



# Staying Connected

September 23, 2020

**Farmer City United Methodist Church**

*Staying Connected* is a weekly guide to news, events, and announcements. Send your announcements to Diana Homann by text or phone: 309-830-2267 or by email: [diana.homann56@gmail.com](mailto:diana.homann56@gmail.com). **Stay Connected!**

## Worship Options

**In Person Worship : Sunday at 10:45 AM**  
**Sunday School at 9:15 AM.**

**Online Worship by: YouTube**

<https://tinyurl.com/PastorSandiYouTube>

**& FaceBook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FarmerCityUMC/>

## Church Activities/Worship News

**AA:** will meet on Mondays at 7:00 PM (FCUMC)

**Admin Council (Nominations):** Sept 24 at 6:30 PM (FCUMC)

**(Budget):** Oct 8 at 6:30 PM (FCUMC)

**Admin Council:** Oct 22 at 6:30 PM (FCUMC)

**Food Pantry Distribution:** Sept 26, 9 AM (SCRC)

**Charge Conference: Nov 12 at 7 PM**

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## Happy Birthday to:

Roger Barlow (9/24)...Wade Buttry 9/24)  
Brooklyn Kemp hues (9/24)...Ed Young (9/25)  
Dale Whisman (9/26)...Laura Enger (9/27)  
Daniel Tipsord (10/1)...Eli Voyles (10/5)  
Robbin King (10/6)...Ruth Nafziger (10/7)



\* The Birthday and Anniversary list will now cover a two-week period, so that you will have time to mail a card if you wish.

## Happy Anniversary

David & Karen Harris (10/7)



## DEWITT CO UNDER COVID 19 WARNING-

### DeWitt Co Moves to the Warning Level for Coronavirus Disease

DeWitt Co has moved to the Warning Level for the first time in the IDPH measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, three measures of the 8 are higher than in weeks past as case numbers have spiked in the past week: the weekly incidence rate (going from 101 per 100,000 people to 108 per 100,000 people), the test positivity rate (going from 5.2% to 8.6%), and the number of tests performed (dropping from 308 to 244 tests processed this week).

"I was hopeful we could manage our way through this pandemic without appearing on the warning list, but that isn't the case here," said David Remmert, Public Health Administrator for the DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department. Specifically, one of the factors noted by staff for the increase in cases were gatherings around the Labor Day weekend. "I also think part of the reason is that we simply don't see DeWitt County populations going in for testing as we do in other counties. For example, in Piatt Co, almost 3 times as many tests were performed," said Remmert.

To mitigate the spike in cases, the Health Department is encouraging mask wearing, maintaining social distances, and refraining from hosting/attending indoor events and parties. The Health Department has also ramped up its ability to provide contact tracing. "We have notified all food services to encourage them to implement stricter protocols among staff and patrons at restaurants and bars, and we've hired 3 additional staff this week to keep up with our efforts at contact tracing. This is a best-practice method of reducing the spread of infection" Remmert said. Contact tracing is a process of contacting cases and contacts of cases to prevent further spread of the disease. In addition, Remmert said it was important during this heightened period of incidence that vulnerable populations, those with health issues and other co-morbidities, stay home as much as possible.

"Now is the time for both of our counties to double down in their personal efforts to stop the spread of this disease", Remmert said, "look, this is a highly contagious disease and while you may not necessarily have anything more than mild symptoms, you are capable of transmitting it to others. I worry about the spread to vulnerable populations."

## IN HOUSE WORSHIP

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, summarized God's directives to His people in what he called "Three Simple Rules." Wesley said that if we could "Do No Harm, Do Good, and Attend to the Ordinances of God.

Following the advice of both John and the Health Department, we decided to do you no harm by not holding indoor worship last Sunday. **Worship was filmed on Saturday so that it could be available on Sunday at 10:45 AM.**

We will continue to monitor the situation and when we feel it is safe to in house worship again, we will let everyone know but, in the meantime, worship with us on YouTube or FaceBook.

**Stay Blessed and Stay Safe.**





September 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day to GIVE

### First Mile Mission –Special Offerings

August 23-September 27 has been designated for giving to the priorities of the UMC.

