

# Come Grow With Us

## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

#### *Sunday School*

9:30 a.m.

#### *Coffee & Fellowship*

10:30 a.m.

#### *Worship Service*

11:00 a.m.

### TUESDAYS

#### *Bible Study*

8:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAYS

#### *Hands on Youth Gathering*

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### *Kids' Klub*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

### September 4

Community Game Day with Lunch ..... 10:00 a.m.

### September 5

UMW General Meeting ..... 1:00 p.m.

Hands on Youth Resumes ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Resumes Weekly Schedule ..... 5:30 p.m..

### September 11

Administrative Council Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.

### September 12

Hands on Youth Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

### September 16

"Bring a Can Sunday" for FUMC Food Pantry

### September 18

Community Game Day with Lunch ..... 10:00 a.m.

### September 19

Hands on Youth with Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

### September 26

"See You at the Pole" at Forestburg ISD ..... 7:30 a.m.

Hands on Youth with Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

### September 29

"New Faces New Spaces" Seminar at First UMC..Decatur 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### October 2

Community Game Day with Lunch ..... 10:00 a.m.

UMW General Meeting (*New Day & Time Each Month*) ..... 1:30 p.m.

### October 3

Hands on Youth Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

### October 9

SPRC Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.

### October 10

Hands on Youth with Dinner ..... 5:00 p.m.

Kids' Klub Gathering with Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

### October 17

Kids' Klub Hay Ride &amp; Dinner at Bar HL Ranch ..... 4:00 to 7:00

### October 31

Annual Kiddie Karnival &amp; Hot/Chili Dog Supper ..... TBD

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## SEE YOU AT THE POLE

For over 25 years, **See You at the Pole** has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.

**See You at the Pole** is on Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. **See You at the Pole** is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

**Forestburg students, along with family and friends will gather around the flagpole out front of the school building on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 a.m. to join together for prayer.**

Information taken from: <http://syatp.com/>

## KIDS' KLUB UPDATE

We met last week to discuss the Kids' Klub program. Most things are staying the same. A couple of adjustments have been made to each class. We decided to change Ms. Savanah's and Ms. Jennie's class to include the kindergarten kiddos. Last year it was only the Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten kids. But, we felt that there was too much variation in age, skills, and attention span for the Kindergarten kiddos to be included in the next class up, which is mine and Ms. Ethel's class. Last year, the second class included Kinder through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This year it will include only 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We feel this will benefit everyone. The third class, which is Ms. Dixie's & Mr. Chad's class, will include 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Two kiddos, Carson and Dylan from the third class moved up to the Youth, which is still Ms. Alicia's class. The biggest change was Abby, Houston, and Presley moving from the second class to the third class. There are about seven kiddos in this class. At this point, the second class has not gained any new members. The second class is still the largest one. It has about ten members, with the first class having about six members.

Wednesday, September 5 we resumed regularly scheduled Kids' Klub with a "Back-to-School" party with a "Jesus Loves Me" lesson with food and games. **EVERYONE**, including the adults had a fun time.

We are looking forward to another great year where we learn about God, and what it means to be a Christian.

Thank you to **ALL** who help in any way....from providing and preparing meals each week, to providing funds to keep this children's ministry active, to those who teach, and to those who show up each Wednesday evening to help in whatever way is needed. It takes the whole church. Please accept my sincere appreciation to all.

Liz Johnson

### The Little Children and Jesus

<sup>14</sup>Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~ Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

## BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY ~ FUN FOR ALL



## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR – SEPTEMBER 2018

Greetings, church!

Years ago, before I recognized my call into ministry, I met a man named Art Fowler. Art had been a pastor for several years, but had left church ministry. When I met Art, he had been a motivational speaker for twenty years, speaking to professional sports teams and corporations. He also worked as a professional mentor, coaching company executives, politicians and other leaders.

Being a professional mentor was largely a cover, however. His main objective was to bring individuals to Christ. When engaged as a professional speaker or mentor, he kept the relationship professional. He did not mention God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, nor even anything religious. He focused on what people wanted to hear about: being the best they could be personally.

Often, after a while, many people would follow up with him. When they did, they invariably would say something like, “There’s something you know that you’re not telling me. Something that gives you strength (or peace, or joy). I want to know what it is.”

“Jesus,” he would reply. And with that, the door was open, and he would share with them about Christ. Sometimes their discussions lasted hours. Sometimes they went on for years. Art would give as much time as each would allow. People he brought to Christ over the years whom you might know included Evel Knievel, Robbie Khrushchev (Nikita Khrushchev’s son), running back Mercury Morris, and OK bomber Terry Nichols.

Our United Methodist vows include a commitment to uphold our church by our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness:

- \* To pray for others and our world;
- \* To be present in worship and the life of the church;
- \* To give to support the church and its ministries and work toward becoming a tither.
- \* To serve, using our spiritual gifts to maximize the ministry work of the church.
- \* To witness, sharing our faith experience with others.

