

LENT AND EASTER AT FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church is offering a number of events and opportunities to grow in your faith this Lent and Easter. We hope you will take advantage of them.

Holy Week Schedule:

- Maundy Thursday Service ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Sanctuary
- Good Friday ~ Youth Stations of the Cross Walking Tour ~ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Service ~ 5:30 p.m.
- Easter Prayer Vigil ~ Saturday 6:30 p.m. through Sunday at 6:30 a.m. in homes

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

- Sunrise Service ~6:30 a.m. ~ Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
- Breakfast (Youth Fundraiser), 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary
- Contemporary Worship ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ Kobler Hall
- Traditional Worship ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary
- Traditional Worship ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Kobler Hall (live preaching & worship, no video feed)

Easter Parking

We anticipate larger-than-normal crowds this Easter at all services. We have added an additional service at 11:00 a.m. We would like to reserve the two Charlotte Street parking lots for guests, the elderly, and those with small children (in carriers or strollers).

We request that able-bodied members and regular attendees please consider parking on the street or in one of the other lots available on Sundays:

- Lot behind Kobler Hall on Charlotte St. (former rental property lot)
- Lot on the church side of Charlotte St. that is closest to Princess Anne St.
- Municipal lot on Princess Anne St. between City Hall and the Courthouse.
- Kitchen lot off of Princess Anne St.

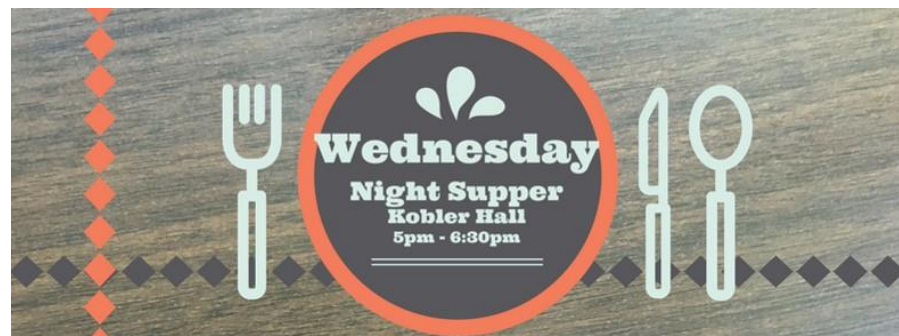
There will be signs at each of those lots.

We will also offer shuttle service from the City Parking Garage at the intersection of Sophia St. and Wolfe St. Two shuttles will run every ten minutes or so from 8:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. from the Wolfe St. entrance of the City Parking Garage and then from 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. from the church back to the City Parking Garage. Parking in the City Parking Garage is free for the first three hours.

Thank you for making our church a welcome place for others to experience the Risen Christ this Easter.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on March 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will continue our study of the series *Trusting God: A Life without Worry*. Our focus will be "Moses Protests His Divine Calling" (Chapter 7). Everyone is welcome. Each session is self-contained. For more information, please contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. Note: On March 20 we will discuss Chapter 8, which is about David.



March 8th menu is Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Greek 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. You may dine in or take out the dinners. Contact Mary Jordan at (540) 303-2281 to help set up, serve, or clean up.

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers will be traveling to Colonial Heights, VA on March 29 to the Swift Creek Mill Theater to enjoy a buffet luncheon and matinee presentation of a delightful mystery comedy "Something's Afoot". The cost for lunch, theater and transportation is \$52 per person, payable by check to FUMC, memo line: "Merry Makers". The reservation deadline is March 20. To reserve a spot, mail your check to Julie Tubbs, 6301 W. Dranesville Dr., Fredericksburg, VA. 22407. The bus and van will leave the parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and return at approx. 6:00 p.m. Questions, call Julie at (540) 898-0876.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. This year, on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12, 2017, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church invites any Girl Scout to participate in fulfilling worship service duties as greeters, ushers, speakers, acolytes, and communion servers. Scouts may elect to simply attend service in their uniform as well. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca4a72ea46-girl>. Contact Leigh Sutton at (540) 371-0170 if you have any questions.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of February 27, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Helen Boswell; Natalie Kala **REHABILITATION:** Mike Walker

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Robin Butchers and family on the death of her sister, Liz Ingraham; Jim and Joyce Manchester and family on the death of Jims' sister, Judy Graham, on Feb. 16; Jayne Manger and family on the death of her husband, Ed, on Feb. 14.

