

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, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. beginning January 18
This is an in-depth Bible study. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks; there are 12 sessions each in the Old and New Testaments. **Session last 75 minutes.** Contact Carole DuBois, Pastor of Congregational Care, at caroledubois@fumcva.org.

Financial Peace University (FPU) Class, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., beginning January 16
 This 9-lesson money-management course is 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. Cost for the course material is \$99. Contact Tim Gates, tjzstang08@gmail.com. Childcare available.

Alpha Course, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., begins January 25
 The Alpha Course is 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. 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. Contact Larry Julihn at ljulihn@gmail.com.

Divorce Recovery Workshop, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., January 11- March 1
 Meets each Wednesday night for 8 weeks. Separation or divorce can bring a mixture of pain, self-assessment, and growth. 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 led by Pastor Larry Davies.

Grief Education Workshop Series, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., January 11-25
Understanding Children's Grief and How We Can Help Them (*For adults) (90 minutes)-Wednesday January 11th —Tara Hoit, Children's Bereavement.
Understanding Hidden Sorrow and Taking the First Step to Healing (90 minutes)-Wednesday, January 18th — Jenna Cooley, Community Outreach..
Understanding Adult Grief and How We Can Help Ourselves and Others (60 minutes) Wednesday, January 25th— Kristi DiFilippo, Bereavement Counselor..

NEW AUTHENTIC MANHOOD: 33 SERIES CLASS, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. begins January 19
 Meets 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. 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. Contact Fred Coppell coppellf@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 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. Registration cost is \$35p; final registration deadline is January 27. On January 14, there is a Celebration of the 25th 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. Let Sandy Howson or Janine Kutty know if you are attending--the UMW wishes to know how many people from our church are going. Car pools can be arranged if people wish.



January 11th menu is Chicken Cordon Blue, Wild Rice, Vegetable Medley, Fruit, Salad, and Dessert. Cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child 3-12, and under 3 is free. Maximum cost for a family is \$25.00. Please make your reservation by close of business on Monday (ingredients are purchased on Tuesday). Email your reservations to Carol Knott at carolknott@fumcva.org, or call (540) 373-9021, ext. 105. Tickets are sold at the door for take-out meals. Contact Mary Jordan at (540) 303-2281 to help set up, serve, or clean up.

ANGEL TREE ANNOUNCEMENT

Another season of hope, preparation, joy, and love has celebrated the birth of the Christ Child. In the midst of this beautiful, busy time, we were aware that not all of God's children experience the blessings of Christmas. Thank you to each of you who shared His love with a Prison Fellowship Angel Tree child and family. Fifty children in our local area received gifts you provided; fifty children also received assurances they had not been forgotten by their absent parent! Special thanks to those who helped sort and bag the gifts and to those Santa helpers who delivered them. Let our lights shine all year long!

GREETERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a greet at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service, please contact Chris Silkensen at (540) 371-9253 or csilk@cox.net.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of January 2, 2017
REHABILITATION CENTER: Alice Blain (Woodmont); Jackie Janney (Woodmont)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO
 Milby and Miller family on death of Louise Miller (Anne Milby's sister); Glenn Family (Pat, Tommy and Tami) on death of Bob, Son-In-Law to Pat and Tommy, husband to Tami; Family of Mary Himan

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL: Drug addicted individuals; Those with mental illnesses; Those with degenerative muscular diseases

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Ed Resio	Wayne Jackson	Nick M.	Kristy and Ron
Bill DeWitte	Rudolph Siron	Susanne Pancake	Sister Mary Olivia (Diane Shirley)
Becky Burke	Alberta Hickman	Anne Milby	Lois and Jim Simmermon
Mary Mann	Kelly Blosser	Debbie Bovasso	Michelle Churnicle and unborn baby
Andy Carpenter	Gene DeCrisei	Jim Lane	Jeff Temples
Lucy	Angela	Peter Barstys	Grace Bax
Dan	Ed Manger	Anne Blosser	

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Benjamin	Brendan	Ben	Relief from Anxiety
Danna Revis	Mark C.	Mike Jacobs	All hungry and homeless
Denise Gates	Earl Huffman	Healing and Peace	Refugees around the world
Guidance			

PRAISE
 Steadfast blessings of love and family Loving church family Coming of Jesus Christ

SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Airman Adam DeWitte	Pvt Winter Ewer	Walt Kuck	Sgt John Phin
Tyler Reece	Sgt J Seaux	Kyle M. Shiner	SSgt Ted Steber

Pray for all the U.S. men and women serving in the military services wherever they are assigned
 Pray for their safety; healing if injured; and peace of mind, body, and spirit
 Pray for the safety of all police, fire, and medical emergency personnel

"THANK YOU"

A special thank you to all my brothers and sisters in Christ who prayed for me, sent cards of encouragement, sent over tasty meals, mowed our lawn and drove me back and forth to the doctor in Northern Virginia during my recuperation from back surgery. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness, servanthood and willingness to help. God's richest blessings to each of you!
 In His love, Bill Hammen

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) MEETING

The first UMM meeting for 2017 is Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to start the new year off with a great breakfast and fellowship. Come meet the new officers for 2017. Contact Bob LaChance for information at (540) 891-4342 or rewlchance@verizon.net.

MERRY MAKERS

Join the Merry Makers and attend the 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.

