

West Farmington
United Methodist Church
THE COURIER – October



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Mark your Calendar for October, 2010

Sundays – Adult Sunday School 9:30am; Children’s Sunday School during the service. Nursery is available. Coffee Corner Open before and after Worship.

Mondays Kids Klub, 3:30-5:30pm, After School program for K-5th grades.

Tuesdays Windsor House Nursing Home Worship Service – 10-11am.

Wednesdays Bible & Discussion Group – 7pm at the parsonage.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for OCTOBER:

2 - Roast Beef Dinner 4-6:30

3 - Communion

4 – Kids Klub, 3:30-5:30 (every Monday)

4 - Charge Conference at 7pm at Southington UMC

5 - Windsor House Nursing Home 10am (every Tuesday)

13 - UMW at 10am; BAMA at 9am at Wildare UMC

14 – District Worship and Prayer Gathering at N. Bloomfield UMC at 7pm

17 - Laity Sunday

21 – Education Committee meeting at church at 7pm

24 - Noisy Collection for the Bristol School Backpack Program

31 – West Farmington Village Halloween

Come grow in faith with us!

Prayer List - There are prayer cards in the pews —

Please write down any additions, corrections, and updates and place in the offering.

Adult Sunday School – Each week in October we will be looking how “God Sustains.” Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

W. Farmington UMC Prayer Marker – Sept 26, 2010

Recently Hospitalized:

Special Needs:

Please Remember our Shut-ins:

Dorothy Anthony

Betty Klouda

Anna (Peg) Martin

Marjorie Heil

Richard Petrick

Our Friends in Need of Prayer:

Jean Amato

Susan Ardlen

Issac Atkins

Mary Beechy

Andrius Biliunas

Mary Ellen Blaha

Keith Brown

Esther Burr

Doug Byers

Jeff Cape

Joan Chambers

Ray Chambers

Matt Chandler

Eddie Chiudioni

Ed Cleer

Michael Cleer

Michael Cross

Ray Cross

Shirley Cross

Sherry Desenberg

Haley Dorshock

Allie Fisher

Beau Freeman

Jackie Gingerich

Diane Greathouse

Kathy Granados

Katherine (Cleer) Heikle

Dale Hickox

Ann Hillier (home)

Evelyn Hinkle

Dona Hites

Jesse Jilg

Margret Klinger

Frank Koberna

Jimmy Lang

Blanche Marcello

Chase McCollum

Leann Miller

Ellie Musial

Rick Padavan

Kim Park

Justine Pickett

Kyle Quinn Jr.

Kim Roseblossom

JJ Scrumuzzi

Elise Sprong

Tootsie Stephens

Julie Sternagle

Chris VanDervort (& Ashley)

Holly Fusselman Walker

Gary Watts

Chad Webb

Shana Passek Whiting

Brittany Williams

Justin Woodworth

Kate Woodworth

Richard Woolf

Richard Yocum

Wayne York

KIDS KLUB

We are so excited with the response to Kids Klub---EVERYONE is having a good time and learning about different ways that we can "Follow Jesus" and how Jesus picked His friends and disciples.

We are learning new songs and having fun playing games with each other. And, the snacks really hit the "hunger spot".

We would welcome anyone Kdgn-5th grade, it is not too late. You can start any Monday. We do have registration forms and do need to get bus passes to Mrs. Moriarty in the Bristol Elementary School office. Our Kids Klub volunteers will meet Bus 11 at the Village Park and walk everyone to the church.

Parents are welcome to stop in anytime to observe or volunteer to help. For further information, please call Pastor Jim at 330-889-3345 or Judy Richards-330-638-9544 Staff Leader.

Monthly Spaghetti Dinner

On the fourth Saturday of every month the West Farmington Fire Department **Ladies Auxiliary** holds a Spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Farmington Fire Department. Please support these hardworking men and women who continually give of their time to raise money for the fire department.

The meal consists of Spaghetti and meatballs, Italian bread, Salad, Amish baked pies, cake, and a drink. The cost is \$7.00

Support your local Fire Department!

