



No Wednesday Fellowship Dinner on December 21 and 28.
We wish you a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY
What Would Jesus Preach? The Sermon on the Mount

What are the basics of our beliefs? How do we practice them on a daily basis? Jesus gave many sermons throughout his short ministry. But only one stands complete and ready in the Bible for us to examine and apply: The Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 5 through 7. Pastor Larry has preached on parts of the Sermon on the Mount for years but until he put the whole thing together he had no idea how relevant and necessary this sermon is toward understanding our faith and our mission as servants of Jesus Christ. Do not miss a single Sunday of this exciting series. Invite someone to join you. We all need to hear what Jesus has to say. From January 1 to February 26.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - Refugee Resettlement Supply List

There is a bin in Mission Control to receive any items that you would like to donate. To donate furniture items, call Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement at 540-899-6507 to make arrangements. However, they do not accept used mattresses. eating utensils – forks, knives, spoons, etc.; dishes – plates, bowls, cup; pots and pans – sauce and frying pans, baking dishes; mixing/serving bowls; kitchen utensils – spatulas, wooden spoons, knives, serving utensils; can opener; towels and wash cloths; sheets and pillow cases; blankets and pillows; alarm clocks; light bulbs, paper, pens, pencils; dish soap; bathroom/kitchen cleanser; laundry detergent; sponges, cleaning cloths, paper towels; toilet paper; waste baskets, mops, brooms, trash bags; bath soap, shampoo; toothbrushes, toothpaste.

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Due to Christmas/New Year, we will not meet on Dec. 18th, 25th, or January 1.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of December 12, 2016

HOSPITALIZED: Betsy Corcoran (Health South); Anne Blosser; Christian and Lisa Galoci , Bruce Danuser

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO Family of Rob McDaniel; Cover Family on death of Herbert

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL: Drug addicted individuals

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Ed Resio	Wayne Jackson	Dave Armstrong	Nick M.
Family/Friends' health	Rebecca	Susanne Pancake	Becky Burke
Healing	Alberta Hickman	Anne Milby	Don Becker
Ryin Craig	Ron Ewer	Lois & Jim Simmermon	Mary Mann
Mary Katherine	Barbara Moore	Kelly Blosser	Mary Kaiser
Dan	Debbie Bovasso	Larry Norton	Andy Carpenter
Michelle Churnicl, unborn baby Dre Roberts	Helen Boswell		Gene DeCrisie

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Benjamin	Husbands and wives	mothers and fathers	marriages
Ben	Animals needing homes	April Ross	Brendan
Rebecca	Ray Lloyd	Church	Open Hearts
Relief from Anxiety	Angel/Dove Tree Families	Baby Brentley	Hungry/homeless
Danna Revis	Mark C.	Son – being open to Christ	Daughters
Mike Jacobs	Rebecca Jacobs	Brandon Jacobs	Sue S

FUMC and our vision to serve God and our community
More Methodist Men giving their lives to Christ and making Him their top priority
Refugees around the world – driven from their homes and often rejected where they go
All who have lost a loved one – for strength and peace during the holiday season)

PRAISE

Cancer Treatments	Blessings of love & family	Wife Jean and children
Ed Manger	Men making Christ priority	Eagleton Family Sutton Family

FUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." -Proverbs 22:6



CHRISTMAS PRAYER TREE

Next to the Christmas tree in the gathering space, is a basket of clear plastic balls and a basket of red slips of paper. We invite our church family to decorate this tree with our prayers. Simply write your prayer on a red slip of paper, fold it, put it inside a ball ornament, and hang it on the tree.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 25 or JANUARY 1

There will be no children's Sunday School on December 25 or January 1. Please worship together as a family. Sunday School will resume as normal on January 8.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE 2017

Our children's mission program, Kids With Purpose, begins on Wednesday, January 11 and runs until Holy Week. We meet children in grades K through 5 on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 7:30 to tie our Biblical learning to hands-on mission work. We need adult helpers for each age group. Rachel Burner will again be our program director. Please let her or Shannon Bolick know if you are willing to help or have a special project.