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. Contact Judy Steadman at 540-479-7767 or steadmanpartyof5@comcast.net.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Some dates are still available in 2017 for donation of altar flowers. The available dates are: January 29; June 4; July 9, 16, and 30; August 27; September 10; October 29; and November 5. Just sign your name on the wall calendar date you choose, fill out the half-sheet paper with your information, and put it in the pocket provided on the Sacristy bulletin board. The Sacristy is located in Room 116 (in the music hallway--past Mission Control near the Gathering Space area.)

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

___ New Authentic Manhood 33 Series

___ Homework Helpers

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. 31/Jan. 1, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	33
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	79
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	111
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	130
Total	353

Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry: Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, grape or strawberry jelly and bread are needed. No cereal needed.
Cold Night Shelter: Handi-wipes, 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 use Mission Control, contact Lisa Simmermon at (540) 785-8664 or lsimmermon@verizon.net and tell her what you are collecting and contact information. Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

5TH SUNDAY CONNECT

Focus will be on Mission ministries with displays from Youth, Children's and Adult mission activities that take place throughout the year. Coffee and lots of goodies available. Great opportunity for fellowship. Contact Kitti and John Mann, at kittimann5@gmail.com or (540) 891-1671.

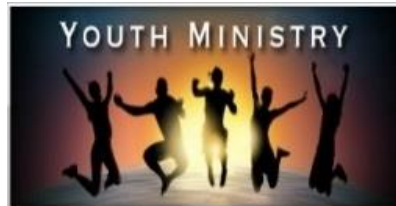
FUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



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 in the Preschool area 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 email Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com if your child would like to participate, if you would like to volunteer in a classroom or with a specific service project, or if you have any questions. On our first week, we will learn about Jesus feeding the multitudes and will make lunches and breakfast bags for MICAH.

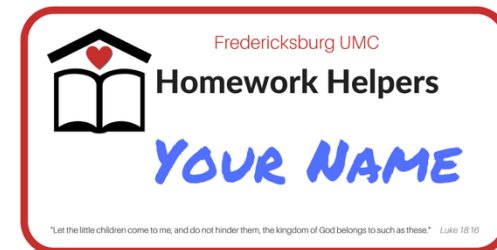


FUMC YOUTH

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!!

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.



Fredericksburg UMC proudly announces the **Homework Helpers Program**. We invite you to join us to share your gifts and talents as we kick off this special initiative. Many children in our city are struggling in school and desperately need our help with homework. Many children do not speak English at home nor do their

parents and many are falling behind. A small gift of an hour a week or several times a month can make a huge difference in their success in school and several in life. **Typically, these 1st or 2nd graders just need a little help with understanding the directions on their homework worksheets.** Volunteers will work with average groups of 3-4 students. Please take a moment to pray and consider a commitment to transform a life and it may be your own.

- **Skills needed:** A loving and patient heart, no particular teaching ability is required. Think of it as helping your 1st or 2nd grade child or grandchild with their homework worksheets.
- **What to bring:** Your FUMC provided Homework Helpers name tag and a loving heart. All Volunteers must also complete a HMES Volunteer form, prior to volunteering.
- **When/Where:** February 2 – May 24 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. / Hugh Mercer Elem. School
- **Number Needed:** 4 volunteers for each day initially
- **Contact Information:** Sandy Howson at 540-373-4704 or <http://showson@infionline.net>

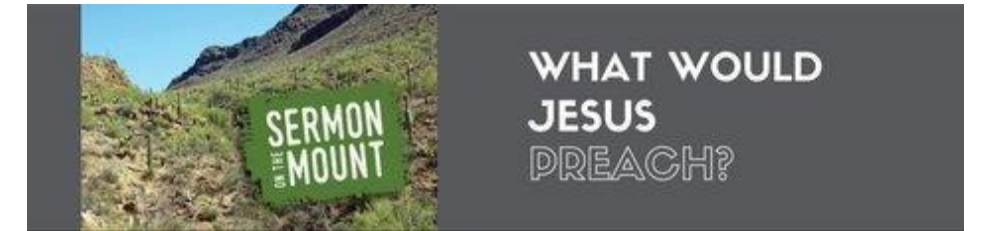
[Sign up TODAY online](#) or check the box in the announcements!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

Please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes in the extended narthex (hallway leading to the Sanctuary). 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. People with higher numbers (above 500) may have been assigned a new envelope number.



January 7/8, 2017



NEW SERMON SERIES

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 is preaching on parts of the Sermon on the Mount to explain how relevant and necessary this sermon is toward understanding our faith and our mission as servants of Jesus Christ. Invite someone to join you. We all need to hear what Jesus has to say (continues to February 26).

CONFIRMATION 2017 KICK OFF JANUARY 8

If you are in the sixth grade (or older), you are invited to participate in Confirmation. 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.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on January 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will continue our study of *Trusting God: A Life without Worry*. Our focus will be Chapter 4, "Sarah's Echoing Laughter." Each session is self-contained. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. Note: Our next session will be January 23; our topic will be "Joseph's Unexpected Rise to Power" (Chapter 5).

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE FUMC BAZAAR 2017

Monday, January 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Covered dish and exchange of ideas for another successful and fun year of Creativity. This church activity is open to anyone wanting to share their God-given talent and ideas by participating in the Biennial Bazaar. We plan on meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday mornings during the year at the church for workshops. Meeting at Janet Davis's, 407 Chamonix Drive, Fredericksburg, 22405. Call Janet at 371-1045 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing all interested people. Sharon Bradshaw is the Chairwoman of the Bazaar 2017.