

LENT AND EASTER

We are offering events and opportunities to grow in your faith this Lent and Easter. We hope you will take advantage of them. We have added an additional service at 11:00 a.m.

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. We would like to reserve the two Charlotte Street parking lots for guests, the elderly, and those with small children (in carriers or strollers) for each of the services.

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.

***EASTER BREAKFAST**

Our Easter Breakfast tradition is held each year as a fundraiser for our youth. The breakfast is on Easter, April 16, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, Breakfast Casseroles, Muffins, Fruit, etc. will be served by our youth and their families. This is a big project and many have already asked if and how they can assist this year. If you are interested in helping either through donations, volunteering, or even by preparing an egg casserole, please contact Amy at amydotto@fumcva.org. You do not have to be a Youth family to contribute. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to Youth Summer Missions. Thank you in advance for helping us continue this tradition.

EASTER LILIES

The Sanctuary and Kobler Hall will be beautifully decorated with Easter flowers through donations made in honor or in memory of a loved one. To order, use the flower envelopes located in the pews, extended narthex, gathering space, or the Charlotte Street entrance. Requested donation is \$15.00 per plant. Complete the information on the envelope, and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The list of donations will be published with the Easter bulletin. Deadline to order is April 3. Contact Michelle Cooper for more information at michellecooper@fumcva.org.

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers will travel 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". Cost for lunch, theater and transportation is \$52 per person, payable by check to FUMC, memo line: "Merry Makers". Reservation deadline is March 20. 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 approximately 6:00 p.m. Questions, call Julie at (540) 898-0876.

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday, March 19: No Youth Group tonight! We have 18 middle school students and 4 adults that will be returning from an exciting weekend at Journey. (As well as some of our Youth that have been/will be a part of LEAD 4:12).

Basketball to resume next Friday, March 24 from 6:30-8. Come play, take part in short devotional, and assist help set up chairs for Sunday service.(now 6th grade-8th).

Sunday, March 26: All Hands on Deck! We will be focusing on Stations of the Cross. Set building/designs, working on roles, even practicing some acting techniques with Kimberly Kemp. Parents welcomed and encouraged! Please RSVP to Amy by Saturday (3/25) to let us know how much pizza to order!



March 22nd menu is Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, 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. Make reservations by close of business on Monday (ingredients are purchased on Tuesday). Email your reservations or cancellations 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.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of March 13, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Natalie Kala
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to: Lynda and Don Swanlund on the death of her sister, Dale; and Family, friends of Vivian Jackson (Donna Nungesser' sister)

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

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES				
Ruth McGhee	Jim Corvin	Maureen	Lois Simmermon	Don
Anita Bowyer	Christian & Lisa Galoci	Francisco	Scott	Jason
Martha Conkle	Richard Snelling	Axel Huff	Tonya Nelson	Donna
Don Mentzer	Rettia Morgan	Doug Brown	Bob Causer	Savannah
Rennie Szczur	Ron Wasem			

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS			
Becky Burke	Sara Lewandowski	Brendan	Rebecca & Mike
Jesse Willard	Greg	Jason Sully	Ava Lindsey
Peace	Emmaus Pilgrims	Forsyth Family	Ryan Dotson
Special Needs Children	Kathee and Laura Beth	Doreen	Timothy Newton
Amy and Tim	Fred	Patricia	Aging Parents
Life Transitions	Family lost house in fire	Dan	Mary in MOPS
Walter	Autistic Children	Priscilla	Mark C.
Relationships	God's guidance, will be done	Bill	Doug
Friendships	For growth in love and faith	Parenting	Arthur
Those without health insurance		Those who may lose health insurance	
Animals in need of forever homes		Sarah and Brandon Collins and children	
Selena & Family	Community dinner participants		

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH		
Church Universal and FUMC	Alpha team and participants	Divorce Recovery
Sunday Schools, other Small Groups	Financial Peace	Disciple Fast Track

PRAISE		
Alas Family	Medical Advances	GS Troop 263 Leaders, Girls Parents
FUMC leadership, staff, volunteers		Successful Holy Spirit Weekend for Alpha
Sunrise each day	All Girl Scouts, Leaders	Friends and acquaintances
Gods' Faithfulness	Fred's good health	Terri's retirement
Family and friends	Mike Jacob	Jean Johnson

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The coffee and snacks between services today are being provided and served by Mothers of Preschoolers. 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.

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.

WEB (WOMEN ENRICHED BY BOOKS) BOOK CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the WEB book club will be Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207. We will be discussing Barbara Mahany's book *Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door*. All women are welcome to join us. We meet five times annually and discuss books on the United Methodist Women Reading Program. You do not have to be a member of United Methodist Women to participate. For more information, please contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or janinekutty@yahoo.com.

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.

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."

BAZAAR 2017

The Bazaar workshop volunteers are asking for donations of any type of basket that is in good condition. We plan on decorating, but have no way of repairing. We are also looking for miniature figurines.

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

___ UMW Retreat
___ Childcare required

I'd like to be contacted about:

___ Committing my life to follow Jesus for the first time

___ Making a commitment to renew my faith

___ 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 – March 11/12, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	36
Sunday, 8:30 a.m	78
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	159
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	154
Total	427

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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry.