FUMC YOUTH

Thank you to everyone that came out to Sweet Frog to support our youth and enjoy the sweet sounds of the season while enjoying a frozen snack! Proceeds raised at Sweet Frog will support Youth Summer Missions.

Youth Group Christmas Party: Sunday, December 18. 5-7pm. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas

PJs and join us for pancakes and other yummy Christmas treats. Bring a (new) pair of Christmas socks with a small (\$5 limit) gift inside to exchange.

Dates to know: Sunday, December 25: Merry Christmas! There is NO Sunday School Classes/Youth Group

Sunday, January 1: Happy New Year! There is NO Sunday School Classes/Youth Group
Sunday, January 8: 1st Youth Group of the New Year. We will meet to work on Youth Sabbath; come let us know how you can be a part of Youth Sabbath (January 22).
Saturday, January 21 & Sunday, January 22: Youth Sabbath!!

CONFIRMATION 2017

If you are in the sixth grade (or older), you are invited to participate in Confirmation, which will begin in January. It is an exciting journey, and we look forward to having you on board. Join us on Sunday, January 8th, for a Confirmation overview and orientation. Participants in the program and their parents should report to the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Sixth-grade Sunday school will not take place that morning. For additional information, please contact Katherine Counsell at 371-8259 or katcounsell@verizon.net.



WELCOME

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Kenny Smith as the Director of Children, Youth and Handbell Choirs at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Kenny is a resident of Spotsylvania. He graduated from Courtland High School and Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Virginia. When not at FUMC, Kenny can be found managing the family business at Willow Oak Farm & Vineyards.

WOMEN'S BIBLE GROUP

Judy Steadman is looking for 10-12 women to join her in diving into God's Word in 2017. Whether you've read through the Bible many times or not at all, you're invited to join. We will meet on Facebook once a week to share the reading that stood out the most or what God is showing us through the readings. Then we will meet in person about once a month to work on a service project and put into practice what we are learning. Email Judy Steadman at steadmanpartyof5@comcast.net or call 540-479-7767.

PARKING

Additional parking is available between City Hall and the Courthouse (on Princess Anne Street) on the weekends. Please obey the local parking signs. The city police strictly enforce towing.

2017 WAYFARER MOSAIC

The 2017 Wayfarer Mosaic, a weekly devotional written by the Wayfarers Sunday School class and friends, is available for \$15 each; the proceeds will benefit projects of the church. Each week features an original devotion and seven Bible verses that relate to that week's topic. Funds from this year's Mosaic helped to provide camp scholarships for Westview on the James. See a member of the Wayfarers class in the downstairs fellowship hall before or after the 9:45 Sunday School hour to purchase your copy. They make great Christmas gifts! Thank you for supporting this ministry! Contact John Mann (slowjet@outlook.com) or Janine Kuty (janinekuty@yahoo.com).

FUMC HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Handbell Choir resumes in January! An information meeting will be held on December 14th, 7:00 p.m., Room 118. Contact Kenny at Kennysmith@fumcva.org.

MERRY MAKERS

Join the Merry Makers and attend the Quarter Million Dollar Quartet at the Riverside on Sunday, January 22. We will leave the church at 12:30. Send your check for \$58 to Ronda Worcester at 701 Cobblestone Blvd. #102, Fredericksburg, 22401. Contact her at 479-6090 or ronda.worcester@yahoo.com. Deadline: Jan. 9th.

