

FUMC 101

FUMC 101 (formerly Newcomers) will be held February 8, 15, 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. Join us for a three-week class where you will discover answers about our denomination and our church in a friendly and fun environment. FUMC 101 is designed for those who are new to FUMC or those who consider membership. Learn the values and beliefs of FUMC and find where you fit in and how to get connected to the life of FUMC. Attendance at the class does not commit you to membership.. Contact Kitti Mann at kittimann5@gmail.com or visit www.fumcva.org/connect/ to register.

MARY ELLEN STEPHENSON CIRCLE BEGINNING NEW STUDY

The Mary Ellen Stephenson Circle of United Methodist Women is starting a Women of Faith Bible study, *Living a Life of Balance*, on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. The book is available for purchase on Amazon (ISBN: 0-7852-5263-0). All women are welcome to join us. We meet once a month, the second Thursday night of the month, in the Parlor. Our session on February 9 will focus on Chapter 1, "The Juggling Act." Contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or janinekutty@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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. If you aren't involved in a group already, come join us!!

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Our next BAZAAR is NOVEMBER 4, 2017. Workshops are held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. 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.

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.

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!



February 8th menu is Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, 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 online at www.fumcva.org/connect. 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.

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.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of January 23, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Meghan Kala
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; Kaseler Family (Sue, Carl, Eric, Tim)

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL

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

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Ed Manger	Matthew Young	Becky Burke	Alberta Hickman	Kelly Blosser
Grace Bax	Dan	Anne Blosser	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	George	Sondra Keane
Nancy Swift	Kainoa Kala & baby Natalie			

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Benjamin	Brendan	Rebecca	Refugees around the world
Ben	Mark C.	Sara Lewandowski	Matthew Lewandowski
Courtney	Mark Miller	Brian S.	Professors at UMW
Sonny	Tom McFarland	Catherine Pakes	Wendy Bargerstock
Forsyth Family	Damien Grymko	Amy and Tim	Selena and Family
Lu	Pullen Family	Churches	kids in Costa Rica
Rian Craig	Webber Family	Tim	Helen Boswell and Family
Jack	Jean Davis Family		

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Church Universal & FUMC Alpha – team and participants Divorce Recovery
Financial Peace Disciple Fast Track Sunday Schools & other Small Groups

PRAISE

Order of Deaconesses Abundant blessing God's faithfulness Healthy Children
Steadfast blessings of love& family Loving church family For healing of osteoporosis
Iona Loch Siegel Andy Carpenter

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Jim Mann	Wayne Jackson	Kristy and Ron	Mary Katherine Resio
Nick M.	Sister Mary Olivia	Rudolph Siron	John & Joan Burnette
Sara Bergazzi	Susanna Pancake	Doug Green	Lewis & Audry Leonard
Bobby Hill	Lois Huffman	Virginia Smith	Tabitha Van Doren
Elise Velez & family			

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

There still a few dates available for altar flower donations: April 30, July 30, 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

Sunday, February 5th

The coffee and snacks between services today are being provided and served by the Faith and Fellowship Sunday School Class. Should you or your organization like to participate in providing for the coffee hour, contact Bob LaChance at 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 indicate on 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.

ONLINE GIVING

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

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 28/29, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	26
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	141
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	194
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	157
Total	518

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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry: Bread is the focus for February—it is always in demand and we go through it quickly. We have been able to build up the stock of other food items and for the first time in many months, the pantry is in good shape.

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

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 michellecooper@fumcva.org.

FUMC CHILDRÉ'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. Rachel Burner is our program director. You do not have to attend every week and can "come when you can." Last week we learned about the five circles of service as we made Kindness Kits and Blessing Bags.

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. 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. Please email our VBS director, Jillian Murray at: jillianmurray@fumcva.org for more information.

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 Kennysmith@fumcva.org.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is open 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). Forms are available on the Preschool bulletin board near the courtyard doors. For information or to schedule a tour, contact the Preschool office at preschool@fumcva.org or 540-899-3172.

FUMC YOUTH

No Youth Group on February 5. Enjoy the Super Bowl!
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. If you are a part of the Summer Missions, PLEASE plan to help by donating items or volunteering during a shift on Saturday mornings.
7-8th Graders: Pick-up Basketball game Friday nights from 6:30-8 p.m. Come play ball, help with set up for Saturday and take part in a short Devotion.

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. Sign up on tear-offs.

CUB AND BOY SCOUTS NEEDED!

Today is the Last Chance to Sign up

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. Duty assignments will be emailed following schedule completion. Contact Marcia Dishman at marciadishman@me.com if you have questions.



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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. Please come to the Chapel on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., now through March 12.

2017	FUMC Prayer Focus	Devotion Leader
February 5	Youth Ministry	Denise Gates
February 12	Missions & Outreach	Denise Gates
February 19	Evangelism & Discipleship	Carol du Bois
February 26	Stewardship	Carol duBois
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.

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.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on February 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will continue our study of *Trusting God: A Life without Worry* as we discuss Chapter 6, "Esther's Divine Moment." Everyone is welcome to join us; each session is self-contained. For more information, please contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. Because of President's Day, we will not meet on February 20. Our next session will be on March 6 (Chapter 7).

MICAH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER - Eat at Sedona: Mondays in February Support Micah and enjoy an 8 oz. Black Angus flat iron steak over garlic mashed potatoes for only \$6.00. \$1 of each order will be donated to Micah. All they ask is that you order a drink as well. The event runs all day, every Monday in February (11 a.m. til 11 p.m.). You just have to order the \$6 steak for it to count. Consider scheduling a lunch date, early dinner ore pre-Valentine's date to support Micah's effort to end homelessness in the Fredericksburg region.