

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2020 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2ND -ADMIN. COUNCIL 4:00PM

AUGUST 6TH – BACK TO SCHOOL
BONANZA 8:00 AM -6:00 PM

AUGUST 15TH- FOOD PANTRY 11:00AM -
1:00 PM

AUGUST 22ND – GENESIS FEED 10:30 AM

AUGUST 23RD – PRAYER WALK 6:00PM

AUGUST 24TH – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 30TH – PRAYER WALK

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A Note from Pastor Dee

One thing that I have noticed over the last few months is an increasing impatience and irritability in myself and others. I believe the fear is caused by not just the fear of COVID-19 but also the stress of responding to it. It has made many of us shorter with one another.

Whether you believe national, state, and local governments have not reacted strongly or swiftly enough or whether you believe that the threat of this pandemic has been over blown, the cumulative effect has taken a toll on us all.

We are going to begin this month by focusing in worship on remembering three concepts: remember who you are, remember what your purpose is, remember what your destiny is. The first Sunday we are not only focusing on these three concepts but also celebrating Senior Sunday. I hope you will join us in person or online.

Also, I invite us when we feel stressed to pause and remember what we are grateful for and give thanks to the Giver

In Christ,
Pastor Dee

WORSHIP STARTS

As we begin to open up the church to in person worship, we encourage everyone to read over these guidelines that have been set forth by the Arkansas Annual Conference and approved by your local church leadership.

Worship Area Initial Requirements for Attendees

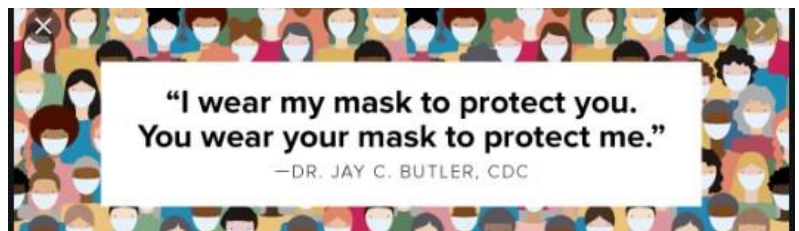
- Masks required/worn at all times (provided by church if needed)
- Speakers/pastors/musicians may remove masks when speaking/singing
- No handshakes/hugs/physical contact
- No nursery care provided
- There will be baskets at exit of sanctuary for you to drop your offering into at the beginning or end of the worship service.
- Enter the worship areas while maintaining physical spacing
- Families may sit together/all others must remain at least 6-feet apart

Worship Area Provisions

- The only doors that will be open are the double doors facing the baseball fields
- The entrance will be propped open
- No food or beverages will be provided
- Hand sanitizing stations provided at entry points
- All materials in pews (hymnals, Bibles, etc.) will be removed and stored
- Attendance pads/offering plates will not be utilized.
- Holy Communion provided through pre-packaged elements
- No bulletins will be provided in person. We will continue to post-bulletins online to download
- Worship spaces will be cleaned and sanitized after each use

Worship/Gathering Guidance

- If you have a fever or are symptomatic, please stay home.
- If you are at risk or more vulnerable to COVID-19, we encourage you to worship online.
- Water fountains will be inaccessible.
- There will be no food or beverages prepared in the facility including family or buffet style meals. (There may be times where we serve individually wrapped prepackaged items under certain circumstances.)
- Follow directional signage and prompts from greeters/ushers.



THE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember our food pantry and the Little Free Pantry outside. The pantry is in need of specific items such as: **instant oatmeal packets, canned fruits, soda crackers, canned meats, and macaroni and cheese.** Please help if you can. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those who are in need. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are more people coming for food through our drive-through giving out food. **Helpers are needed. Please volunteer if you can.** Thanks to all that helped in July.

*The Food Pantry is held the third Saturday of the month from 11:00 am -1:00pm (August 15th)



HOMELESS FEED AT GENESIS CHURCH

August 22nd 10:00 AM

The Homeless feed will be at Genesis Church in Fayetteville, AR. The meal starts at 11:30am but drop off and prep starts around 10:00-10:30. We will be practicing social distancing when distributing the food (it will be pick up only). They have masks and gloves available for volunteers. Numbers have been a little low so we will prepare food for 50. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the Google Link below or contact Cassie Warren by email at cwarren@marshalltown.com.

The Link: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_goo.gl_LOiWwX&d=DwIFAg&c=cpwSbXV_cEM2az9w-1Ja6g&r=jqyERmXrtZT_Jl3X6uFt6DQq4OmlUL5-zbunNp70jhs&m=rAJ2pVcnGikWF7V0TBb_zdCH6UXrCbPofUJld-zAqcY&s=H62tiRymAzKO-YmCv7DXSC5rXGZd0c8KFGufWpExxN0&e=





**FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
355 SOUTHWINDS DRIVE**

Back to School Bonanza is held on the first Thursday of **August(6th)** and benefits the families of NW Arkansas who need help with back to school services and items for their children. Any student in grades K-12 is welcome to attend without respect to their address, school district, or income level. **Due to Covid-19, pre-registration is required this year. We are limiting our numbers to 200 families, or until July 10th, whichever comes first.**

Services offered this year are Kindergarten health physicals and immunizations for entering school in K and 7th grade through AR Care of NWA. If you are able, please sign up for this option between 9 and noon. Tennis shoes and pizza to go will be offered also.