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE NIGHT

Girl Scout Troop 263 made and donated over 50 fleece blankets to a local oncology center as part of their annual service night on December 9, 2016. The blankets will be distributed to individuals undergoing treatment. Girls from first grade through high school worked together to make the blankets before enjoying a meal together and being recognized for their badge work this fall. Two Bronze Award recipients were also recognized. Way to go, girls!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Stafford's Shiloh New Site Baptist Church invites homeless persons for Christmas Day services followed by lunch. Transportation begins at 10:15 am at the Fredericksburg Baptist Church parking lot and the Ponderosa Parking lot on Route 17.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to help/sign up for:

- Wednesday Night Dinner
_____ How many?
- Hospitality Ministry Opportunity
- Micah Lunch Program
- Alpha
_____ Childcare needed
- Financial Peace University
_____ Childcare needed
- Disciple Fast Track
_____ Childcare needed
- Divorce Recovery
_____ Childcare needed
- Grief Education Workshop

I'd like more information on:

- Baptism & Baptismal Reaffirmation
- How to join this church family
- Children's Activities
- Youth Activities
- Men's Activities
- Women's Activities
- Senior Activities (Merry Makers)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Bible Study

WELCOME

(Please complete and place in offering plate.)

- First Time Guest
- Members
- Second Time Guest
- Attend regularly
- Third Time Guest
- Wish to Join
- Out of Town Guest

Guest Of: _____
Which service are you attending?
 Sun. 8:30 AM Sun. 11:00 AM
 Sun. 9:45 AM Sat. 5:30 PM

Names of those in attendance:

Adult(s) _____

Child(ren) _____

New Information Yes No

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

If you would like to change or add your email address please print clearly below

Email _____

would like to sign-up for our weekly "News Blast" newsletter.

PRAYER/PRAISE

May we publish your request in the announcement sheets?

- Do Not Publish
- Publish

I ask prayers for:

I praise God for:

Attendance – Dec. 10/11, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	31
Sunday 8:30 AM	131
Sunday 9:45 AM	178
Sunday 11:00 AM	194
	534

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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry: This month, we will continue to stock up on food items complimentary to Christmas meals. The focus is on: Candied Yams/Sweet Potatoes, Instant Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing and Gravy. Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, grape or strawberry jelly and bread are also needed. No more cereal for the present. Because of the Food Lion closings, we have more than enough cereal products.

Cold Night Shelter: Handi-/Clorox wipes.

Preschool: Labels for Education.

Lions Club: Eyeglasses, Cases, Hearing Aids.

Micah: Men's Boxer Underwear, M, L, and XL; new or gently used backpacks; and white crew type socks for men and women.

To utilize Mission Control, contact Lisa Simmermon at (540) 785-8664 or lsimmermon@verizon.net. Tell her what you are collecting and contact information. Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

NEW CLASSES STARTING IN 2017

Sign up by going to fumcva.org/Grow/Adult or use the tear-off on this announcement. Please indicate if childcare is needed.

New Disciple Fast Track Bible Study Starting in New Year

Beginning January 18th on Wednesday evenings. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks; there are 12 sessions each in the Old and New Testaments. Each session lasts 75 minutes. Participants may take a spiritual gifts assessment to determine meaningful ways to serve and live out their discipleship commitment. If you are interested in an in-depth Bible study, then Disciple Fast Track is for you. To sign up, use the tear off in this announcement sheet. Contact Carole DuBois, Pastor of Congregational Care, at caroledubois@fumcva.org.

Financial Peace University Class Starting in New Year

Financial Peace University (FPU) classes begin Monday January 16th. FPU is a 9-lesson, money-management course taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. This class will meet on Mondays at 6:30PM and be led by Tim Gates. Cost for the course material is \$99. For more information and to register to take the course, use the tear off on the edge of the announcement sheet and place it in the offering. Contact Tim Gates, tjzstang08@gmail.com. Childcare available.

