so much for your donations!

FOCUS

The FOCUS committee has been working hard Staying Connected with the Community and planning church events; from Tacos in the Park, to giving away free bottles of water, to planning church celebrations, the FOCUS committee is behind the scenes making it happen! Current FOCUS members include Susie Hoffman, Stephanie Drake, Sandi Hire, Diana Homann, and Teresa Drinkwater, Committee Chair. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and be a part of this committee. SALUTE and Thank you FOCUS members!

Lord, Hear our Prayers

We pray for the family of Warren Smothers.

Health Issues: Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Judy & Mike Wallace, Roger Barlow, (hospice), Mary Lou Beggs, (a recent fall), Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Margaret St. Clair (Cousin to Laura Enger & Stephanie Drake), Ruth Nafziger, Brian Butler (Brother-in-Law of Tim Green, recovering from heart attack), Clarine Tipsord, (recovering from hospital)

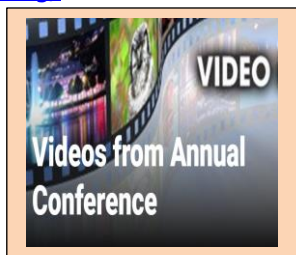
Cancer: Craig Brock, (Friend of Dan Pearl), Ken Brock, (Friend of Pearls and father of Craig Brock), Dave Harris, (Husband of Katie Copley Harris), John Homann, (brother of Diana Homann), Gary B (friend of Jane Evans), John Baker (Weldon), Lynn Davis (friend of Craig Brock & Dan Pearl), Julie Hubble (Aunt of Terri Green & youngest sister to Johanne Thompson), Moe Winstead,

Other: Stefanie Crossover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Dewey Gronau's Family: Mike, Jacklynn, & Maddie Stroz (car accident)

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

What can you find on IGRC's Webpage?

You can watch videos from the Annual Conference, you can register for a summer series on congregational development, or you can register for the UMW virtual event called Mission U. Click on this link for more information. <https://www.igrc.org/>



Free Pool Swim and Tacos in the Park

FOCUS is happy to announce Community FREE Swimming will be offered on Wednesday July 28th and August 12th from 6-8 PM at the city pool. Tacos in the Park will be available from 5:30-6:00 PM at Weedman Park next to the Farmer City Public Pool. Everyone is invited to eat tacos and swim! Invite your friends, families, and neighbors to enjoy this fun evening!



Ways to Give

Download our FREE App! Search your App Store for GivePlus Church, a free phone app to give a donation to the church. It's easy to use and you can select different funding categories such as: General Operating or Salt Creek Food Pantry. You can donate with checking/debit, savings, or credit card. Watch this short video to learn how easy it is: <https://vimeo.com/262292774>

Text Giving: To use Text Giving, text the dollar amount of your gift in the message line to our dedicated phone number: 844-561-0383. For example, if you want to give \$5 your message is 5. It's that simple!