

### NEW CLASSES 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 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
- Authentic Manhood: 33 Series Class, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., 236

### UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The annual **United Methodist Day at the General Assembly** is in Richmond on Thursday, February 2. This event is co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Church and Society and United Methodist Women. Registration deadline is January 27; cost is \$35. 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 ([janinekuty@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekuty@yahoo.com) or 540-898-0256) know if you are attending. Car pools can be arranged.

### BAZAAR WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Our next BAZAAR is NOVEMBER 4, 2017; we hope you will want to participate. Our BAZAAR has become a community and church tradition. We will hold workshops twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Our first workshop is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Workshops 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 a.m. 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 then--more 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.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The United Methodist Women (UMW) are using the Super Bowl on February 5, 2017 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 making people aware and advocating 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. Contact Janine Kuty ([janinekuty@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekuty@yahoo.com)) or Sandy Howson ([showson@infionline.net](mailto:showson@infionline.net)).

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study group is looking for 10-12 women to dive into God's Word. 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, 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](mailto:steadmanpartyof5@comcast.net).

### NEW BOOK CLUB

Missing out on Sunday School? Looking for another way to squeeze in a little Christian fellowship, Apologetics, and may even some lunch? Look no further! A new Book Club is starting on Sunday February 12th at 12 p.m. with "Cold Case Christianity" by J. Warner Wallace. We will meet the second Sunday of every month for discussion, fun and a pot-luck style lunch. The first meeting will be at the Dawson's home. No childcare is necessary, bring the kids and we'll put them to work! For more information or to RSVP, please email Amber at [agolmon@gmail.com](mailto:agolmon@gmail.com) or call/text 910-554-2480.

### 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 and go from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. 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](mailto:hoosvshokies95@aol.com) or 540-295-2796.

### LETTER FROM REV. TED SMITH, FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

January 20, 2017

Dear Fredericksburg Congregation,

We live in a time when outstanding efforts and deeds can go unnoticed or even unappreciated.

I want you each to know that your payment of 100% district apportionments for 2016 is truly appreciated. On behalf of our Bishop, Conference, and many vital ministries, I thank you for the faithfulness you demonstrated in funding our United Methodist ministries. Your payment will enable important ministries such as disaster relief, food for the hungry, student scholarships, support for our Episcopal offices, and much more to move forward.

Thank you again for the commitment to touching lives beyond your walls through our mission ministries. In Christ, Rev. Ted Smith



### Chat & Chew:

A listening session with Bishop Sharma Lewis  
Saturday, February 4 ~ Wright's Chapel UMC, 8063 Ladysmith Road, Ruther Glen, VA  
9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Clergy Session  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Worship (with Clergy & Laity)  
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Lunch (with both Clergy & Laity)  
2:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m., 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](http://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?

### THANK YOU

Once again this year, we of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg wish to sincerely thank the members of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church (FUMC), the FUMC Preschool and the United Methodist Women for the wonderful donations of so many new and beautiful books to the Book Buddies Program of Toyland. You have brightened the lives of the children served by The Salvation Army of Fredericksburg. These books are welcomed eagerly by these children who often have no books of their own -- especially such nice new ones! Thank all of you again along with our wishes for a blessed new year.  
Sharon West, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary



January 25<sup>th</sup> menu is Stuffed Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Apples, Salad and Birthday 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](mailto: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.

### ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Dates are still available for altar flower donations: January 29; June 4; July 9, 16, and 30; August 27; September 10; October 29; and November 5. 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 (located by Room 116 in the music hallway, past Mission Control near the Gathering Space.)

### COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

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

### 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](mailto:csilk@cox.net).

### HOMEWORK HELPERS PROGRAM

**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](mailto:showson@infionline.net) or [www.fumcva.org/serve/community](http://www.fumcva.org/serve/community).

### JOHN WESLEY-INSPIRED

#### WEDGWOOD CHINA ON DISPLAY

Tradition says that John Wesley and Josiah Wedgwood, the famous Staffordshire potter, were friends and that Wedgwood designed a teapot for Wesley. A reproduction of that teapot and other Wesley-inspired "Blue Calico" china by Wedgwood is displayed in the glass cases in the extended Narthex and Gathering Space in Kobler Hall. Stop by the displays and learn more about the china. Special thanks to Betty Lou Bailey for loaning items from her collection of "Blue Calico".

### CHURCH CLOSINGS

Church closings are posted on Facebook, [www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org), Fredericksburg.com and local Radio Stations B101.5 (WFLS) and 1230 a.m. (WFVA).

