

CLASSES 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 FastTrack Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Room 210
- Alpha Course, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Room 236
- Authentic Manhood: 33 Series Class, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Room 236

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Contact Judy Steadman at 540-479-7767 or steadmanpartyof5@comcast.net to join a new women's Bible study group to dive into God's Word. They will meet on Facebook once a week to share the reading, then meet in person about once a month to work on a service project and put into practice what we are learning.

DO YOU WANT TO SERVE AT CHURCH BUT LIFE IS JUST SO BUSY!

You can serve as a greeter, once a month for your own service. If you are able to arrive about 20 minutes before your service, say hello and smile, and willing to show newcomers how to navigate the building, we need you. We will train you. Please contact Kitti Mann at kittimann5@gmail.com or 540-891-1671 to volunteer.

WONDER IF I CAN SERVE AS AN USHER?

Yes, you can! We need ushers for the 11:00 service. Ushers serve a very important part of the worship service. Ushers usually serve for a month once a year. Ushers are men, women, and youth, and we will train you. Please contact Kitti Mann at kittimann5@gmail.com or 540-891-1671 to volunteer.

NEW BOOK CLUB

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 is at the Dawson's home. No childcare is necessary, bring the kids and we'll put them to work! Email Amber at agolmon@gmail.com or call/text 910-554-2480.

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. Workshops are held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. 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. The bulletin board just to the left of the Food Pantry lists dates and workshop activities.

INTERGENERATIONAL CRAFT GROUP (Youth and Older)

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Library

The goal of the group is to have an intergenerational group come together and share our talents and learn new skills. The first meeting is next Wednesday. Please bring knitting needles and yarn. We will start by making scarves. If you aren't involved in a group already, come join us!!

GIRL SCOUT BRONZE PROJECT

Caroline Wagaman is a Junior with Girl Scout in Troop 263. She is working on her Bronze Award by helping the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. in honor of her dearest friend Adelynn. Adelynn has a special heart which results in frequent and sometimes unexpected hospital stays. Children's National Medical Center has supported her family since before she was born. Caroline is collecting the following new items for the NICU infants: **Clothing:** Hats, mittens, nightgowns, and clothing that has snaps and zippers; **Toys:** Toys that are colorful and that make noise or music. The hospital often needs to replace these items as the babies keep them when they finally go home. **Caroline is collecting the items until February 14, 2017 (Valentine's Day). There is a bin in Mission Control for your donations.** Contact Caroline 540-898-1520 or michelle.wagaman@verizon.net (her mom). Thanks!

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

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?



February 1st menu is BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit, 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.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of January 23, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Meghann Kala; Ed Resio; Jeff Temples

REHABILITATION: Mike Walker

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Family and Friends of Alice Blain; Family and Friends of Jonathan Raymond; Family and Friends of Jon Dunning; Family and Friends of Major Alger Tignor; Family and Friends of Jackie Janney; Family and Friends of John Bass

HEALTH CONCERNS - GENERAL

Drug addicted individuals Those with mental illnesses Those struggling with dementia
Those with degenerative muscular diseases

HEALTH CONCERNS - INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Becky Burke	Alberta Hickman	Kelly Blosser	Gene DeCrisei	Peter Barstys
Grace Bax	Dan	Anne Blosser	Matthew Young	Daniel Beasley
Fred Swenck	Dawn Jett Riley	Tonya Nelson	Michelle	Bruce Danuser
Mary Jordan	Maida Cameron	Virginia Gough	Sister Mary	Mrs. Hudi
Ron Wasem	Mike Kaminski	Bryan Crump	Cameron	Janet McCaslin
Evelyn Verna	Sally Toner	Glenna Lee	Mike Jacobs	

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Benjamin	Brendan	Rebecca	Ben	Danna Revis
Mark C.	Earl Huffman	Caleb Laieski	Bill Rice & Family	Courtney
Mark Miller	Brian S.	Sonny	Tom McFarland	Catherine Pakes
Lu	Forsyth Family	Churches	Damien Grymko	Amy and Tim
Pullen Family	Professors at UMW	Rian Craig	kids in Costa Rica	Prewitt Family
Wendy Bargerstock	Sara Lewandowski	Matthew Lewandowski	Refugees around the world	

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH: Alpha Divorce Recovery Financial Peace Disciple Fast Track
Sunday Schools, Small Groups

PRAISE

Steadfast blessings of love and family Loving church family Healing of osteoporosis
Andy Carpenter

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

There still a few dates available for altar flower donations: July 30, September 10, 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.)

