

Forestburg United Methodist Church

Come Grow With Us

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

(Wear a mask and practice Social Distancing at all times.)

No Sunday School Until Further Notice.

No Coffee & Fellowship Until Further Notice.

No Kids' Klub Until After Labor Day.



From the Pastor's Desk

Hello friends,

As always, I pray in the name of the Risen Christ that you are all safe and healthy and enjoying the summer.

It's hard to believe that I am once again writing to you for the monthly newsletter, for that means that we have now completed our first month together. Where has the time gone? It seems to go so fast anymore.

But as we have now begun our ministry together, it seems as though we find ourselves in the same spot as we did a month ago. Still tied up in all of this Corona Virus mess along with protests and rioting continuing on. With the start of school upon us now and with all these other things going on, it seems we may have lost our hope in all of this. Perhaps it just seems that way at times. But I think what we need right now is some hope! We still need to remember who is in control of this world and that he still reigns on his heavenly throne. We need to find hope in Jesus Christ once again. That can be hard to do when all we hear of is hopelessness. Watching the news anymore is depressing, but occasionally, we will hear of a story of hope that encourages us to press on. Life is all about seasons. We go through seasons of blessing, and then through seasons of suffering and despair. In times like these I find myself turning to my Bible for encouragement and hope. I look at the stories of the ancient Israelites (Hebrews) whom Moses, along with God's help, freed from Pharaoh and the Egyptian people. They were held in bondage for 400 years. I often question how they could have had any hope left at all! But they did, and finally God was able to use Moses to free them. I tell myself that if the Hebrew people could keep their hope in God, why can't I?

My grandfather, (my mother's father) served in Europe during WWII, entering France a month or so after D-Day. He was part of General Patton's third army that would eventually get caught up in one of the worst battles of WWII, the Battle of the Bulge. He told me how the German army surrounded them in the Ardennes forest and fired their big cannons for days straight, even during the night. They were dug into their foxholes and couldn't even stick their heads up without a great risk of being killed. There, squatted down in his hole in the ground his feet would freeze from the bitter cold. He would have to be pulled to the back of the line to receive medical attention, and then return days later after being healed. As a youth, I thought my grandfather's story was so cool. Now, as a grown man, I appreciate his sacrifice even more. How do you find hope when such a horrible experience is happening to you? Again, it was a season in his life and thankfully he would survive it and live a full and blessed life.

So, where can we find hope today? What can inspire us to carry on and push through this difficult time in our nation's history? We must find hope by being hope for someone else. We as Christians, as believers of our Lord Jesus Christ, must find our hope by being hope for this world we live in. If we are to ever get through this season in our life, we must be the hope of Christ for someone who needs to see it. We must be strong in our faith and commitment to our God and serve others just as Christ Jesus has served us; by loving and caring for our neighbors and elderly who are shut in right now; by standing up for the injustices that we might see in our community; by being an example of the love of Christ to someone who needs it desperately. This is our time to rise up and do the work that the church is supposed to be doing. People need to know that this time in our country, this season in which we are in, has not shut our doors completely. That we are opened up once again, and restarting our church once more. We can find hope in this situation in which we have been placed. We can,

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Summer Hours

Tu.-Fri

9:00—12:00

After School Starts

Tu.—Fri.

8:30—12:00

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Christmas in July Mission



Methodist Children's Home

Offering hope since 1890

We are collecting socks & other items for the Methodist Children's Home through the end of July.

For more information of services provide to children and families, visit www.mch.org

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

The **deadline** for submitting articles and information for the September newsletter is end of the day, **Tuesday, September 1.**

The Mission of the Forestburg United Methodist Church is to joyfully praise and worship the Lord; while unconditionally sharing God's truth, grace, and love with everyone God puts in our path.

Pastor's Article Continued....

because we know that we serve a risen and living Christ, and that he will not abandon us or ever leave us alone. We are his, and we must do the same work that he himself would do. Let us be the church that we are called to be. One that works and serves the world and community in which we live in, spreading not only the gospel, but also the love of Christ, with whomever we can. Let that inspire you over this next month. Look for ways to serve your Lord and your neighbor. Let us truly be the hands and feet of Christ as we live out our life for him, here in the community of Forestburg.

As we go through this season of pandemic, let us not lose hope. Instead, let us pray for the spirit to lead us to do the things that we must do, so that in everything, Christ may be glorified.