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL: Drug addicted individuals, those with mental illnesses, those with degenerative muscular diseases, those struggling with dementia

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Donna	Savannah	Don Mentzer	Ed and Beckie Resio
Doug Brown	Andy Carpenter	Connie	Rettia Morgan
Sara Lewandowski	Bob Causer	Dale	Carol L. Harrison
Rennie Szczur	Becky Burke	Andrew Newton	Kimberly Moore
Hugo & Jen Faria	Timothy Newton	Anita Bowyer	Maida Cameron
Hannah	Mag Sindiciah	Mike Walker	Virginia Gough
Tim Bibey	Gregg Scoggins	Daughter- addiction	Alberta Hickman
Kelly Blosser	Mary Jordan	Ruth McGhee	Nancy Swift
Mike Kaminski	Mary Reece	Elaine Severein	June Ayers
Gregg Lamb	Klarissa	Julie Tubbs	Milton Rodgers
Steve and Kathy	Judy's recovery	Tonya Nelson	Ron Wasem
Tim Stanley	Ruby Smith	Tony & Carol Jurewicz	Christian & Lisa Galoci
Kristen's parents			

LIFE EVENTS AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Family that lost house in fire	Dan	Mary, MOPS	Walter
Community Dinner participants	Forsyth Family	Autistic Children	Brendan
Human trafficking victims	Priscilla	Amy and Tim	Rebecca
Refugees around the world	Mike	Ben	Mark C.
Lynn Manley Family	Homeless animals	Brian S.	Robert
Religious leaders for refugees	Selena & Family	Sonny	Tim
Tony & Carol travel to AZ	Relationships	Jack	Peace
God's guidance & will be done	Bill	Doug	Friendships
For growth in love and faith	Parenting	Cornelia Hudi	Arthur
Russett Family			

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Youth – feel God's and our love; Church Universal and FUMC; Divorce Recover; Alpha – team and participant; Financial Peace; Disciple Fast Track; Sunday Schools and Small Groups

PRAISE

Fred's good health – now cancer free Terri's retirement family and friends
Mike Jacob' successful surgery Jean Johnson – heart scare not serious

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Linda Haynes	Vy Bass	Sara Bergazzi	Alma Bradley
Doug Green	Jim Mann	Wayne Jackson & Patt	Nick M.
Mary Katherine Resio	Rudolph Siron	Virginia Smith	Tabitha Van Doren
Kristy & Ron	Bobby Hill	Elise Velez and family	Lois Huffman
Sr Mary Olivia (Diane Shirley)	Susanne Pancake	John & Joan Burnette	Lewis & Audry Leonard

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The coffee and snacks between services today are being provided and served by Upwards Basketball participants. Should you or your organization like to participate in providing for the coffee hour, contact Bob LaChance at (540) 891-4342 or rwlachance@verizon.net.

PRAYER SERVICES

Prayer is always a vital resource in enabling God's work in individuals and churches. Come to the Chapel on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., now through March 12. For more information, contact Larry Tubbs at tubbsl@verizon.net or (540) 898-0876.

March 5-Children's Ministry
March 12-Alpha & Emmaus

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

The Contemporary Service (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.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

A reminder will be sent out the Friday evening before to members who have indicated an interest in joining us. RSVP's are requested so enough tables can be reserved for our use. Please make a note of it on your calendars. The next Sunday Lunch with Friends will be on Sunday, March 12th, at 12:15 PM. If you would like to be added to the RSVP list, please send an email to shirleycullop@cox.net.

FUMC NEWS

For those who do not subscribe to the weekly FUMC email News Blast, paper copies are available in the extended narthex, the gathering space, and at the Charlotte Street entrance. There are also paper copies of Pastor Larry's weekly devotion, "Sowing Seeds of Faith."

MEMBER UPDATE

Midge English now resides at 5801 Crestridge Road, Room E212, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Midge enjoys the letters and cards she receives from everyone in her FUMC family even though she is no longer able to respond. She keeps her prayer shawl from FUMC on the back of her chair and her framed etching of the church is on her wall. Thank you all for keeping her in your hearts and prayers.

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
- Children's Choir
- Child Adult Volunteer
- Spiritual Gifts Class
- Sunday Wednesday
- UMW Retreat

I'd like to be contacted about:

- 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 – February 25/26, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	20
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	148
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	215
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	163
Total	546

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 Fredericksburg DS: Ted Smith
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 Pastor of Congregational Care, Ext. 111
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 Director of Children's Ministries: Ext. 110
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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry Needs for March 2017

This month, we are trying something a little different. We are getting more and more requests for baby food. With that in mind, the pantry will attempt to stock up on a variety of baby food products for the month of March.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please indicate "Food Pantry" on your check.

Cold Night Shelter: Handi-wipes, Clorox wipes.

Preschool: Labels for Education.

Lions Club: eyeglasses, cases, hearing aids.

Micah: We still need backpacks, women's underwear sizes 6 through 10, and chapstick; 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 lzimmermon@verizon.net and tell her what you are collecting and contact information. Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 12 (next weekend). Please set your clock ahead one hour.

"CREATED FOR HAPPINESS: UNDERSTANDING YOUR LIFE IN GOD"

The UMW of FUMC is providing a spiritual growth retreat in Kobler Hall on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Darlene Runalduie, Director of Community Connection at Grace UMC in Manassas, VA, is leading a study. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. The presentation begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. Worship follows, and the event ends at 2:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.fumcva.org. Registration is required. Use the bulletin tear-off, the UMW bulletin board sheet, the sheet at Kobler Hall Welcome Desk, or e-mail to Terri Wiseman, tabw74@gmail.com. The cost is \$15. Childcare is available upon request.