This month, we are trying something a little different. We are getting 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 lsimmermon@verizon.net and tell her what you are collecting and contact information.

Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

THANK YOU

Jayne Manger wishes to thank all her friends and acquaintances who have showered her with love and caring.

LOGAN BARRY EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

OPERATION WARM HEADS, WARM HEARTS

About 1,685,210 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2016, and many patients require treatments which cause hair loss and chills. Logan Barry would like to collect at least 150 hats and blankets for local cancer patients going through treatment. Heat loss occurs rapidly when patients do not have hair; collecting new hats will not only warm their head but their heart. Logan will present Massaponax High School with a "how to" guide with educational materials and contact information for Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and current point of contact. He wants patients to know they are supported. A bin will be set up in Mission Control for your donations. Thank you for supporting both the cancer patients in our area while helping him with his Eagle Scout Project.

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

PALM SUNDAY

Children are invited to process with Palm Branches on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will meet in the narthex before the traditional services and in the Gathering Space before 9:45. There is no children’s Sunday School that day. After the procession, children can sit with their parents.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

On Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter egg hunt after each worship service. After the 8:00 and 11:00 services, children will hunt eggs on the Methodist Green. After the 9:30 service, children will have an egg hunt on the preschool playground. If you would like to donate eggs for the egg hunt, please fill plastic eggs with small treats and tape them shut. These can be dropped off in Mission Control.

FUMC RUNNING CLUB

It is time to get out those running shoes and join the Children’s Running Club. We will meet on Wednesday, April 5, 12, 26, and May 3 from 6:30 until 7:30. Our focus this year is on Thessalonians 5:11, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.” We begin with devotions and then stretch and meet with adult volunteers to train at individual paces. Training concludes with the annual Great Train Race on May 7, where we will not only run, but cheer and encourage one another. We need adult runners to help with different levels of runners!!! If you are willing to come run with a group of kids on these four weeks, or even a couple of them, contact Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com.

WESTVIEW ON THE JAMES SCHOLARSHIP

The Wayfarers Sunday School class and the United Methodist Men are offering FUMC children the opportunity to attend Camp Westview by offering two scholarships for young people ages 7 – 17. Pick up an application from the church office, the children’s ministry office, or the youth ministry office and return it to Carol Knott. Deadline for applications is **TODAY** Sunday, March 19, 2017. Scholarship recipients will be asked to write about their experiences at Westview on the James to share with the church family upon return. To find out more about Camp Westview on the James, visit www.westviewonthejames.org.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE(KWP)

KWP is about to wrap up for the year. This Wednesday is our last meeting at the church. We will begin here and then many of us will go to meet with some of our homebound members. If you know of someone who would especially appreciate a visit, let us know. On March 29, we will meet at Heritage Park to share in an Easter egg activity with the children there. Families should plan to come straight to Heritage Park that week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

VBS 2017 is right around the corner! We will follow Paul's journey through Rome. FUMC will become ancient Rome during the week of June 26 – 30 from 9:00 – 12:00. We need MANY helpful hands to make VBS a wonderful success. How is God calling you to help? We need musicians, games leaders, tribe leaders for each age group, and shop keepers for: Grammaticus, toga, carpentry, architecture, metal working, leather working, scribe, and wreath-making shops. Email our VBS director, Jillian Murray at: jillianmurray@fumcva.org for more information or to sign up to volunteer. You can also sign up as a volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/fumckids2016>.

A banner for the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. On the left is a graphic of a cross with flames. To its right, the text reads: "SEEK SERVE GROW CONNECT". On the far right is a large "WELCOME" sign. The background of the banner features a collage of photos showing church members and children.

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SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Lenten Sermon Series

John

The Gospel of Light

WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

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) 373-9021with questions.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE TUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on March 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will continue our study of *Trusting God: A Life without Worry* as we focus on Chapter 8, "David Dances with Wild Abandon." Everyone is welcome. Each session is self-contained. For more information, contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. Our next session will be April 3 when we will study Chapter 9, "Cain's Reminder about What's Truly Important."

HELP NEEDED!!! CREATIVE MINDS!! STRONG BACKS AND TRUCKS!!!

FUMC is in the process of helping set up a furniture bank. The generous response to the recent call for household goods for a young single mother has made this new mission possible. People are needed to pick up and deliver furniture to a local warehouse, set up shelving, and organize donations. We are planning on working from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25th. If you don't have a truck or can only spare an hour or two, your help is still needed. Please contact Gerry Madigan, gerry.j.madigan@gmail.com, or Carol Setteducato, csette24@gmail.com, or call (540) 373-7132 to volunteer. RSVPs are needed by Tuesday, March 21st, to organize the effort.

GUATEMALA 2017 – July 15 - 23

We have been sending teams to this international mission each summer since 1999. We call ourselves the Dusty Shoes team, as we leave our comforts of home in Virginia and trek off to the mountains of Guatemala. Come join us this year – we are having an informational meeting on Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 pm in Room 210.