KIDS KLUB NEWS

All the Kids, parents and families are invited to a Halloween Party and Supper on Monday, November 1st, 3:30-5:00 games, music and costumes. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. Chili Dogs, chips, punch and dessert.
ALL FREE--MARK YOU CALENDARS.

RALLY DAY was September 12th at CLEER'S LAKE beginning with an outdoor service. We had 63 people in attendance and yes, we were able to come in our jeans and sweatshirts. There was lots of food (some even upset their picnic table it was so loaded!), games, fishing, boating, and Joe's famous Hay Ride. We were blessed with good weather and lots of fellowship. Special Thanks! to the Joe & Dorothy Cleer (and their family & friends) who did so much to host us.



KIDS KLUB started September 13 at the church with 26 kids that first Monday. Kids Klub is an after School Program for K-5th grades meeting every Monday that school is in session from 3:30--5:30 p.m. Activities include: SNACK TIME, RECREATIONAL TIME, CRAFT/HOMEWORK TIME AND A BIBLE LESSON. JR. & SR. HIGH STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND HELP. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** We have a basic team, but we need lots of volunteers to help in all areas. Even if you can only help once a month, it will be a big deal for the success of the program. Call Judy Richards (330-638-9544) to help.

Pastor's Note:

How well do you know your community?

- 1) What is the average age of people residing within a four mile radius of W. Farmington?
 - a. Less than 30
 - b. 30–35
 - c. 35-40
 - d. 40-45
 - e. Over 45
- 2) What is the average household size in a four mile radius of W. Farmington?
 - a. 1 person
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
 - e. 5 or more
- 3) What is the average level of education for adults within a four mile radius of W. Farmington?
 - a. Less than 9th grade or some high school but no diploma
 - b. High school Grad or GED
 - c. Some college or an Associate degree
 - d. Bachelor degree
 - e. Graduate or Professional degree
- 4) What percent of that population within a four mile radius of W. Farmington would consider themselves “blue collar” vs. “white collar”?
 - a. Blue Collar _____%
 - b. White Collar _____%

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST open to the Community on Sun. OCTOBER 24, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Invite a Friend/neighbor to breakfast and stay for church.

Yea---I know I gave you-all this quiz last month but we are continuing to look closer at our community and based upon the actual numbers identify an area(s) of our surrounding population that is not being reached by our current programs/ministries.

We looked out our windows and saw a definite need to reach out to a bunch of kids who get off the school bus right next door every day. With that conviction, we have started an After School program (Kids Klub) that now meets every Monday. Our initial numbers have been in the mid to high 20s and we see this program continuing to grow. The other major group that we see is the parents and specifically the women of the community. With that we are starting a new Women's Group. You'll see & hear more about that in the coming days/weeks/months. But what other major population groups aren't we reaching. The biggest single group is those who are totally unchurched (30% of our local population or over 1500 people). How do we reach them? Well we're starting with their kids. We want to reach out to the parents who are willing to at least let us have their kids for a couple of hours each week. Who knows, maybe they will come in the door for something more that to pick up their kid. We have a gift to give them. The gift of life and we need to be so enthused about that gift that they will want to have it too. We don't want to fixate on the numbers other than the one that reports the number of people brought to Christ.

As we continue to look into our community we need to look for the opportunities that get us outside our box (church walls). This self evaluation process also starts with knowing yourself.

How do you think you did with this month's quiz? Based on the latest demographic data, the answers are:

- 1) B – the average ages is 32.4.
- 2) The household breakdown is as follows:
 - a. 17.4 %; b. 33.7 %; c. 19.3 %; d. 17.8 %; e. 12.8 %
- 3) The Education levels breakdown as follows:
 - a. 18.1 %; b. 52.3 %; c. 20.5 %; d. 8.3 %; e. 1.8 %
- 4) Blue Collar = 63.2% and White Collar = 36.8%.

WOW! There is still a lot of diversity even in the West Farmington area. But guess what – they all need to hear the Good News! How have you let people know what a difference God makes in your life? Word-of-mouth is still the number one method of spreading the Good News. Don't keep the Good News of God's love a secret – pass it on!

