

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 2020 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*TUESDAYS AT 12:00PM- PRAYER GATHERING
ON FACEBOOK

<https://facebook.com/farmingtonarumc>

*SUNDAYS- 7:00PM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
(ZOOM)

*WEDNESDAYS- 7:00PM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
(ZOOM)

*JUNE- 20TH – FOOD PANTRY 11:00AM-1:00PM

*JUNE 27TH-GENESIS 10:00AM

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A Note from Pastor Dee

Richard Baxter, a Puritan leader and writer of the 17th Century, wrote in one of his hymns “My knowledge of that life is small, The eye of faith is dim; But ‘tis enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.” John Wesley at the end of his life proclaimed, “And best of all God is with us.”

None of us knows the measure of our days. We may enjoy a long life with many experiences, or we may have a short life by human standards. However, whether short or long, it is but the blink of an eye compared with eternity with God.

May each of our hearts this summer move closer to God and may we lean into all of His promises. And remember most of all that God is with us.

Psummer of Psalms Sermon Series

Join us in June and July for a special sermon series the “Psummer of Psalms.” The Psalms are God’s people’s song book. It displays a whole spectrum of human emotion both negative and positive. We will take a look at the way that the Psalms invite us to move to deeper levels of honesty, closeness and ultimately trust in God.

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.

*The Food Pantry is held the third Saturday of the month from 11:00 am -1:00pm (June 20th)

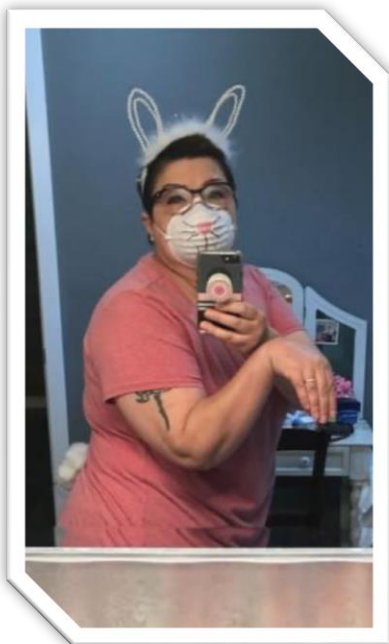


HOMELESS FEED AT GENESIS CHURCH

JUNE 27TH 10:00 AM

If you would like to help, please contact Cassie Warren at 479-790-9859 or by email at cassie.warren@pinnaclefoods.com or sign up on the Google Link <https://goo.gl/LOiWwX>.

Thank you!



A big Thank You goes to Shelly Thompson! Shelly was our “Easter Bunny” this year passing out eggs at the drive thru Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone had such a great time. Shelly did a great job!

We can also thank Shelly for making over 50 cloth masks for the church. Thanks for giving your time so generously to the church.

And may we add one more thing to the list?

CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT NEW GRANDSON!!!!

Congratulations



Congratulations to William "Bill" Hellard on being chosen as Farmington's new Fire Chief. Bill has been serving the Roger's Fire Department for 20 years. He will take the place of retiring Farmington Fire Chief Mark Cunningham on June 1st. We are so happy to have Bill and his family as members of our church. Congratulations Bill and Good Luck!

Best Wishes



Mary Jane Silva has taught for Farmington schools for 19 years and Prairie Grove schools for 4 years. She was a 2nd grade teacher at Jerry Pop Williams Elementary school. This was Mary Jane's last year to teach. A drive by reception was held to say good bye to the well-loved teacher. We know her students and coworkers will miss her very much. But just think how much more time she can spend at the church!!! Love you Mary Jane! Thanks for all you do!



YOUth News

YOUth is continuing to “meet” online through Zoom on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join! On Wednesdays we have a Bible study covering various topics and on Sunday nights we have a fellowship game or activity. On Fridays we have a devotional that is sent out via text. Contact Casey Luther if you want to know more or have ideas of how to keep youth ministry fresh and interesting during this unconventional time.

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Congratulations to all of our students on completing their school year!!! A special congratulations to our graduates!

Congratulations to Our Graduates



Allison Delaney Hellard
Farmington High School



Avery Michelle Batson
Haas Hall Academy



In Loving Memory
Jonathan Dakota Bradley



Madison Makenzie Earnheart
Farmington High School



Tara Morning Star Redfeather
Lincoln High School



Trevin James Beaver
Farmington High School



William Jackson Luther
Prairie Grove High School



Children's Ministry

Dear Farmington UMC Family,

I have been emailing out and posting virtual children's church lessons on the church Facebook page. If you are not receiving those, please let me know so I can be sure to send you the lessons directly!

Taking into account direction from the state leadership of the UMC and our own administrative council, following is our current plan for the children's ministry from now through the end of the summer.

We will not have children's church or Sunday school as soon as the church is allowed to have services again. Pastor Dee will share the sermon topic with me ahead of time and I will prepare activity sheets related to the sermon topic for the kids to either work on during church or take home. We will still have a children's message but the children will not go up front to hear it. We will continue that practice until all the restrictions have been lifted, probably at least until school starts in the fall.

I will save the Rocky Railway VBS materials we purchased for this summer to use summer 2021. Currently all VBS publishers are working to develop online options, and there are plenty of existing online options available, so I will be selecting material for a series of 4 lessons.

I will talk to some volunteers to make videos for virtual lessons. We will either provide a list of items needed, which will be simple and people will likely have on hand, or we will create to-go bags for people to pick up at church. We will have registration as usual so we can have the correct number of to-go bags and so that we can reach out to attendees.

Instead of a full week of VBS mid-June, we will have 2 lessons per week for 2 weeks mid-July, to give everyone a break from online school.

We may also create a closed Facebook group to discuss the lessons and so kids could post pictures of their crafts or snacks.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas and ask especially for your prayers for our children during this unusual time.

Love in Christ,

Melanie Barnes