

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2020 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 7TH- 7:30PM SPEC

DECEMBER 8TH SIMPLE SIMON'S PIZZA
FUND RAISER

DECEMBER 13TH- 10:30AM CHILDREN'S
NATIVITY

DECEMBER 24TH- CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES AT 12:00PM AND 6:00PM

DECEMBER 26TH – 10:30AM GENESIS
FEED.

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A Note from Pastor Dee

The Roots of Advent

Advent is the time of year in which Christians have traditionally celebrated the “coming of Christ.” This means both his first coming to the Hebrews as a baby in Bethlehem and his second coming in which he will come in glory to usher in God's Kingdom.

The roots of advent as a season of the Christian year go all the way back to the fourth century in France. Advent is a unique time in itself and its richness often gets lost in our culture because of the intrusion of Christmas. We want to jump too quickly to the joy of celebrating Christ's birth without the anticipation and preparation that is needed in the time of advent.

Traditionally advent has been a time of penitence and fasting. It is a time that has been set aside for seeking God. A time not unlike lent. That is why for most of the Sundays in Advent you will see the vestments that are used on the communion table, cross, and pulpit are purple. I want to encourage us as a community not to jump ahead to Christmas, but to embrace this time of advent. We may even want to add an act of compassion or a special time of prayer or of scripture reading this season that would help us grow in devotion to our coming Lord.

In Christ

Pastor Dee



**Simple
Simon's
Pizza**



TUESDAY DEC. 8th FOOD FUNDRAISER

PLACE: Simple Simon's Pizza
DATE: DEC. 8th - All Day

*We are partnering with **Farmington United Methodist Church** to purchase food for families who have been affected by COVID-19.*

20% of all store sales on Dec. 8th will go directly to helping feed those in need.

*Christmas
Eve
Services*



There will be two services on
Christmas Eve.

First Service will be at

12:00pm

There will be another service at

6:00pm



HOMELESS FEED AT GENESIS CHURCH

December 26th 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-zbunNp7Ojhs&m=rAJ2pVcnGikWF7V0TBb_zdCH6UXrCbpoFUJld-zAqcY&s=H62tiRymAzKO-Ymcv7DXSC5rXGZd0c8KFGufWpExxN0&e=

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 and the pantry is almost bare. **Helpers are needed. Please volunteer if you can.** Thanks to all that helped in August.

*The Food Pantry is held the third Saturday of the month from 11:00 am -1:00pm (**December 19th**)



*see additional note regarding the pantry

*The Farmington UMC Food Pantry and Blessing Box

would like to say thank you to everyone who has, and is, continuing to donate to this ministry. We are so thankful for the support that you have given us along with those who have helped in the community.

Since the start of summer, the number of people using the Food Pantry has more than doubled.

The Food Pantry is growing, we believe, because of the economic issues related to COVID-19 and a strong utilization of social media to get the word out.

At the last Food Pantry give away **we gave out everything in our pantry** but a few boxes and bags of macaroni. It really was a loaves and fishes moment as God used us to help provide for people in Farmington and western Washington County.

If you would like to help with this ministry, you are always invited to put cans and other food items in the Blessing Box. You can also give to our Food Pantry. Needed items include:

- Ramon noodles
- spaghetti sauce
- canned meat
- canned vegetables
- single serving oatmeal
- crackers
- can fruit or 2 fruit cups
- soup
- toilet paper
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Anything you can give is so needed



Thank you again.

Farmington UMC is now on Amazon Smiles!

Are you looking for another way to help Farmington UMC be disciples who make disciples for the transformation of lives, our community and the world? We have recently signed up with the charity Amazon Smiles.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

You can learn more about this opportunity by going to smile.amazon.com

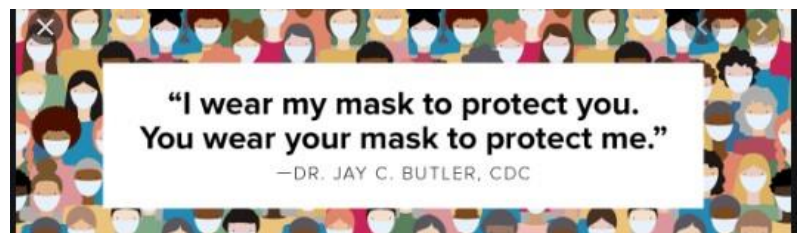
Worship Update

We have been so blessed to see members of our congregation return to in-person worship over the last three and a half months. We appreciate everyone following our safety guidelines, as we have slowly reopened worship and other activities in the life of the church.

We did want to let you know that we are still wearing masks and social distancing during in person worship at 10:30 a.m. However, we are now not putting a cap on the number of worshippers if we can meet these other two guidelines. We are also excited about the return of children's church happening this month.

We also want to remind everyone who may not be able to or who is not yet comfortable with in person worship that we are still streaming our service on YouTube and posting the link on our Facebook page.

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2sXOf_KPF-TFBZcpGaDArA
- <https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonarumc>



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We will have our annual children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 13th during the 10:30am service. It will be short and sweet and will not require any practices. We will adhere to mask/distancing guidelines. Please let Melanie (mellyki@yahoo.com, 479-444-8233) know if your child can participate.

Thank you!

Melanie

YOUth News

Don't miss YOUth WNL Wednesdays in December from 6-7pm. For the next 3 weeks the YOUth group will be looking at the Christmas Story with fresh eyes and learn what really happened. We will also be playing games and fitting in some creative fun. Don't miss it! On the 16th we will wrap up the birth story and have a holiday celebration. See you there!

Thanks!

Casey Luther



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 WNL 6-7 WARREN 6:30	3	4	5
6 10:30 worship service Adm. Co- 4:00	7 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM 7:30 pm SPEC	8 SIMPLE SIMON'S FUND RAISER CUB SCOUTS 6	9 WNL 6-7 WARREN 6:30	10 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM	11	12
13 10:30 WORSHIP CHILDREN'S NATIVITY	14 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM	15 CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM	16 WNL 6-7 WARREN 6:30	17 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM UMW 6:00PM	18	19 FOOD PANTRY 11-1
20 10:30 WORSHIP	21 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM	22 CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM	23 WNL 6-7 WARREN 6:30	24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES NOON AND 6:00PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 GENESIS FEED 10:30
27 10:30 WORSHIP AARON MILLER PREACHING	28 EXERCISE CLASS 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM	29 CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM	30 WNL 6-7 WARREN 6:30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	2021!!!!!!	