The Bonanza will be drive-through only, **please stay in your car. Online registration and confirmation of appointment for a time slot is required. Please wear a face mask.**

We will have information about volunteering soon. If you are interested in **volunteering**, please contact Jane Silva at mjanesilva20@gmail.com . If you know a family that would benefit from Back to School Bonanza, please contact them and let them know about registration.

To register go to <https://farmingtonumc.net/back-2-school-bonanza.html> then scroll down for registration form.

CARDINALS PRAYER WALK

Join us on Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00PM at the Farmington High School. We will have a prayer walk to pray for the school, the students, the teachers and the administration of Farmington High and all of Farmington Schools. Starting school in this trying time is difficult, but with prayer, anything can be done!





Our first ever virtual VBS, "The Great Treasure Hunt," is in the books! We had 21 children participate.

Special thanks to Cassie Harris for posting everything to the church website, to Andy Bolin for doing puppet shows, Coleman and Catherine Warren for the music, and Pastor Dee for the Bible lessons, and my own kids for help filming and editing the craft videos!

You can see pictures posted by participants at: #FUMC2020VBS

If your kids missed out, the great thing about virtual VBS is that all the content is still available online on our church website and YouTube channel!

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Love in Christ,

Melanie Barnes



Vacation
Bible
School

YOUTH news

The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner and although this year will be different than ever before it is still important to set yourself up for success. We need to envision and pray for the best year yet. Joel Barker says "Vision without action is just a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." Thomas Edison is even more direct and said "Vision without execution is delusion." Can you see yourself having your best year yet? You are in charge of how successful you are so you might as well be ready! Here are some helpful things you can do to get ready to rock this semester!

Start with YOU!!! Good hygiene, nutrition, and rest are MUSTS. Get plenty of sleep, wear clean clothes, drink plenty of water and eat quality foods, clean your mask, and don't skip hygiene. Now more than ever wash your hands often and stay healthy. Take care of yourself!

Include God and pray this year. Do not pray for an A on a test when you have not studied but instead take an attitude of gratitude to God and be accountable. Start small and build a habit of developing a better relationship with God. If praying is hard use the S-finger rule.



Be positive and ENVISION your success! Positive thinking is powerful. Spend a few minutes before bed envisioning yourself doing well the next day and then again before you hop out of bed the next morning. You can also place notes to yourself around to remind you to be upbeat. You still have to prepare but seeing the good possibilities will help!

Parents: You being positive will make a huge difference. Do not involve students in grown up issues. Bad mouthing your students authority figures will not benefit them. Stay positive! Smile! Find ways to uplift your student! Remember your own students and their friends are watching and listening to you. Model well.

Be prepared! Get your supplies for the next day ready BEFORE you need them. Have your clothes ready before you need to get dressed, pack your lunch, snacks, and fill your water bottle. Have your homework and supplies ready to go.

Be organized! It will reduce stress. Take a few seconds each time you open a folder to tidy up. Try to keep papers unwrinkled and in order. Do not store old food and trash in your back pack. Straighten up your backpack every week (sanitizing it might be a good idea too). People are organized in different ways but everyone appreciates these things and will actually benefit you. Be disciplined.

Make personal goals both weekly and long term. You can write them down and put them somewhere you will see every day or find another way to remind yourself and stay accountable. For example if you are shy and struggle with meeting new people goals could be attending a club meeting you might be interested in, saying a simple "hi" in the hall to 3 new people daily, or maybe eat lunch with a new friend. If others struggle with over confidence remember having humility and being humble are goal ideas too.

Lift others up and be encouraging. Do not forget to be authentic and encourage others. If someone shares with you... LISTEN. Have empathy. Say thank you. Be the person others enjoy by really caring. Much of that comes from being a good encourager. Give a friend having a tough time studying a "You've got this." Say thank you when someone does something nice for you... even your parents. Tell others to have a great day. Being an encourager is a habit to build. It takes practice. The most important thing is to be genuine.



August 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 DO SOMETHING SPECIAL JUST FOR YOU!
2 COMMUNION SENIOR SUNDAY 10:30 AM ADMIN COUNCIL 4:00 PM	3	4 PRAYER GATHERING FACEBOOK 12:00	5 SET UP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA	6 BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA 8:00 -6:00 DRIVE THROUGH BY APPT ONLY	7	8
9 10:30 AM WORSHIP	10 GIVE THANKS!	11 PRAYER GATHERING FACEBOOK 12:00	12	13 DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS!	14	15 FOOD PANTRY 11:00-1:00
16 10:30 AM WORSHIP	17	18 PRAYER GATHERING FACEBOOK 12:00	19 SMILE! GOD LOVES YOU!	20 YOU ARE GREAT!	21	22 GENESIS FEED 10:30
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