

**NEW CLASSES STARTING IN 2017**

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

**New Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Beginning January 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:caroledubois@fumcva.org).

**Financial Peace University Class Begins Monday, January 16**

Financial Peace University (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](mailto:tjzstang08@gmail.com). Childcare available.

**Alpha Course Offered in 2017, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Begins January 25**

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](mailto:ljulihn@gmail.com).

**Divorce Recovery Workshop, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., January 11- March 1**

Meets each Wednesday night 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 4<sup>th</sup> -- 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 11<sup>th</sup> —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 18<sup>th</sup> — 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 25<sup>th</sup>— 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.

**NEW AUTHENTIC MANHOOD: 33 SERIES CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY**

Beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> and for the next six Thursdays at 7pm, FUMC will offer a second study in the Authentic Manhood: 33 series. Class is open to all men who desire to grow in their faith, be better husbands and fathers, and more closely follow Jesus Christ in all their relationships and life activities. Contact Fred Coppell [coppellf@gmail.com](mailto:coppellf@gmail.com). To sign up, use the tear off in this announcement sheet. Every man's life tells a "story." In pursuing Authentic Manhood, each must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that shaped his unique "story." The series provides a biblical perspective and equips them to embrace how their past has affected their present and prepares them to deal with what the future may hold. Experts and regular guys help men learn from their past, come alive in their present and enjoy God's best in the future.

**UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

On Thursday, February 2, the annual United Methodist Day at the General Assembly takes place in Richmond. This event is co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Church and Society and United Methodist Women. Deadline for early-bird registration is January 6 (\$25). Starting January 7, the cost is \$35. Final registration deadline is January 27. Learn more about the General Assembly and how you can make a difference. On January 14, there is a Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Methodist Day, and a Pre-event Briefing on Wednesday, February 1. Attend one or all three events for a small additional cost. Online registration is advised--registration information is on the UMW bulletin board near the Charlotte St. entrance or contact Sandy Howson at 540-373-4704 or [sandracashhowson@gmail.com](mailto:sandracashhowson@gmail.com). Let Sandy Howson or Janine Kuty 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.



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

**FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of December 19, 2016**

**HOSPITALIZED:** Sondra Keane(MWH), Betsy Corcoran (Health South); Bruce Danuser; Alice Blain  
**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** Michelle Will and family on the death of her brother, Kelly Jones; and Nicole King on the death of her mother.

**HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL :** Drug addicted individuals

**HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES**

Ed Resio	Wayne Jackson	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 Bavosso	Larry Norton	Andy Carpenter	Dre Roberts
Helen Boswell	Gene DeCrisei	Jim Lane	Desiree
Steve and Vincent	Michelle Churnicle & unborn baby		Members of the Everitt family

**LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS**

Benjamin	Husbands and wives	mothers and fathers	marriages
Homeless animals	April Ross	Ben	Ray Lloyd
Church	Open Hearts	Ange/Dove Tree Families	Baby Brentley
Relief from Anxiety	Hungry/homeless	Danna Revis	Mark C.
Son	Daughters	Mike Jacobs	Rebecca Jacobs
Brandon Jacobs	Teresa and Bob Christian	Sue S.	Denise Gates
FUMC vision to serve God and community		Refugees around the world go	
Methodist Men giving lives to Christ, Him top priority		All who have lost a loved one	
Happiness and Health in 2017 for all FUMC			

**PRAISE**

Cancer Treatments	Ed Manger	Steadfast blessings of love/family	Sutton family
Jean Himmel & children	Those men who do make Christ their top priority		Eagleton family

**THANK YOU**

Mary Jordan has purchased two goats for the Heifer Project in honor of the FUMC Wednesday night kitchen crew and the church staff.

**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](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com)) or Janine Kuty ([janinekuty@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekuty@yahoo.com)).

**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](mailto:ronda.worcester@yahoo.com). Deadline: Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS**

Due to Christmas/New Year, we will not meet on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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  
    \_\_\_ Childcare needed

**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. 17/18, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	31
Sunday 8:30 AM	167
Sunday 9:45 AM	203
Sunday 11:00 AM	147
	548

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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 [lzimmermon@verizon.net](mailto:lzimmermon@verizon.net). Tell her what you are collecting and contact information. Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

## 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, will begin on Wednesday, January 11 and run until Holy Week. We meet children in grades K through 5 meet 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 if you have a special project you would like to get involved.

### ROTATION STATION

The children have finished their unit on "Good News." They saw how angels spread the news of Christ's birth and how we are called to continue to tell the story and share the good news. Thank you to the volunteers who made this unit so much fun: Fanya Morton (media), Karen Julihn (art), Leigh Sutton (cooking), Shannon Bolick (music), Matt Bolick (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Lisa Malik (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Lindsay Sobota (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), John Morfit (2<sup>nd</sup> grade).

Our next unit will begin on January 8 and run through February 5. We will be studying "Jesus Is Baptized." We are still looking for someone to lead the media rotation.



### FUMC YOUTH

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!

High School Students: if you are interested in a local summer mission, please consider **FredCamp**. For more information and to get on the list, please contact Amy at [amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org).

### CONFIRMATION 2017 KICK OFF JANUARY 8

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](mailto:katcounsell@verizon.net).

### 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](mailto:steadmanpartyof5@comcast.net) or call 540-479-7767.



December 24/25, 2016



### NURSERY/CHILDCARE

Nursery care is available only for the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. At the 8:00 service in Kobler Hall, parents with young children may go to Room 236 (Crying Room). There will be an activity table where parents can monitor their children while participating in the service. This area will not be staffed and parents should remain with their children.

### BLESSING OF TOYS

Children are encouraged to bring toys for blessing to the Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m.

### CLOSINGS

The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas, and Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

### 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.

### 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

The 2017 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the extended narthex (hallway leading to the Sanctuary). They are arranged alphabetically on tables. Please pick yours up. If you do not have envelopes assigned and would like to receive them, please contact Michelle Cooper at (540) 373-9021 or [michellecooper@fumcva.org](mailto:michellecooper@fumcva.org). People with higher numbers (above 500) may have been assigned a new envelope number.

### 20/20 VISION CAMPAIGN

The 2016 20/20 Vision Campaign was a great success! It raised \$100,000 for the mortgage repayment. Please continue to support the 20/20 Vision Campaign again in 2017.