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Did you know FUMC offers year-round programs that encourage our youth to Seek, Serve, Grow and Connect? This year as we continue to grow and learn about ourselves, about others, and most of all about our Heavenly Father, we are exploring what it means to be "Under Construction for Christ." Philippians 1:6 says "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Come check out our youth programs and see how Christ is working in you. For more information and to be added to our contact list, please contact Amy at amydotto@fumcva.org.

Monthly Theme: SERVICE "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" Ephesians 6:7

YOUTH GROUP: Parent/Game Night! Tonight, Sunday March 5, from 5-7 in Kobler

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CAEA62AA64-youth>

6th and 7th grades: Main Dish

8th and 9th grades: Side Dish

10th – 12th grades: Dessert

7th & 8th Grade Basketball: Friday night pick-up game will continue this week for any 7-8th grade student and parents. We meet from 6:30-8 Friday nights to play basketball and take part in a short devotional. Upwards has come to a close for this year but we have had many requests to keep this ministry going. If you haven't had a chance to take part in this yet, come check it out!

WESTVIEW ON THE JAMES SCHOLARSHIP

Today we have a table in the Gathering Space to highlight Camp Westview on the James. Once again this year the Wayfarers Sunday School class and the United Methodist Men would like to offer children from FUMC the opportunity to attend Camp Westview! They will be offering two scholarships for young people ages 7 – 17. If you are interested, please pick up an application from the church office, the children's ministry office, or the youth ministry office and return it to Carol Knott. The deadline for applications is Sunday, March 19, 2017. Scholarship recipients will be asked to write about their experiences at Westview on the James to be shared with the church family upon return. To find out more about Camp Westview on the James, visit www.westviewonthejames.org.

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. You do not have to attend every week and can "come when you can."

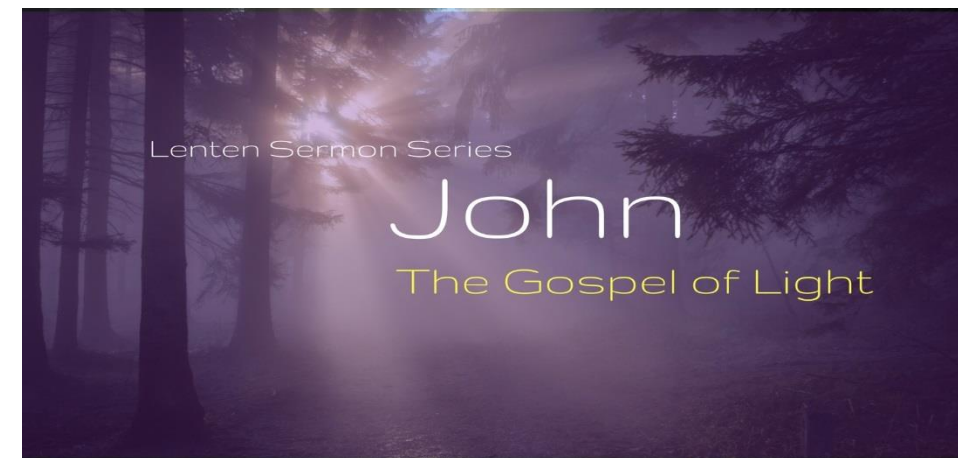
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

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. Please email our VBS director, Jillian Murray at: jillianmurray@fumcva.org for more information or to sign up to volunteer.



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NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS MARCH 12



DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE: YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Ever wonder what God wants you to do with your life - how to serve Him - how to feel like you are making a difference in this world? Join us for a new class that will help you understand what spiritual gifts are, what your specific gifts are and get excited about using those gifts in ministry. Two six-week-long classes are being offered beginning: Sunday, March 5, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Wednesday, March 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes will be held in Room 209. Childcare will be available for both classes. Please contact Barbara Simpson at thegrandfrog@yahoo.com or (540) 226-1793 for information. Register online at www.fumcva.org/grow/adults.

WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

March 8 ~ Christ Lutheran Church, 1300 Augustine Avenue

Message by Meghann Cotter (Executive Servant Leader, Micah)

March 15 ~ St. George Episcopal, 905 Princess Anne Street

Message by Rev Elizabeth Dowdy (FBC MWH Chaplain)

March 22 ~ Fredericksburg Baptist Church, 1019 Princess Anne Street

Message by Father Don Rooney

March 29 ~ Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church, 810 Princess Anne Street

Message by Larry Davies (Fredericksburg United Methodist Church)

April 5 ~ Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 308 Hanover Street

Message by Brittany Tamminga (Presbyterian Church)

Contact the church office (540) 373-9021 with questions.

TAKE YOUR BURDENS TO THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, a wooden cross will stand in the Courtyard (near the glass doors). You are invited to write your "burden" on a card and tie it to the cross. Purple cards can be found in baskets throughout the church. On Easter Sunday, please bring fresh cut flowers. We will cover the cross with flowers as a symbol of resurrection and hope.