



# 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  
**Food Pantry Distribution:** 8/28

### In House Sunday School

**Pairs and Spares:** Wesley Room at 9:30 AM  
**Path Finders:** Office 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.



Wearing masks indoors is mandated once again. While in Church, please wear a mask, social distance, and stay home if you have a cough or fever.

### 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.



Marc & Laura Enger September 5  
Kim & Dale Whisman September 17  
Ryan & Katie Kempfues Sept. 22

### Coffee Time with Pastor Sandi

Pastor Sandi has established a summer schedule which includes times for anyone to join. Starting in July, you will find coffee and brewing. On Wednesdays from 10-11 AM. Pastor Sandi has also decided to have afternoons for emails so if you have an email that needs immediate attention, please text her. Otherwise, your emails will be answered in the afternoons.

**Pastor Sandi is on Vacation  
Aug 30-September 1  
No Coffee Time This Week**

### Red Cross Blood Drive

September 20, 2021, at the Farmer City American Legion from 12-6 PM. Call Dawn at 217-219-5780 to schedule an appointment.



### 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.



**TO:** (9/1) Jeff Jones...(9/2) Rhonda Kimmel  
(9/4)Trent McCartney...(9/5) Mike Enger  
(9/7) Joshua Harden...  
(9/10) Glenn Reeser, Chuck Whisman & Jayce Hanafin  
(9/11) Kelly Pierce & Noah Voyles  
(9/12) Matt Freden & Matt Boyles  
(9/13) Dick Maxwell & Michelle Cordes  
(9/14) Kim Whisman...(9/16) Dianna Wells  
(9/18) Stan Barrow...(9/20) Brock Hammitt  
(9/21) Wendy Hammitt...(9/22) Natalie Beckley

## Giving Opportunities

### First Mile Mission

Begin to pick up Special Envelopes on the table to donate to First Mile Missions. Donations will be accepted during the month of September.

This is our commitment as a church and as people of God to give to special programs supported by the church. On the envelope, you may choose to have your contribution split as you wish to each of the programs below.

**Checks should be made payable to FCUMC with 1<sup>st</sup> Mile on the memo line. Below is a list of programs:**

**Native American Ministries** nurtures missions with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

**Peace With Justice** enables The UMC to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

**World Communion** provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

**United Methodist Student Day** furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

**Human Relations Day** strengthens UM outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

**UMCOR** makes the love of Christ real in the lives of those who suffer the effects of disasters in the US and 99 other countries.

**Rural Life** recognizes those who do hard and holy work of getting healthy food into our homes. This is a way to remember to be thankful for the food we eat and those that grow it.

### Gibson City Flooding Collection

Gibson City received 12 inches of rain on August 12<sup>th</sup>. UMCOR Cleaning Kits were quickly sent to help in the efforts of clean up. However, many people are without homes now. Our church has decided to send funding to help those in need of housing. Please consider giving to this effort by making your check payable to FCUMC with Gibson City on the memo line. You may also give to the UMCOR Disaster Fund by writing UMCOR on the memo line.

(Office Info: Fund # 6800)

## Parent Christmas Shop

Last year, we spent about \$1900, and we ran out of toys within the first two hours. To provide at least \$2000 in toys this year, we are starting to fund raise for the event early. We do anticipate an even greater need this year and would like to raise our goal to at least \$3,000. For those that don't know, the Christmas Shop is a way for parents in need to select 2 gifts for their children. The Parent Christmas Shop will be open on 12/11/2021 at the Sunshine Center on Rt 54. Fundraising will end on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Please consider donating to this by adding Christmas Shop on the memo line of your check.**

### News from United Methodist Women

UMW which normally begins to meet in September, will continue to delay in person meetings. We hope that things will improve soon. As we did last year, we will try to keep connected by letters. Currently, we are thinking it won't be possible to have our November Bake Sale. If this is so, it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> bake sale we have missed. Our members are missing contributing baked items and we feel the community misses getting some of our special goodies. I know our bank account misses these deposits! Bake Sales help us do some local funding along with a pledge to our district. Our pledge supports programs in the US and the World that benefit women, children, and youth.

Janice Maxwell, UMW President

**If you would like to help the UMW continue their local funding and district pledges, you may write a check to FCUMC with UMW on the memo line.**

## Lord, Hear our Prayers

### We pray for the family of Michael Angel.

**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, **Myron Kirby**

**Other:** Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), **Greg Mosgrove** (Covid) 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.**