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The Sunday coffee and doughnuts are are now overseen by Bob LaChance and Marcia Dishman. Please thank Mary Jordan for the fabulous job she has done for many years coordinating the coffee hour. Starting in February, the coffee and snacks will be provided and served by individual Sunday School Classes that graciously signed up for 2017. Should other church organizations or individuals wish to participate, contact Bob LaChance, rwlachance@verizon.net or (540) 891-4342.

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 or use the tear-offs.

WESLEYAN CIRCLE INVITATION

Dr. Claire Curcio, professor emerita at Virginia Tech, will be speaking about her latest book, Voices of Women of the Cloth, on February 7 at 2:00 in room 202. Please join the Wesleyan Circle for this interesting topic. All are welcome.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The FUMC UMM will hold their monthly men's breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief meeting and a devotional. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ. The UMM offers a number of volunteer opportunities for your church and community. Come and find out how you can help serve. Contact Bob LaChance at (540)(891-4342).

CHURCH CLOSINGS

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

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information:

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to help/sign up for:

- ___ Wednesday Night Dinner
 ___ How many?
- ___ Hospitality Ministry Opportunity
- ___ Greeters Which Service _____
- ___ 9:45 Communion Servers
- ___ Ushers
 ___ 9:45 ___ 11:00
- ___ Alpha
 ___ Childcare needed
- ___ Disciple Fast Track
 ___ 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

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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 – January 21-22, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Attendance count. Saturday 5:30 p.m.: 26; Sunday 8:30 a.m.: 129; Sunday 9:45 a.m.: 235; Sunday 11:00 a.m.: 194; Total: 584

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 ...

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes are in the gathering space. If you do not locate your envelopes, please contact Michelle Cooper at (540) 373-9021, x103 or ...

FUMC CHILDRE'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, meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. in lower level. Children in grades K through 5 tie Biblical learning to hands-on mission work.

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 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The FUMC Children's Choir is starting back up. If you are interested in helping out or your child wants to participate, please contact Kenny Smith at (540) 903-0406 or ...

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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).

FUMC YOUTH

Youth Group: Meets Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a snack supper and activities. REMINDER: Youth Sabbath is Sunday, February 26. Upwards Basketball Fundraising: Each Saturday, we will offer concessions from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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 or www.fumcva.org/serve/community.

CUB AND BOY SCOUTS NEEDED!

The annual United Methodist observance of Boy Scout Sunday is the second Sunday in February. This year, on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, 2017, any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturer may participate in fulfilling worship service duties such as Greeters, Ushers, Scripture Readers, Acolytes and Communion servers.



Good readers/public speakers are needed for Scripture readers. Older Boy Scouts with experience may fill the Acolyte and Communion server duties. Scouts may elect to simply attend service in Class A uniform as well. If you would like to participate, please complete and submit the online form at http://tinyurl.com/l654ten, or scan the Boy Scout Sunday QR code for completion. Form Deadline: Sunday, February 5. Duty assignments will be emailed following schedule completion. Contact Marcia Dishman at marciadishman@me.com if you have questions.



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5TH SUNDAY CONNECT

Today's 5th Sunday Connect is focusing on Mission ministries with displays from Youth, Children and Adult mission activities that take place throughout the year. Come to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and lots of goodies. This is a great opportunity for fellowship.

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. We all need to hear what Jesus has to say (continues to February 26).

PRAYER SERVICES

Prayer has always been a vital resource in enabling God's work in individuals and churches. I am asking for your help and support, to come on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., now 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 Devotion Leader. Includes dates from 2017 January 29 to March 12 and names like Larry Tubbs, Denise Gates, and Carol duBois.

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.

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.