

FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2020 Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV. 1ST- 1:30PM- NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER
OUTREACH WALK.

NOV. 1ST- 4:00PM ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING

NOV. 19TH- 10:00AM WOMEN'S CIRCLE

NOV 21ST- 11:00-1:00 FOOD PANTRY

NOV. 26TH- 10:30-11:30

THANKSGIVING FEAST TO GO

NOV 28TH- 10:30AM-1:00 GENESIS FEED

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A Note from Pastor Dee

The last year has been tough for so many people. The pandemic, the social upheaval, and political division is taxing for everyone. In the midst of all of this, it is easy to develop a scarcity mindset. We can begin to practice a way of life that says there is only so much good to go around.

Yet our faith teaches us that God is a God of plenty. Jesus said, "I came to give you life and to give it abundantly." We adopt a mindset of abundance when we hold loosely the things that God has trusted us with. Do we hold tightly to our things and become stingy, or do we give trusting that God will provide?

I want to invite us during November to practice thankfulness. As you pray or journal identify at least one thing you are thankful for. Make them specific and try to pick a different thing each day. You will be surprised how God will work in you through this simple daily practice.

In Christ,

Pastor Dee

HOMELESS FEED AT GENESIS CHURCH

November 28th 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 (November 21st)



*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. For example:

In May we served 15 families that included 52 people

In June we served 27 families that included 117 people

In July we served 38 families that included 127 people

In August we served 42 families that included 164 people

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

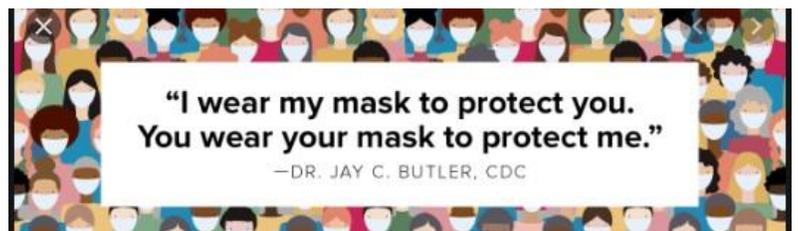
Worship Update

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/UC2sXOfKPF-TFBZcpGaDArA>
- <https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonarumc>





THANKSGIVING FEAST-TO-GO COVID STYLE

When: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th

Curbside pick-up from 10:30-11:30am

Where: Farmington United Methodist Church

355 Southwinds Drive, Farmington, AR

What: Prepared, Hot Thanksgiving Meals-to-go

How: Reserve your meals through the church website at this link:

Thanksgiving Feast-to-Go Link to Sign up

Or go to: farmingtonumc.net; click "home", "feast-to-go"

Registration opens Sunday,
November 1ST and ends
Thursday, November 19th.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It was great to be back to in-person worship with the kids during October! We will continue to have children's church during the 10:30 service on all but the first Sunday of the month, and to have WNL class from 6-7 pm each week that school is in session. We will have class outside when weather permits.

November theme: With God, we always have something to be thankful for!

November memory verse: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Melanie Barnes



Neighborhood Prayer Outreach

Join us Sunday, November 1st from 1:30-3:30PM for a special Neighborhood Prayer Outreach. Starting at the church parking lot, we will be walking some of the neighborhoods in Farmington, dropping off prayer request to be sent back to us. Also, it will have information about our congregation and inviting them to worship with us. The last eight months have been challenging, this is a simple way for us to offer hope and prayer to our community. We will be wearing masks, gloves and social distancing as we pray and walk. Come on out and join us!

Our New Roof is Completed!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to support a new roof on our church building. We are so thankful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of everyone as we have been seeking to meet our goal to pay for the roof.

We are so excited to announce our new roof has been completed. We want to thank the folks at First Star Exteriors for all the hard work they did to put the roof on.

If you would still like to give toward the roof fund, you may still do so. Any additional funds collected will be used if there are additional, unknown costs.



Please be in prayer for the family of Sara Van Horn. Sara is a regular part of our worship services and the mother of Sally Zelenka. Pray for Sally, her brothers and their whole family.



Kennedy Jett arrived October 23rd! She is the daughter of Kirby Jett and granddaughter of Dara and Jerry Jett. Kennedy's family would like to thank each and every one of you who prayed for her Kirby during her bout with ovarian cancer 3 years ago. It is through your prayers and Gods will that we were blessed with this Miracle Baby!

God Bless



November 2020

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 1 ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SIGN UP FOR FEAST TO GO ADM. COUNCIL 4:00 | 2 | 3  | 4 WNL SMALL GROUP 6:00PM | 5 EXERCISE 4:00PM | 6 | 7 |
| 8 WORSHIP 10:30 AM | 9 EXERCISE 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM | 10 CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM | 11 WNL SMALL GROUP 6:00PM | 12 EXERCISE 4:00PM | 13 | 14 |
| 15 WORSHIP 10:30 AM | 16 EXERCISE 4:00PM SCOUTS 6:00PM | 17 CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM MEN'S MINISTRY 7:00PM | 18 WNL SMALL GROUP 6:00PM | 19 WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10:00AM EXERCISE 4:00PM SIGN UP FOR FEAST TO GO ENDS | 20 | 21 FOOD PANTRY 11:00-1:00 |
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