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

Pastor Jim

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2	Michael Cleer
October 2	Kim Stevens
October 2	Larissa Letterlee
October 7	Verona George
October 14	Robert Provance
October 16	Sara Sieczkowski
October 19	Kyle Boyk
October 20	Ann Hillier
October 21	Betty Klouda
October 31	Justin Oliver
October 31	Eric Swiger

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 14	Ed & Betty Rowland
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"Bittersweet October.

The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause

Between

The opposing miseries of summer and winter."

- Carol Bishop Hipps

Active Military



Army:

Mark Adams; Josh Berg; Bill Stewart; Lindsey Romack Canete; Felix Canete Jr.; Gregory Clisby; Isaac Ralston; Ken Goddard; Josh Hall; Philip Lancaster; Mark Mahon; Tammy Rodriguez; Reed Sutliff; Justin Loza; Anthony Wojtonek;

Navy:

Kris Stribling; Tim Walker

Air Force:

Mychael Bulford; Grant & Hayley Crandall; Erik McIntosh; A.J. Musial; Brian Hray

Marine:

Phil Rabadeux; Kris & Cory Reed; Daniel Nellis Jr.;

Army Reserves:

Charles Cross;

Marine Reserves:

Ryan Romack;

MI National Guard:

Jim Richards Jr.;

Coast Guard:

Alfonso Estades

Funnies For You

How do you repair a broken Jack-o-lantern?
Buy a pumpkin patch!

Q. What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?
A. Every morning you'll rise and shine!

OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE TRIVIA:

Found on <http://www.about-birthstones.com/octoberbirthstone.html>

October's birthstone treats the eye to an explosion of shimmering colors, not unlike those of a magnificent rainbow following a summer rain. The Opal derives its name from the Latin word "opalus," meaning precious jewel. Prized for its unique ability to refract and reflect specific wavelengths of light, the Opal was called "Cupid Paederos" by the Romans, meaning a child beautiful as love. One legendary explanation for this gemstone's origin is that it fell from heaven in a flash of fiery lightning.

The Opal dates back to prehistoric times. It is a non-crystallized silica, which is a mineral found near the earth's surface in areas where ancient geothermal hot springs once existed. As the hot springs dried up, layers of the silica, combined with water, were deposited into the cracks and cavities of the bedrock, forming Opal. This gemstone actually contains up to 30% water, so it must be protected from heat or harsh chemicals, both of which will cause drying and may lead to cracking and loss of iridescence. Opal must also be guarded from blows, since it is relatively soft and breaks easily.

A gift of Opal is symbolic of faithfulness and confidence. And the powerful energy radiating from this fiery gemstone will surely illuminate any occasion!

Alternate Birthstone

An alternate birthstone for October, Pink Tourmaline has the seemingly magical property of pyroelectricity. Scientifically speaking, this means that when heated, the gem takes on a static electric charge, making it capable of attracting lightweight objects. No wonder this gemstone was revered for its mystical properties centuries ago! Considered the "stone of the muse," it was believed to stimulate the creative process of its wearer. Pink varieties of Tourmaline range in color from pastel pink to ruby red and are mined in Brazil, Afghanistan, Burma, and India. A gift of this stone is symbolic of hope.

Poetry Corner

If you have a favorite poem or would like to submit a poem you wrote yourself please email me the information to wfchurchnews@aol.com

Your Words

*Words are the strangest things,
Words spread love, laughter, and cheer,
They make you soar upon the eagle's wing*

*Words build you up and make you feel taller,
more sophisticated, more beautiful and brighter than any star in the
heavens*

*but they can cut deeper and swifter than a master surgeon deftly
plying his wares*

*they can make you feel hate, sadness, and pull you down to the very
depths of despair*

*some leave gaping wounds that may never be able to mend and heal,
rotting, festering and making lives miserable as they come back to
infect again and again.*

Weigh your words carefully!!

Milly Cargen