

ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATES

January 14/15, 2017

Please read last week's announcements. This update sheet lists only new or changed information.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and January 11 was Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Super Bowl is February 5, 2017. Once again, United Methodist Women (UMW) is using that event as a focus in speaking out against human trafficking. In the United States, the Super Bowl is one of the biggest days of the year for human trafficking. The UMW is working to make people more aware and to advocate for justice for those who have been caught up in that great evil. The UMW also works for legislation that will not only stop the traffickers, but will support the victims. For more information, contact Janine Kuty or Sandy Howson.

FREDERICKSBURG AREA COMMUNITYWIDE MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

The Eleventh Annual Communitywide Celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Sunday, January 15th at 3:00 p.m. at James Monroe High School. The event will include choirs, sacred dance, speeches and reflections on Dr. King's life, including Rev. Dr. Aaron Dobyne, as well as special activities for children sponsored by the University of Mary Washington. Music will be provided by the Fredericksburg Gospel Fest Choir, Minister Eric Armstead & Sons, and the Lafayette Upper Elementary Choir. The program is presented by the Epsilon Rho Boule' and The Partnership for Academic Excellence. The title sponsor is GEICO. The program is FREE and refreshments will be served. Please come out and celebrate the life and legacy of this great servant of God.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the upcoming school year begins this month!

January 17: Current students can register for their new classes.

January 23: Church members, alumni families, and siblings of our current students can register.

January 30: Registration opens to the public.

Registration forms and details about classes being offered, tuition rates, and age requirements are available on the Preschool page of the church website. Forms are also available in the church on the preschool bulletin board near the courtyard doors. For more information or to schedule a tour, email preschool@fumcva.org or call the Preschool Office at 540-899-3172.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 4, 2017 is the date for our next **BAZAAR**; we hope you will want to participate. This will be our 18th BAZAAR over the span of 30 years, starting in 1983 and it has become a community and church tradition. We will hold workshops twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Our first workshop is January 23rd. Workshops will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to join us later if your schedule does not support 9:30. We welcome all enthusiastic "crafters" interested in some interesting activities and some social time and we welcome craft suggestions (items you would like to see at the bazaar). The FESTIVAL OF WREATHS is also held at that time, but more regarding it will be announced later this summer.

Call Sharon Bradshaw, 373-8245, if you have any questions or requests. Keep an eye on bulletin board just to the left of the Food Pantry door for dates and workshop activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and use of the talent that God has given you.

UPWARDS BASKETBALL REFEREES NEEDED

If you would like to see some fun basketball and be part of a great mission, we are always looking for a few people to help referee the UPWARDS basketball games. You do not have to be an expert at basketball and if you're looking for some exercise on Saturdays, this is your chance! The games last an hour long and go from 9:30 until 4:30 every Saturday through the middle of March. If you have an hour or two and are interested, please contact Adam Sutton at hoosvshokies95@aol.com or 540-295-2796.

HOMEWORK HELPERS PROGRAM UPDATES

When/Where: February 7 – May 24 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m./Hugh Mercer Elementary School

Contact Information: Sandy Howson at 540-373-4704 showson@infionline.net

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Mark Elliott Miller and Denise Anne Franzak-Miller who will join at the 9:45 a.m. service on January 15.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bob Moore on his birthday on January 14, from his daughter Katherine, Bryon, Maddie, and Henry Counsell.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE 2017

Our children's mission program, Kids With Purpose, meets on Wednesdays, 6:30- 7:30 p.m. in the Preschool area. Last week we learned about Jesus feeding the multitudes and made lunches and breakfast bags for MICAH. Next, we will create cookbooks to go with crockpots for families through Treasure House.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

The Contemporary Service (Sunday at 9:45 a.m.) needs more communion servers. Contact Lay Leader Joanne Wilson, at (540) 220-1299 or wilsoninfred@verizon.net.

2017 CLASSES ROOM NUMBERS

Financial Peace University Class, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Room 210
New Disciple FastTrack Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Room 210
Alpha Course, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Room 236
Divorce Recovery Workshop, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Room 201
Grief Education Workshop Series, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Room 209
Authentic Manhood: 33 Series Class, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 236

WEDNESDAY DINNER

The menu for January 18 is Soup and Sandwiches, Fruit and Dessert.

CHURCH CLOSINGS

Announcements of the church closings are posted on Facebook, www.fumcva.org, Fredericksburg.com or Radio Stations B101.5 (WFLS) and 1230 a.m. (WFVA).

ATTENDANCE

No services were held the weekend of January 7/8 because of the dangerous weather conditions.



Chat & Chew:

A listening session with Bishop Sharma Lewis

**Saturday, February 4
Wright's Chapel UMC**

8063 Ladysmith Road, Ruther Glen, VA

9:30am -11:30am Clergy Session
11:30am-12:15pm Worship (with Clergy & Laity)
12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch (with both Clergy & Laity)
2:15pm-4:15pm Laity session

Please join us for Worship and Lunch followed by a Laity Session with Bishop Lewis.

Lunch will be provided by the District free of charge but you must RSVP.

Deadline to RSVP for lunch is Sunday, January 29

Register by visiting www.fumcva.org/about-us/lay-leadership

Questions for Laity Session

- What would you like to know about your new Bishop?
- What do you desire from the leadership of your new Bishop?
- How might we reach more laity in the Virginia Conference to be involved in their Local Church/District Level/Conference Level/General Church Level?
- If you were the Bishop, on what would you focus your attention?