

# FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2020 Newsletter



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>. COMMUNION/WORSHIP 10:30

OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>. ADMIN COUNCIL 4:00PM

OCT. 12<sup>TH</sup>. CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
RESUMES

OCT. 15<sup>TH</sup>. WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10:00 AM

OCT. 17<sup>TH</sup>. FOOD PANTRY 11:00 AM

OCT 24<sup>TH</sup>. GENESIS FEED 10:30AM

OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup>. LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR  
SECRET ANGEL.

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## A Note from Pastor Dee

*Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. -Psalm 84:5-6*

As I was reading over the book of Psalms the other day, I noticed this strange word in Psalm 84. The word, Baca or Baka refers to a real place near the city of Jerusalem. Most likely the psalmist is referring to the Valley of Rephaim which is the place as recorded in 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles where David had his first battle with the Philistines after he was crowned king of Israel. Baca is used in the verses in 2 Samuel and likely refers to Balsam Trees.

Baca also is connected to a word, that means weeping or crying. Some translations of psalm 84 call this the "valley of tears." Eugene Peterson in his paraphrase of the message, call it the lonesome valley.

So, it leads us to ask where have we over the last six months experienced "valleys of weeping?" The good news in this passage is that the Psalmist does not stay in this weeping, lonesome valley, but says the Lord has made it into a place of springs. A place of healing and refreshment. I pray that this month becomes a time of healing and spiritual refreshing in our lives. Amen.

# HOMELESS FEED AT GENESIS CHURCH

October 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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=](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=)

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## 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 (October 17th)



\*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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com)

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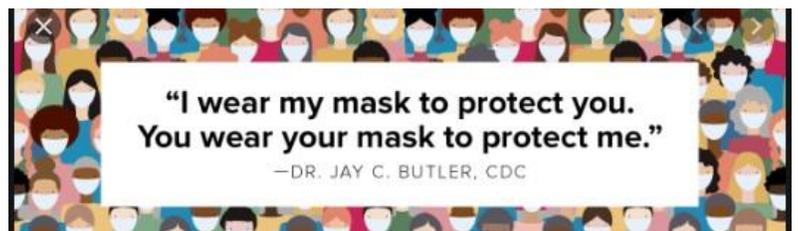
## Worship Update

We have been so blessed to see members of our congregation return to in-person worship over the last two and 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.youtube.com/channel/UC2sXOf_KPF-TFBZcpGaDArA)
- <https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonarumc>



# Children's Ministry Update

FUMC is excited to announce the return of in-person activities for our children beginning in October! All activities will be held in accordance with current guidelines from ADH and the Methodist Church. If Farmington schools are closed to onsite learning due to COVID on a day adjacent to a planned activity, that activity will be cancelled.

The children's WNL class (grades K-6) will resume [on October 7 from 6-7 pm](#). Children's church will resume [on October 11](#) during the [10:30 am](#) worship service. As long as the weather is good (50 degrees or warmer and not raining), both WNL and children's church will be held outside, so please dress your child accordingly!

**October theme: With God, we have nothing to fear!**  
**October memory verse: Psalm 23:4**

October is the month of Halloween and celebrating all things scary, but in our children's ministry lessons, we'll learn that **with God, we have nothing to fear!** We'll hear stories from the Bible about real people who had big reasons to be afraid, but God helped them! We will learn about David, Joshua, Daniel and more!

## Following are more specific guidelines the children's ministry will follow to be shared with parents:

- Attendance will be taken at all events. This includes all attendees, staff and volunteers.
- Covid questionnaires will be filled out for all events, including WNL (for children's church those questions would already have been asked of the family). This includes all attendees, staff and volunteers. No one will be allowed in if showing symptoms or if they've had possible or known exposure. If someone has had a positive covid test, they will not be allowed to return to in person activities until cleared by their doctor.
- If Farmington schools are closed due to covid on a day adjacent to an event, that event will be cancelled. If schools are closed on Friday or scheduled to be closed on Monday, no Sunday events will be held. If schools are closed on Wednesday or scheduled to be closed on Thursday, WNL will not be held.
- Masks will be worn by everyone unless and until 6' of social distancing is accomplished.
- We will stay outside as much as possible (50 degrees or warmer and not raining).
- Games and activities will not include items that multiple people touch (such as playing catch with a ball or passing cards around) or that require being closer than 6' from each other.
- Snacks will only be served in prepackaged individual containers. Volunteers will wear a mask and gloves to pass them out.
- Materials for crafts, etc., will be prepared in advance in individual portions (for example, crayons and paper for each child will be set at each place in advance by the teacher). Volunteers will wear a mask and gloves to pass them out.
- Doors to the children's ministry room and hallway will be propped open before events and stay open until everyone is gone.
- Children's ministry area (room, bathrooms and hall) will be cleaned and sanitized weekly. High touch areas will be sanitized more often.