Alpha Course Offered Starting in 2017

Starts January 25th at 6:30PM (after the Wednesday dinner), Fredericksburg UMC will offer the Alpha Course, a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith (typically run over eleven weeks). Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. After dinner, there is a brief presentation given on one of the faith questions; followed by small-group discussion. The course is designed for those new to the faith and those who have attended church for years but have never explored the basic questions of Christianity. All are welcome. To register for the course, use the tear off on the edge of your announcement sheet. For more information, please contact Larry Julihn at ljulihn@gmail.com.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Begins January 11th at 6:30 PM (each Wednesday night following for 8 weeks) No matter what the cause of your separation or divorce, the experience brings a mixture of pain, self-assessment, and growth. It takes a lot of strength, courage, and love to put the past behind you and set yourself in a new direction. It is with a great deal of respect for you and your varied feelings that this workshop has been prepared – and it is to you that it is dedicated. The purpose of the Divorce Recovery Workshop is to help you in healing past wounds and setting new goals for the future in safe, loving, and open environment. Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and will be led by Pastor Larry Davies.

Grief Education Workshop Series, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., January 4-25

Understanding Mourning Rituals and How They Soothe the Grieving Soul (60 minutes)-Wednesday January 4th -- Prudence Hopkins, Chaplain. How personal mourning rituals serve the grieving soul. Importance of rituals, creative ideas for rituals, and strategies we can use to use rituals in a helpful and healing way.

Understanding Children's Grief and How We Can Help Them (*For adults) (90 minutes)-Wednesday January 11th —Tara Hoit, Children's Bereavement. Impact of grief on children. Developmental stages affect children's reactions to death and age-appropriate ways to communicate with them about the death of a loved one. Strategies to identify when a child needs more assistance, and to cope with your own emotions in relation to their pain.

Understanding Hidden Sorrow and Taking the First Step to Healing (90 minutes)-Wednesday, January 18th — Jenna Cooley, Community Outreach. Explore feelings of "hidden sorrow" and ways to cope with it. All types of losses can cause grief and warrant mourning (death of an ex-spouse or pet, the loss of a job or marriage, an addiction or mental illness of a loved one); grief is real. Strategies to better care for ourselves and others.

Understanding Adult Grief and How We Can Help Ourselves and Others (60 minutes) Wednesday, January 25th— Kristi DiFilippo, Bereavement Counselor. Difference between grief and mourning; stages of grief, common expressions of grief and physical responses to grief. Healthy ways to cope with grief, strategies to support others who are grieving.



December 17/18, 2016



Homeless Persons' Memorial Service Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. ~ Market Square

You are invited to come and pay respects for ten of our neighbors who have died this year. As those who have been homeless often go without funerals or families to grieve, we will honor their lives as a community. These lives have dignity, and it is good and right to gather in solidarity to care and honor those among us who have the least. Join us on the first day of winter, and longest night of the year to stand in solidarity, out in the open, for those who have slept in the cold and now passed on. A reception will follow at Micah Ecumenical Ministries on Princess Anne St., just up from Market Square. *This event is hosted by Fredericksburg Interfaith Leaders along with Micah Ecumenical Ministries. All are welcome to come and pay respects.

Fred Camp Fundraiser

There will be a FredCamp fundraiser at Salsarita's in Southpointe (near Route 1, in front of Lowes) on Thursday, December 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Take a break from shopping and stop in for dinner.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m.	Children's Service	Kobler Hall
6:00 p.m.	Traditional Service	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Contemporary Service	Kobler Hall
10:15 p.m.	A Prelude to Christmas	Sanctuary
11:00 p.m.	Traditional Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary

UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, February 2, 2017, the annual United Methodist Day at the General Assembly will take place in Richmond. This event is co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Church and Society and United Methodist Women. The deadline for early bird registration is January 6 (cost: \$25). Starting January 7, the cost will be \$35. The final registration deadline is January 27. This is a day to learn more about the General Assembly and how you can make a difference. There is also a Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of United Methodist Day on January 14, 2017, and a Pre-event Briefing on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. You can attend one or all three of these events for a very small additional cost. Online registration is advised. Registration information can be found on the UMW bulletin board near the Charlotte St. entrance or by contacting Sandy Howson at 540-373-4704 or sandracashhowson@gmail.com. Please let Sandy Howson or Janine Kutty know if you are attending as the UMW would like to know how many people from our church will be going. Car pools can be arranged if people wish.