

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2021 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 7TH- ADMIN. COUNCIL 4:00

FEBRUARY 15TH- PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 16TH-MEN'S MINISTRY 7:00

FEBRUARY 17TH -ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6:30PM

FEBRUARY 18TH-UMW 10:00AM

FEBRUARY 20TH- FOOD PANTRY 11-1

FEBRUARY 27TH-GENESIS FEED 10-1

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A Note from Pastor Dee

This February our church will begin the month in worship with two services and messages about love. Often we think of love especially in February as hearts, and chocolates, and flowers. But as people of faith we know that there is more to love and being loving than cards bought from a greeting store.

On February 7th and 14th we will use two questions to guide us What is love?, and What does love look like? I hope you will join us in person or online for these services.

On February 17th we will have an evening Ash Wednesday service. Because of COVID-19, our observance may look a little different but we will still mark the start of Lent with a time of repentance and self-reflection.

I hope this February will bring a sense of hope, unity, and love for one another, for God and for our neighbors.

In Christ,

Pastor Dee

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 (**February 20th**)



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will have a special worship service to begin the Lenten season on Wednesday February 17 at 6:30 p.m. You can join us in person or online for the service. We will be practicing all of our normal social distancing guidelines. Because of COVID, we will not be doing ashes, but we will be doing something special to mark the day!



Dear Farmington Church Family,

I hope that you are finding opportunities to discover the wonder of this New Year and the joy and hope that we have in our Lord Jesus Christ even in this very strange time. As you know our congregation restarted in person worship in July following a three-month period where we were worshipping virtually due to the pandemic.

Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases and the increased stress on healthcare system especially the emergency and ICU units and healthcare workers our Bishop and Annual Conference offered new guidance for the United Methodist Churches in Arkansas. One of the tools that they have encouraged us to look at is the website www.covidactnow.org which tracks healthcare numbers across the country, in states, and in counties.

Our Administrative Council and Trustees held a joint meeting on Wednesday December 16 to review the Annual Conference information and to discuss our next steps going forward.

Our church leadership has decided to continue in person worship opportunities including on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and special services like Ash Wednesday.

For these services we will also continue to use Facebook to stream and make them available to everyone to worship at home also.

The Administrative Council and Trustees have also made the decision that we will not have any other in-person activities at this time except for mission activities like our Food Pantry and the Genesis Feed.

We encourage everyone to use Zoom meetings or another video conferencing platform for Bible studies, small groups, youth, and children's programming.

I am especially excited for some of the new opportunities that Casey and Melanie are planning to reach out to our children and youth programs during this time.

Our Administrative Council will continue to monitor the cases in our community and county to respond to any changing information.

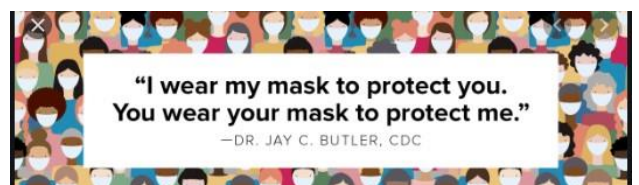
One of the reasons that our church leaders have chosen to continue to offer worship on Sunday mornings is because of our church's response to the safety measures that we have put in place. We have been proud of everyone's cooperation. We will continue to practice safety in worship. We will continue to social distance, to wear masks, and to utilize all the safety measures we have put in place.

As I reflect on 2020, I see it as a challenging time, but also a time where God has taught me so much about the importance of presence, of developing a personal prayer life and spiritual disciplines, and of how beautiful God is at providing for his people in many unexpected ways.

May we continue to live into the promises of God both now and in the future.

God bless you all,

Pastor Dee



FUMC YOUTH

The youth program is continuing to stay busy with the Ministry To Go and the Wednesday Night Live Feb 15 Bible Study and Devotional.

The Ministry To Go is available to any student K-12th grades. Youth and Children's Ministry are working together to stay in touch with students and deliver MTG bags to porches weekly at no charge to students or families. Both programs are currently covering the fruits of the spirit through activities, videos, testimonies, devotionals, and food. In January both ministries branched out to include extra bags for more families using the food pantry. If you know a student that would enjoy a MTG bag please sign them up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea9ad2ca3f94-ministry>



Students are also continuing to meet on Wednesdays at 7pm via ZOOM. We cover many interesting and engaging topics. In January we covered studies called Hope Alone is Not a Tactic for Success, a 2-part series on Are You a Friend or Fan of Jesus, and Grumble or Grateful. All are welcome. This past month the group has invited many adult guests from our church, local communities, as well as guest involved in faith across many other states. If you would like to have your student included or would like to suggest a guest to be invited please see the links below.

To be a **guest** go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea9ad2ca3f94-youth2>



To sign up as a **student** for the study go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchwnlNd9QGTQ3Yeg7YC6dchms0hquq5iDhU5Udhe1fG-gL-Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>



Casey Luther

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Friends,

Attached are the lessons from the first 3 ministry to go bags for K-6. You can still sign up for the bags at:

<https://signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EA9AD2CA3F94-ministry>

We've been delivering them on Fridays. If you have any ideas for the bags to make them more fun/helpful, let me know! I hope to be back to in-person WNL soon. We will be back to in-person children's church this Sunday (we didn't have it last Sunday since Farmington school pivoted to virtual, per our self-imposed guidelines for in-person children's ministry).

Please let me know if there's anything I can be praying for on your behalf.

Love in Christ,

Melanie Barnes





THANK YOU TO TROOP 555 AND
SCOUTMASTER
CHRIS DAUGHTREY

Our thanks go out to our Scout troops and Pack, and their leader, for retiring our American flag and putting up a new one for our church flagpole. Thank you all!





February 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 Ground Hog Day 	3 6:30- SILVA'S GROUP 7:00- YOUTH DEVOTIONAL 7:00- WARREN GROUP	4	5	6
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14 10:30 WORSHIP 	15  PRESIDENTS DAY NO SCHOOL!	16 7:00PM – MEN'S MINISTRY	17  Ash Wednesday SERVICE AT 6:30PM	18 10:00AM- UMW MEETING	19	20 FOOD PANTRY 11:00-1:00
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28 10:30 WORSHIP						



SURROUNDED
BY YOUR *Glory*
WHAT WILL MY
Heart FEEL?

WILL I DANCE
FOR YOU *Jesus*
OR IN AWE OF YOU
BE *Still*?

WILL I *Stand*
IN YOUR PRESENCE
OR TO MY *Knees*
WILL I FALL?

WILL I SING
Hallelujah?
WILL I BE ABLE TO
Speak AT ALL?

I Can Only Imagine