Thank you!

Melanie Barnes





# Farmington UMC Ladies,

The Farmington United Methodist Women are hosting a part fundraiser/fun activity called Secret Angels. We would LOVE to have all of our ladies participate.



How it Works?

1. **FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM by OCTOBER 31st :**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EQXSMA743Ai2m6M0EpkS9b\\_jLM1weOI3B4mKxnR3rFY/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EQXSMA743Ai2m6M0EpkS9b_jLM1weOI3B4mKxnR3rFY/edit)

2. **GIVE A DONATION OF 5.00 DOLLARS** (or more if so led) to a member of the United Methodist Women or to Pastor Dee if you are not sure who or *what* a UMW is. **The donation can be turned in after the deadline.** We will follow the honor system and we will have your address so we know where you live if we need to find you later. :) Make checks payable to Farmington United Women.

Check out this Facebook group if you want to meet other UMW members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2507341052848102>

3. **SECRET ANGEL MATCH UP:** The UMW will draw names randomly to assign all participants a Secret Angel. Through this activity you will get the chance to **BE a Secret Angel** and to **BE BLESSED by a Secret Angel** of your own.

4. **SEND CARDS/NOTES:** During the Holiday Season you are encouraged to send cards or notes of encouragement to your Secret Angel and you will be sent cards or notes of encouragement from your Secret Angel as well.

5. **SECRET ANGEL REVEAL:** After the holidays we will have an opportunity (To Be Announced) where we reveal who your Secret Angel is. If we can do this during a live meeting we will. If not, we can do this via Zoom.

That is all you have to do! Just secretly encourage each other. We are hoping all of our ladies in the church will participate and through this process we will get to know each other even better. There are no requirements to send weekly notes. Just let your Secret Angel hear from you at some point throughout the season. Let the Spirit lead you in how often you communicate. Just remember to keep those cards/notes anonymous when you mail them. :)

We are hoping this will be fun and will also help us raise money to help the UMW continue to support missions such as Our Church Food Pantry, Methodist Family Health, and Camp Aldersgate to name a few.

Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Jennifer Harper jenhope1980@gmail.com

# Construction to Begin Soon on the Church Roof

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 that we have reached the goal and have ordered building materials for the new roof. We are anticipating construction to begin in the next few weeks on the roof.

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 after construction begins.





# October 2020

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| 4<br>COMMUNION<br>WORSHIP 10:30<br><br>ADMIN COUNCIL<br>4:00 ZOOM       | 5<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM<br><br>BOY SCOUTS<br>6:00PM  | 6<br>CUB SCOUTS<br>6:00PM  | 7<br>WNL 6:00-7:00PM  | 8<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM   | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>WORSHIP 10:30<br><br>CHILDREN'S<br>CHURCH<br>RESUMES<br>(OUTSIDE) | 12<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM                             | 13<br>CUB SCOUTS<br>6:00PM | 14<br>WNL 6:00-7:00PM | 15<br>WOMEN'S<br>CIRCLE<br>10:00AM ZOOM<br><br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM | 16  | 17<br>FOOD PANTRY<br>11:00-1:00   |
| 18<br>WORSHIP 10:30   | 19<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM<br><br>BOY SCOUTS<br>6:00PM | 20<br>CUB SCOUTS<br>6:00PM | 21<br>WNL 6:00-7:00PM | 22<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM  | 23  | 24<br>GENESIS FEED<br>10:30   |
| 25<br>WORSHIP 10:30   | 26<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM<br><br>BOY SCOUTS<br>6:00PM | 27<br>CUB SCOUTS<br>6:00PM | 28<br>WNL 6:00-7:00PM | 29<br>EXERCISE CLASS<br>4:00PM  | 30<br>LAST DAY TO GET<br>SIGNED UP FOR<br>YOUR SECRET<br>ANGEL! | 31<br> |

