



# 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](mailto:diana.homann56@gmail.com).

## Church Activities

**AA:** Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)  
**Sunday Worship:** In House at 10:45 AM  
**Backpack Blessing:** August 22<sup>nd</sup> during Worship  
**Food Pantry Distribution:** 8/28  
**The Summer Lunch Club:** 8/11-8/17 delivery only

## In House Sunday School

**Pairs and Spares:** Wesley Room at 9:30 AM  
**Path Finders:** Office at 9:30 AM  
**Nursery Attendant:** 9:30 – 11:45 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.

## Annual Charge Conference

The 2021 Annual Charge Conference will be on Saturday November 13, 2021, at 11:30 AM. It is a joint meeting with Weedman UMC. All are welcome to attend.



Kent & Wendy Hammitt August 24

## Coffee Time 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 in the Wesley Room. On Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, she will be brewing coffee so come by and have a cup with her. Coffee Time with Sandi is open to anyone and everyone. 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.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebrations

When a month has 5 Sundays, Pastor Sandi will stay at one church. The other church will have a guest speaker. August 29<sup>th</sup>, Sandi will stay at FCUMC.



## Back Pack Blessing



August 22, will be the Back Pack Blessing during Church. Children are encouraged to attend and bring their backpacks.



**TO:** (8/20) Wesley Byrd  
(8/20) Chad Vance...(8/21) Joella Evans  
(8/22) Jared Hoffman...(8/22) Bev Buttry  
(8/23) Nick Drinkwater...(8/23) Teresa Drinkwater

## Giving Opportunity – Building Needs

**TWO WEEKS LEFT**

Help us maintain our building! Your donation check should be made payable to FCUMC with Maintenance or Building on

the memo line.

### Free Pool Swim

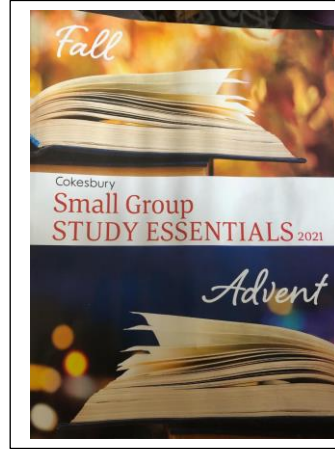
We are paying for anyone in the community who wants to swim and who does not have a pool pass. This program ends when we reach our \$300 budget. The Pool is open until Labor Day.

### The Summer Lunch Club

Financial Analysis: We started out the first month (June) spending 30% of our funding. This was just a learning curve for us and after a few adjustments we decreased our spending by 10% and the cost per lunch sack reduced from \$3.40 to \$1.20. The biggest change was in categorizing the food so that we were not giving away all the food each week. The lunch sacks began to have only 5 things in them each day. The lunch sacks included: a drink, a sandwich, chips, a vegetable, and a sweet (fruit, pudding, yogurt, or cookies). Also, after the first 2 weeks, we began a delivery system which kept the food (and people) out of the hot sun. We delivered to 5 places: 3 home day cares, one private home and to the school for the kids going to summer school. When delivery began, so did the request for "special" items. For example, one day care only wanted yogurt another only wanted bottled water. One day care requested jars of PB&J instead of sandwiches because the kids were "picky eaters."

Overall, we raised \$4,700.20 and spent \$2,314.04 leaving a balance of \$2,386.16. In conclusion, we have enough funding to do this next year. It makes sense to fund raise next year starting in April/May to build up a surplus of funding.

Keep in mind that \$3,000 of our funding was received in a grant from IGRC Specialized Ministry Emerging Needs Fund. The grant was a one-time award, and the intent of the grant was that we would continue to feed the children in the community during the summers to come.



## Interested in a Study Group?

You will find this catalog in the Wesley Room, please look through it and if you see a study group/ book that you think is interesting, please let Pastor Sandi know.

### Lord, Hear our Prayers

#### We pray for the families of **Clarine Tipsord & Jean Amacher.**

**Health Issues:** Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Mary Lou Beggs, 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), Linda Ashworth

**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), Moe Winstead, DJ Homann (Dan Homann's son), **Sandy Shaw, Rita Price, Melissa Melton.**

**Other:** Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Dewey Gronau's Family: Mike, Jacklynn, & Maddie Stroz (car accident), **Don Ferrill**, Wayne Bowns (starts extensive long-term therapy), Addy Benjamin (Brain Tumor), the Goode family, the Reeder family, Dan Mahnke (heart)

**Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.**



### Fall and the increase in Covid

Because most of our congregation have been vaccinated, we plan on continuing to worship together as we have the last several months. Masks are suggested, but not mandatory. We do ask that you keep the unvaccinated in mind as you go about your daily lives, including attending church. New updates will be shared in Staying Connected & in the bulletin.