

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2022 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKER FOR BOTH SERVICES-ON THE 2ND

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL-4:00PM ON THE 9TH

FOOD PANTRY- EVERY THURSDAY 5:30PM-7:00PM AND SATURDAY THE 15TH

MEN'S MINISTRY- 7:00PM ON THE 18TH

LEILLA SHINN PARTY- 18TH AT 10:00AM

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A Note from Pastor Dee

Many people choose to make a resolution for the New Year. Often resolutions are concrete actions which have a pass/pass/failure bent to them. For instance, someone could make a resolution to lose fifty pounds. If at the end of the year they have not lost those fifty pounds, then they consider the resolution a failure even if they have lost forty-five and are healthier.

One thing I have seen lately which I believe is a lot better is to have a yearly theme. A theme is a word which sums up some of the goals you have but is more a direction than something that is pass or fail.

So instead of fifty pounds you may label the year with the theme of health. This could include your physical, emotional, and spiritual health. So, losing weight and making better choices with diet and exercise means the year of health was positive instead of looking at it as a failure because you did not reach a specific goal.

This year I would like to challenge you to choose a theme and not just a resolution. My hope is the theme will have an element of spiritual growth along with other areas you may want to work on. May God bless you and watch over you in 2022!

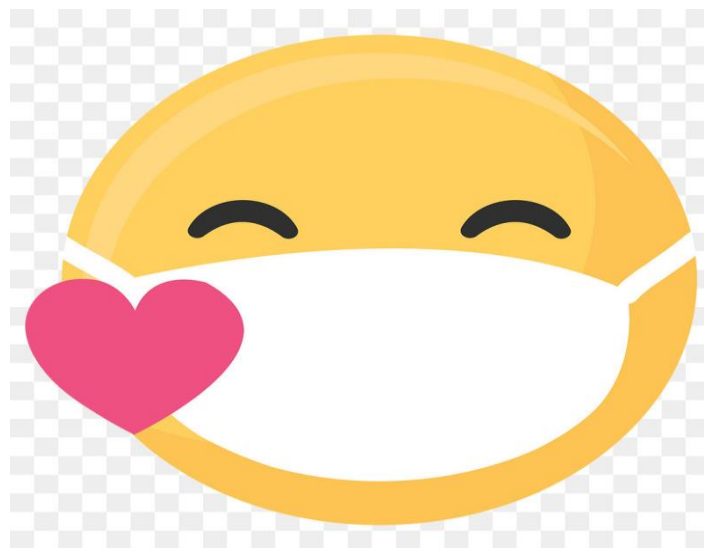
COVID-19 UP DATE

Dear FUMC Family,

The care and well-being of our members, friends, and guests remain high priorities. As we gather in person, we strongly encourage folks to **wear a mask** and **social distance** with COVID-19 cases still around.

Masks are still required for unvaccinated attendees, but vaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear masks as well.

We have been through this before, so we know the drill! Let's get this thing whipped!



THE FOOD PANTRY

The Farmington UMC Community Food Pantry will be open with extended hours. We will continue to be open the third Saturday of the month. Also, during November, we will be open on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday from 9:00am-11: 00am.

We experimented with these hours to help reach more people in our community and feel that these hours worked well. We encourage everyone to please continue to give to the pantry through food or through financial contributions.



Also, please pray for the pantry and for all those who are helped by it. Pray for all those who are helping as we seek to take risks for Jesus. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Dee Harper at charles.harper@arumc.org or let him know on Sunday mornings.

Thanks,

**We want to invite anyone who would like to help volunteer to serve during one of these Thursdays or Saturday January 15th at 9:00am.

You can voluteer by clicking the link below.

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UMW

Farmington UMW had a joyful Unit Christmas party at the home of Margaret Ball on December 16, 2021. Finger foods were shared, followed by lots of conversation and a gift exchange. New officers were installed and the 2022 budget approved. Secret Angels were revealed.

If you'd like to sign up to be a Secret Angel, it is a fun little fund-raiser for the UMW at \$5.00 per person to participate. It's like having an encouraging pen pal for a year. See Jennifer Harper, Linda Morrow, or Mary Jane Silva to sign up, or here is the online link:

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We have Circle meetings every month, but our next unit meeting, which combines Circles, is March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

The *Leila Shinn Circle* will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall of FUMC. All women are cordially invited to join us in person or via Zoom. Our mission focus will be on bringing items such as blankets, toiletries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products for the new Blessing Box.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Wednesday Night Live groups sponsored a Wednesday night Christmas Caroling caravan from the Farmington United Methodist Church on December 22nd. All ages were invited to participate. With a turnout of about 15 singers, we visited homes in and around Farmington to spread God's love and Christmas cheer. Many thanks to all who participated.



From Lay Leader, Jeff Silva

Please join me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to Elizabeth Floyd for serving our congregation as Lay Leader. I will take over the position beginning in January. I will work with Pastor Dee to fulfill the mission and vision of our congregation. I believe that everyone has spiritual gifts and experiences that are vital to the body of Christ, and I want to promote and encourage each and every member to be in ministry to others. I want our church to be a leader in putting God and neighbor above all else, living God's love through our actions, and taking God's love into our community by making disciples, baptizing and modeling faithful obedience.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thanks to all the parents who allowed their children to be in our Christmas play this year. It was a blessing to all who saw it! Special thanks to Rachel Gray, Jim and Jodi Hendricks, and Elizabeth Barnes for helping with practices and the performance.

Children will be studying John the Baptist and Jesus' childhood and early ministry during January Sunday school, WNL and children's church. Volunteers are always welcome, to teach, lead games/crafts, substitute, or just be an extra pair of hands!

Sally Zelenka will continue to teach Sunday School, Jim and Jodi Hendricks will continue to teach WNL for ages 4-2nd grade, and Melanie Barnes will continue to teach WNL for grades 3-6. For children's church, we will not have it on the first Sunday of each month to better allow children to participate in communion with their families; Jeff Silva will teach on the second Sunday of each month; and Melanie Barnes teaches the third and fourth Sundays.

Pastor Dee will begin confirmation soon for sixth graders and older youth who have not been through confirmation yet. Contact Pastor Dee for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to Casey Luther for all of her years of service to the Youth Program!! Jennifer Harper will serve as volunteer youth director until the new position of Director of Youth and Children Ministry is filled. She will be sending out an email soon in order to update parents and youth and the church on the plan for youth beginning with WNL in January. The email will have information in regard to lessons and activities for the next couple of months along with information about specific volunteer needs.

Please contact Jennifer at jenhope1980@gmail.com or on her cell at 501 593 8979 with any thoughts, concerns, ideas about the youth program or if you would like to help in some way. Volunteers are needed, welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Welcome Jennifer!

JANUARY 2022



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