### 5<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:kittimann5@gmail.com) or (540) 891-1671.

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
- Disciple Fast Track  
\_\_\_\_\_ Childcare needed
- Divorce Recovery  
\_\_\_\_\_ Childcare needed
- New Authentic Manhood 33 Series
- Homework Helpers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday

### 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
- Stephen Ministry



January 21-22, 2017

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:

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I praise God for:

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Attendance - January 14-15, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Count. Saturday 5:30 p.m. 31, Sunday 8:30 a.m. 165, Sunday 9:45 a.m. 185, Sunday 11:00 a.m. 153, Total 534

Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
Fredericksburg DS: Ted Smith
Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Lead Pastor: Ext. 104
Associate Pastor: Ext. 106
Pastor of Congregational Care, Ext. 111
Director of Youth Ministries: Ext. 107
Director of Children's Ministries: Ext. 110
Adult Choir Director, Organist: Ext. 116
Contemporary Worship Director: Ext. 113
Children/Youth Choir Director, Ext. 114
Preschool Director: Ext. 117
Facilities Manager: Ext. 115
Office Manager: Ext. 105
Financial Administrator: Ext. 102
Church/Membership Secretary: Ext. 103

MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry: Thanks to generous donations, we ended 2016 with a bountiful supply of food in most categories. We request donations of grape jelly and bread, two of the most requested items.

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.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2017 offering envelopes are in the gathering space. If you do not locate your envelopes, please contact Michelle Cooper at michellecooper@fumcva.org or (540) 373-9021, x103.

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, is now meeting on Wednesdays evenings from 6:30 until 7:30 in lower level. Children in grades K through 5 tie Biblical learning to hands on mission work. Rachel Burner is our program director. Please email Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com if your child would like to participate...

Next week, we will be going to Heritage Park to have a game night with children there. Families are encouraged to meet us at the Heritage Park Community Center at 6:30 and to bring simple board games with you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

VBS 2017 is right around the corner! This year we are following Paul's journey through Rome. FUMC will become ancient Rome during the week of June 26 - 30 from 9:00 - 12:00. As always, we need a ton of helpful hands to make VBS the wonderful success that it is. Immediate positions looking to be filled are: Music Director, Head Shopkeepers, and Tribe Leaders.

FUMC YOUTH

Youth Group: Meets regular time this weekend, 5-7pm
REMINDER: Youth Sabbath has been moved to Sunday, February 26
Upwards Basketball Fundraising: Each Saturday, we will offer concessions from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
7-8th Graders: Pick-up Basketball game Friday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on January 23rd (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 210). We will continue our study of Trusting God: A Life without Worry. Our focus will be "Joseph's Unexpected Rise to Power" (Chapter 5).

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of January 16, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Meghann Kala
REHABILITATION CENTER: Jackie Janney (Woodmont)
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Family and Friends of Alice Blain; Milby and Miller family on death of Louise Miller...

HEALTH CONCERNS - GENERAL

Table with 5 columns: Health concerns (Drug addicted, dementia, degenerative diseases, mental illnesses) and names (John Bass, Becky Burke, Alberta Hickman, Lois and Jim Simmermon, Mary Mann, etc.)

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Table with 4 columns: Life events (Benjamin, Refugees, Denise Gates, Bill Rice, Mark Miller) and general prayers (Brendan, Danna Revis, Earl Huffman, Sara Lewandowski, College Students, Rebecca, Mark C., Mark Richardson, Matthew Lewandowski, Young people returning to school, Ben, Mike Jacobs, Caleb Laieski, Courtney, Tonya Nelson)

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Alpha, Divorce Recovery, Financial Peace, Disciple Fast Track, Sunday Schools and other Small Groups, PRAISE: Steadfast blessings of love and family Loving church family For healing of osteoporosis



January 21, 22, 2017

ONLINE GIVING

We are currently in the process of updating our accounting and membership software. At this time, online giving is unavailable.

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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the upcoming school year began this month! January 17: Current students registered for their new classes. January 23: Church members, alumni families, and siblings of 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 website (www.fumcva.org/grow/preschool).

PRAYER SERVICES

We have been blessed as a church and we share our gifts and graces in many missions and ministries at Fredericksburg Church. But, do you recall the Gospel lesson in Luke 12:48B "For everyone to whom much is given much more will be required and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, and even more will be demanded?"

I am asking for your help and support, to come on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning January 22 through March 12. We will gather in the Chapel to pray and to see God's guidance and favor for FUMC and its people. We want to show God that we are committed to the cause of Christ at FUMC, and that we believe in the power of prayer, that we want to know His will for us and that we want the Holy Spirit to empower us to do all that Jesus is calling us to do in this fellowship of believers.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Service Name, and Leader. January 22: FUMC Prayer Focus, Devotion Leader Larry Tubbs; January 29: Children's Ministry, Larry Tubbs; February 5: Youth Ministry, Denise Gates; February 12: Missions & Out Reach, Denise Gates; February 19: Evangelism & Discipleship, Carol Du Boise; February 26: Stewardship, Carol Du Boise; March 5: UMW & UMM; March 12: Alpha & Emmaus

Ephesians 6:18 " Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people.