Witnessing should never be harsh or judgmental. Like Art, we should outwardly exhibit Christian faith without ever needing to speak of it directly. We should live our values, not preach them to ears that are not ready to listen. Or put another way, we should live what we preach before we preach what we believe. It’s that simple.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Jon

### VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

Date	Reader	Greeters	Cleaning
September 02	Raymon Wood	Raymon Wood & Jennie Mann	Jewell Dill & Vivian Brim
September 09	Leann Baber	Charles Edwards & Virginia Gafken	Ethel Griffith & Theresa Gentry
September 16	Vicki Smith	Carolyn Hawk & Margaret O'Brien	Liz Johnson
September 23	Carolyn Hawk	Gayle Edwards & Theresa Gentry	Virginia Gafken & Marjorie Hess
September 30	Graham Gentry	Natalie Wood & Dan Gentry	Jennie Mann & Virginia Lynch

**Ushers for the Month of September:** Robert Hensell & Raymon Wood



**MORE**

**FUN**



**1 CORINTHIANS 3:4** ERV: *One of you says, "I follow Paul," and someone else says, "I follow Apollos." When you say things like that, you are acting like people of the world.*

There were many problems in the church at Corinth. The members were jealous of each other and they were always arguing with each other. There was also the serious problem of factionalism. As our verse for today makes clear, the church was divided into factions that identified themselves according to the particular ministry and perspective of the leader they favored. Some favored Paul, some favored Apollos, and there were probably others as well.

Paul says that when they divide themselves into factions they are “acting like people of the world.” That is, although they were Christians born of the Spirit, they were not acting like it. Instead of being led by the Spirit, they were being led by their own selfish desires. Paul said that they were mere “babies in Christ” and he could not address them as adults (I Corinthians 3:1).

There is always a struggle within every Christian person between the old sinful spiritual state and the new life of the Spirit. In the case of the Corinthian Christians, although they participated in the new life of the Spirit, the old spiritual state still seemed to have the upper hand. They were what some call “carnal Christians.” Christians who are mature in the faith and the new life of the Spirit are not like that. For them, the Spirit has the upper hand and the old spiritual state is kept under control for the most part.

As a result, mature Christians do not easily fall into the sin of factionalism. They realize that true ministers of the gospel are mere servants of God who help us to believe (I Corinthians 3:5). None of them is anything in and of themselves. None of them is more important than the God who sent them. As Paul put it, “Only God is important,” and the ministers sent by God are “not important” (I Corinthians 3:7). Indeed, God sends more than one minister because no one minister can fully give and express everything God has for His people.

We should always be grateful for the ministers of the gospel who are sent to help us believe, but we should never elevate them to the status that belongs only to God.

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~ submitted by Liz Johnson

**It is highly encouraged for individuals to share a devotional or testimony each month.**

## AUGUST STATISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 05	50	\$2,675.00
August 12	58	\$1,938.00
August 19	45	\$1,737.00
August 26	43	\$2,494.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>\$8,744.00</b>
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$2,211.00</b>



2018 Actual to Budget = 86%  
2018 Year to Date Average Attendance = 51  
2017 Yearly Average Attendance = 55  
2016 Yearly Average Attendance = 56

We have a new secretary! Liz Johnson has graciously agreed to serve as our new secretary. Thank you so much Liz!



Recap of our meeting for those of you absent:

- Vickie presented us with an awesome program on prayer.
- Liz Johnson will be our new secretary, all other officers will remain the same
- Changed our UMW meeting day and time **to the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.** The suggested change was due to conflict with other activities on Wednesday, mainly Kids Club.
- We agreed to send \$325 to the annual meeting on Saturday in lieu of 5 flood buckets (this years UMW Mission Project)

We welcomed Pastor Jon to his first meeting with the UMW

**Remember our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 1:30 p.m.**

~ submitted by Carolyn Hawk, UMW President

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<i>Myrt Denham</i>	<i>Debbie Krumme</i>	<i>Veronica Edwards Greanead</i>
<i>Military Men &amp; Women</i>	<i>Bill Harvison</i>	<i>Chad Gregg</i>
<i>Mary &amp; Glen Whatley</i>	<i>Noah Smith</i>	<i>Suicide &amp; Depression Victims</i>
<i>Samuel Davison &amp; Family</i>	<i>Shannon Wooldridge &amp; Family</i>	<i>Wayne Moseley</i>
<i>Rand and Omar</i>	<i>Chance Fox</i>	<i>Bobbie Jo Wylie</i>
<i>Arthur Littell</i>	<i>Amy Osteen &amp; Family</i>	<i>Our Schools</i>
<i>Trent Tipton</i>	<i>Travelers</i>	<i>Staff &amp; Students</i>
<i>Helen Ellzey &amp; Family</i>	<i>Lisa Trussel &amp; Family</i>	<i>Family of Craig Tully</i>
<i>Our Country</i>	<i>Jeff Baker</i>	<i>Family of Linda Cain Kelly</i>
<i>Mary Jo Eldridge</i>	<i>United Methodist Churches</i>	<i>Family of Chris Creed</i>
<i>Treaver Freeman</i>	<i>Joanna Cody</i>	

## *Happy Birthday*

September 1      *Marni Gregg*  
September 2      *Kincaid Johnson*  
September 3      *Marjorie Hess*  
September 18      *Jennie Mann*

## *Happy Anniversary*

September 23      *Tanya Doane*  
*Charles Edwards*  
*Chris Jones*  
September 28      *Jim Bob Roberts*

## *Praises*

September 5      *Healings*  
*Debra & Larry Dill*  
September 24      *Friends*  
*Tanya & Chris Doane*  
September 25      *Children*  
*Jennifer & Chris Jones*  
*Youth*  
*Veterans*  
*Answered Prayers*  
*Birthdays*



If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done by mistake. Please accept my apologies. ~ Liz