These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. **There are 8 UMC missions: Human Relations, UMCOR (formally One Great Hour of Sharing), Native American, Peace with Justice, United Methodist Student, World Communication, Golden Cross, & Rural Life.**

**If you would like to make an offering to any or all of these missions, add First Mile Mission to the memo line of your check made payable to FCUMC. Indicate the amount for each mission or tell us to divide your check equally.**

### Offerings Given To First Mile Mission

Humans Relations: **\$256.87**  
UMCOR: **\$756.87**  
Native American: **\$256.87**  
Peace with Justice: **\$256.88**  
United Methodist Student: **\$276.87**  
World Communication: **\$256.88**  
Golden Cross: **\$256.88**  
Rural Life: **\$256.88**  
**(Dollars listed are 'as of' Sept 21)**



Listen to this new song called, *There was Jesus*, by Zach Williams and Dolly Parton.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUOP19V\\_EFs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUOP19V_EFs)



## Family Meetings

**With Pastor Sandi:** Sandi has sent out an email survey called Family Meetings. This survey allows you to select your meeting venue, dates, and times. Please check your email and respond to the survey. **Contact Pastor Sandi: by text or phone: (217)-834-3165...by Email: [pastorsandihire@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsandihire@gmail.com)**

### In our Prayers

(New additions in bold print.)

**We pray for the families effected by Covid 19.**

**Health Issues:** Robert Drake, (Nephew of Laura Enger), Roger Barlow, Hannah Jean McCartney, Mary Lou Beggs, Ron Vance, Red Ulitzsch, (Father of Michelle Cordes), Sally Williams

**Cancer:** 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), Brian Snider, (Friend of Murl Kimmel), Beth Loy, (Friend of Heather Howell). John Homann, (brother of Diana Homann), Jim Gustafson, (Uncle of Amy Phillips), Gary B (friend of Jane Evans)

**Other:** Scott Smith (MS), Stefanie Crownover (Nursing Home), David Watkins (Wheelchair Bound), Greg Mosgrove (Lung Transplant), Jane Evans (knee surgery), Steve Anderson (broken scapula)

**And from our Community Prayer Box:**

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

Lost  
Found

Does anyone know where the baptismal font or common communion cup is?

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If you have seen the gold praying hands used for the alter, please let us know.



### Video Recording News

Are you looking for a volunteering opportunity and are excited about filming? If so, we would love to train you to record our worship service on Sundays. No experience is necessary, and the equipment is easy to operate! Training would take place on a Sunday at 10:45 AM.

## OUR CAPS YOUR CAUSE

We are still collecting for the **Our Caps Your Cause** program through Prairie Farms. Here's how the program works. On the cap of Prairie Farms milk products is a peel off sticker. Under the sticker is a code. (See the pictures below)



Now, all you have to do is enter the code. Visit the [donation page](#) on Prairie Farms website.

(<https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/>)

Once you are on the webpage, you will see a **Select a category** drop down box; select Faith-Based & Religious. In the **Select an organization** drop down box; select Farmer City United Methodist Church, Farmer City. Then simply enter the code. (See below)

DONATING CAP CODES

Select a charitable category  
You may enter from 1 to 10  
*Note: Click the DONATE button on the donation page*

Faith-Based & Religious

Farmer City United Methodist Church, Farmer City, IL

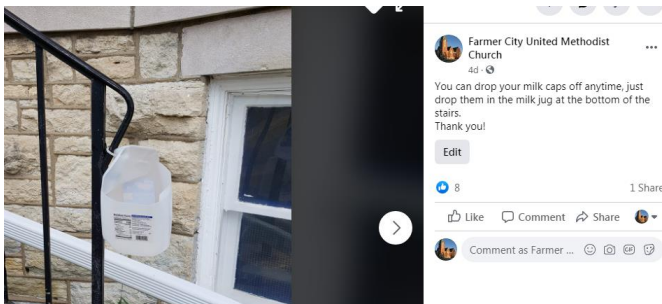
Please enter your code(s) below **CLEAR CODES**

Enter your code here

Enter your code here

For every cap code redeemed, Prairie Farms will donate 5 cents to our church. **Please help us spread ministry in our community by entering your cap codes today!**

**You can now drop off your Prairie Farm Caps at the church. Just toss them in the milk jug collector attached to the stairs.**



**As of 9/19, we had 550 codes entered!  
We are over halfway to our GOAL!**

## Pastor Appreciation

**Sunday, October 11** Send a card of thanks to Pastor Sandi Hire at 520 W High St, Farmer City, IL 61842.

**Pastors can't work miracles, but they lead us to someone who can!**

## FOCUS



Our FOCUS group recently met to discuss activities normally seen in the last quarter of the year. The group considered the needs of our community and decided to concentrate our efforts locally. Stay Tuned for more information on...

**Community Food Pantry Collection  
ThanksGIVING Dinner Challenge  
Angel Tree Monetary Collection  
Parent Christmas Shop**

## Administrative Council

It's that time of year when the Administrative Council begins to look at nominations for committees and leadership for the upcoming year. A meeting has been set for Sept 24 at 6:30 to discuss filling positions. Are you interested in serving in this manner? Please let one of the following know. Murl Kimmel, Susie Hoffman, Pastor Sandi, or Diana Homann.