I pray that the Lord blesses you and keeps you, that his face shines upon you and gives you peace. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings,

Pastor Greg

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20

Upcoming Events and Meetings

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| August 4 | Community Game Day with Lunch | 10:00 a.m. |
| August 7 & 8 | Annual Forestburg Riding Club Rodeo | 8:00 p.m. nightly |
| August 8 | Watermelon Festival—Parade Starts | 10:30 a.m. |
| August 16 (third Sunday of each month) | "Bring A Can Sunday" for FUMC Food Pantry | |
| August 17 | Forestburg ISD Returns to School | 8:00 a.m. |
| August 18 | Community Game Day with Lunch | 10:00 a.m. |
| August 25 | Administrative Council Meeting..... | 7:00 p.m. |
| September 7 | Labor Day, Office Closed | |

Announcements

Watermelon Festival Float

We need someone to volunteer to organize this event!

We also need children and adults to ride on it and throw out candy.

(This is a good way to promote our *church* in the community and county.)

It was voted on by the Administrative Council to:

**NOT have an ice cream booth this year;
the Fellowship Hall will NOT be open.**

(This is in keeping with the safety guidelines set out by our church due to COVID –19.)

There will be canopies set up in front of the church serving **FREE** cold water.



Wesley Foundation at MSU

Join us in pledging \$30 for a one-time donation to the Wesley Foundation at MSU as we try to fill a monthly calendar year in support of this great cause!

For more information, contact Pastor Parr.

Special Offering for School Supplies

With school starting back on August 17th and with many families who may have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be taking a "Special Offering" for the purpose of purchasing school supplies. This is a mission that we have done in the past.

Please pray about this and give what you can.

We will take the special offering on Sunday, August 9th.



July Statistics

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Regular Offering</u> | <u>Designated Offering</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 12 | 46 | \$3,166.00 | \$300.00 |
| July 19 | 23 | 2,491.00 | 50.00 |
| July 26 | 26 | 1,725.00 | 370.00 |
| July Total | 95 | \$7,382.00 | \$720.00 |
| <i>Monthly Average</i> | 32 | \$2,461.00 | |

Volunteer Responsibility Schedule for August

| Date | Reader | Cleaning |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| August 02 | Melody Parr | Jewell Dill & Vivian Brim |
| August 09 | Jewell Dill | Theresa Gentry & Ethel Griffith |
| August 16 | Theresa Gentry | Liz Johnson |
| August 23 | Jana Tipton | Marjorie Hess |
| August 30 | Leann Baber | Virginia Lynch |

Prayers & Praises

PLEASE pray for our nation and leaders and ALL who have been infected & affected by COVID-19.

Recent Prayer Requests

Jewell Dill
(Gallbladder Surgery on Thursday)

Carroll Dill
(Hole in his Ear Drum)

Nathan Kocer
(Dan's 35 year-old cousin who died of Cirrhosis of the Liver)

Krystle Gresham
(Kids' Klub Mom)

Continued Prayers

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Glen & Mary Whatley</i> Friends & Family of Myrt Denham</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>James Baber</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Helen Ellzey & Family</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rosemary & Wassie Reynolds</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Harriett Nauert</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carol & Wilbourn Smith</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bill Scott</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Veronica Greanead</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Peggy Cain</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clara Tipton & Family</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stella Crowsey & Family</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trent Tipton & Family</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keen Johnson</i> (National Guard serving in Dallas)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Abby Hyde & Family</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Karen Martinez</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Euthelva Smith</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treavor Freeman</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chance Fox</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lisa Trussel</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All those involved in trying to control the protests, riots, & keep the public safe from these events</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Law Enforcement</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our World Officials/ Decision Makers</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Schools</i></p> | |
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Places We've Seen God at Work

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| <p><i>Healings</i></p> <p><i>Family</i></p> <p><i>Friends</i></p> <p><i>Children</i></p> <p><i>Grandparents</i></p> <p><i>Grandchildren</i></p> | <p><i>Great Grandchildren</i></p> <p><i>Veterans</i></p> <p><i>Answered Prayers</i></p> <p><i>Graduating Seniors</i></p> <p><i>Our New Pastor & Family</i></p> <p><i>Our Church</i></p> | |
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| <p>August 3 <i>Alicia Johnston</i></p> <p>August 6 <i>Josie Parr</i></p> <p>August 13 <i>David White</i></p> <p>August 15 <i>Dan Gentry</i></p> | <p>August 16 <i>Judy White</i></p> <p>August 19 <i>Tony Vann</i></p> <p>August 22 <i>Bobby Griffith</i></p> <p>August 24 <i>Harriett Nauret</i></p> <p><i>Gracie White</i></p> | <p>August 25 <i>Don Farrell</i></p> <p>August 26 <i>Dale White</i></p> <p>August 28 <i>Helen Ellzey</i></p> <p><i>Houston Johnson</i></p> <p>August 31 <i>Skip Mann</i></p> | <p>August 24 <i>Liz & Gary Johnson</i></p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><i>Have Faith in GOD</i></p> </div> |
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If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done by mistake. Please accept my apologies. ~ Liz



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