



A Letter from the desk of Pastor Jim

Summer 2026

Dear Church Family,

Summer has a way of arriving all at once — school schedules dissolve, the days stretch long, and suddenly the calendar is full of cookouts, road trips, family reunions, and lazy evenings on the porch. It's one of my favorite seasons, and I hope it's been a sweet one for you and yours.

Please hear me when I say: **enjoy it.** Enjoy it fully and without guilt! Rest is a gift from God, so delight in His creation — in sunshine and laughter and time with the people you love — it's an act of worship all its own. I hope you soak in every moment of it.

“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

— **Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)**

I love this image of the church — not as a building or a Sunday event, but as a living body, each part connected and contributing to the health of the whole. The beauty and the challenge of that picture is that when one part steps away for a season, the rest of the body feels it. It's not in a guilt-inducing way, but in the way your hand misses your arm, or a choir misses a voice that usually fills a certain part of the room!

We don't want summer to mean disconnection. We want it to mean a different kind of connection — one that is perhaps a little slower, a little more relaxed, but no less real. There are simple, unhurried ways to stay woven into the life of this community even while you're enjoying the season to its fullest. You don't have to choose between a full summer and a connected faith family! We've designed this season intentionally so that you can have both.

Here are a few easy ways to stay connected this summer:

- download the Fowlerville UB Church app to stay connected with sermons and events
- join us Sundays for church online through our YouTube channel and Facebook page
- automate your giving through the website or app to stay on mission with us
- connect with the pastoral team and offer to serve when you are in town

My prayer for you this summer is simple: that you would know rest, that you would know joy, and that when you gather with us — whether in person or from wherever your travels take you — you'd feel the warmth of a family that has missed you and is genuinely glad you're here.

This body is better with every part of it. That includes you.

With much love and hope,

Jim Damman

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