

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Fredericksburg UMC will be offering a full schedule of Holy Week Services. We encourage you to attend as many as possible.

April 8 – Saturday at 5:30 p.m. – Preparation Service for Holy Week.

Our Saturday service has become one of the highlights of our worship experience. Small and intimate in the sanctuary, this is a more prayerful and quiet service. Perfect for people who have time on Saturday night but feel pressured on Sunday mornings.

April 9 – Sunday at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday

starts with a Palm Waving entrance by our children and then leads to preparation for the Holy Week before Easter.

April 13 – Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

A very traditional solemn service made up of music and Scripture that combines elements of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

April 14 – Friday

A very solemn hearing of scripture and a recreation of the Stations of the Cross walking tour that will involve over 100 of our volunteers at Fredericksburg UMC. Come to Kobler Hall between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. where tours will begin every 15 minutes or so.

April 15 – Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Preparation and Prayerful Service in our Sanctuary that will then transition to a 12-hour prayer vigil beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. This vigil will be in our homes.

April 16 – Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. – Joint Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Fredericksburg Presbyterian.

7:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast Celebration provided by our youth

8:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service in our Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunts for the children following each Easter Service

9:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service in Kobler Hall

11:00 a.m. – 2 Easter Sunday Services in our Sanctuary and Kobler Hall

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 at michellecooper@fumcva.org or (540) 373-9021 for more information.

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday: Tonight we will work on Stations of the Cross. Assigning parts, working on sets, and identifying further needs. Come ready to work! If you are unable to attend tonight's meeting, please let Amy know how you would like to be a part of Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross: We are in search of items for Stations of the Cross, please see announcement that lists our needs and let Amy know if you can help with anything.

Wednesday Night Crafts: This is an intergenerational craft night! Open to anyone, youth age and older. Come share your skills, learn a new one, and spend an hour of your time enjoying the company of other crafters. Meets Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Friday Night Basketball: Please Note: we will NOT be meeting Friday, March 31.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER ~ Kobler Hall ~ 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

March 29nd menu: Pork Tenderloin, Fried Corn, Carrot Souffle, Salad, Fruit 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. 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. 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 20, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Natalie Kala

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Gordon and Martha Linkous on the death of his sister, Dorothy Roberson; Lynda and Don Swanlund on the death of Lynda's sister, Dale Leonard

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL

Drug addicted individuals, those with mental illnesses, those with degenerative muscular diseases, those struggling with dementia

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Helene Patterson	Kayleigh	Scott-	Wesley Hall
Debbie Carmon	Tonya Nelson	Andrew Newton	Spike
Henry	Ruth McGhee	Jim Corvin	Maureen
Lois Simmermon	Anita Bowyer	Francisco	Christian and Lisa Galoci
Richard Snelling	Axel Huff		

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Caroline	Cindy Wilson	Jason Hoffstot	Those with pain, depression and anxiety
Holly Mann	Zachary Belcher	Amy and Tim	Animals in need of forever homes
Fred	Claire	Sisterhood	Kristina Egos
Karen S.	Barb	Doug	Mark C.
Becky Burke	Brendan	Rebecca & Mike	Sara Lewandowski
Jesse Willard	Greg	Jason Sully	Emmaus Pilgrims
Ava Lindsey	Peace	Forsyth Family	Special Needs Children
Ryan Dotson	Timothy Newton	Doreen	Those without health insurance
Kathee & Laura Beth Sarah & Brandon Collins family			Those who may lose health insurance

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Church Universal and FUMC	Alpha – team and participants	Disciple Fast Track
Sunday Schools and other Small Groups		

PRAISE

Rylee Maslock	Ron's health	Family	Adam, Amy, Mark & Kim – Youth to Journey
Baby Henry	Holy Spirit	Friends	Healing of Moses the Lizard
Alas Family	Daily Sunrise	Medical Advances	GS Troop 263 (Leaders, Girls, Parents)
FUMC Leadership, Staff and Volunteers			Successful Holy Spirit Weekend for Alpha
All Girl Scouts, Leaders	Fred's good health		

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The coffee and snacks between services today are provided and served by the Contemporaries Sunday School Class. If you or your organization would like to participate in providing for the coffee hour, contact Bob LaChance at (540) 891-4342 or rwlachance@verizon.net.

WEB (WOMEN ENRICHED BY BOOKS) BOOK CLUB MEETING

The WEB book club will meet Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207. We will discuss 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 (UMW) Reading Program. You do not have to be a member of UMW to participate. For information, please contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or janinekutty@yahoo.com.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Are you graduating from high school, college, getting your master's degree or doctorate? Let us know! Pick up a Graduation Form in the Gathering Space or outside Amy Dotto's office (Room 2016). Return it to Amy no later than May 15.

MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry. The pantry is attempting 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: Women's underwear, sizes 7 through 10, and chapstick; Men's Boxer Underwear, M and L; new or gently used backpacks; men's and women's belts; small hand sanitizers.

BAZAAR 2017

Bazaar workshop volunteers are asking for donations of miniature figurines and any type of baskets in good condition. We plan to decorate, but cannot repair them.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY

(formerly "One Great Hour of Sharing") Your contribution ensures the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)'s response in times of crisis. Please use envelopes provided.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information:

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to help/sign up for:

___ Wednesday Night Dinner
 ___ How many?

___ 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 18/19, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	22
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	124
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	189
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	143
Total	478

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MISSION CONTROL

Mission Control has a new leader: Tina Renninger; contact her at (540) 371-1984 or tina renninger@gmail.com.
 If you wish to collect items, please contact Tina with the following information:
 Name of the group or individual collecting, An email or phone number for contact purposes and what you will be collecting, State the start and end date of the project.
 After you have contacted Tina about using a bin in Mission Control, you will need to: Create a sign for the bin, preferably a computer-generated sign, Regularly empty your bin and remove the sign when your project is complete. You should also post a list of items you are collecting on the bulletin board.
 If you are collecting large items that will not fit in our bins, we ask that you supply your own box and keep the walkway area clear as this is used to get to various locations in the church.
Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

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.

LOGAN BARRY EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: OPERATION WARM HEADS, WARM HEARTS

1,685,210 people may be diagnosed with cancer in 2016; 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 MHS with a "how to" guide with educational materials and contact information for Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and current point of contact. Thank you for supporting both the Cancer Patients in our area while helping him with his Eagle Scout Project. Donations will be gratefully accepted through April 30.

BRANDON BOLICK'S EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Thank you to my church family at FUMC for supporting me throughout my life. I invite you to celebrate with me at my Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Sanctuary. Brandon Bolick

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

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 will be 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. This year we will focus on Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." We will begin with devotions and then stretch and meet with adult volunteers to train at individual paces. Our training will conclude 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 many 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, please contact Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com.

GIGI GOD'S LITTLE PRINCESS

Calling all little princesses ages 3 and 4! Since God is the King and we are all His children, doesn't that make us princesses? Join us for a four-week series for preschool-aged girls based on the book series by Shelia Walsh, *Gigi, God's Little Princess*. We will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 until 2:30 on April 25, May 2, 9, and 16 to learn what royal qualities God calls us to show, learn about princesses in the Bible, and have some frilly, glitzy, girly fun. Participation is limited and priority will be given to older girls. To register, contact Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com.

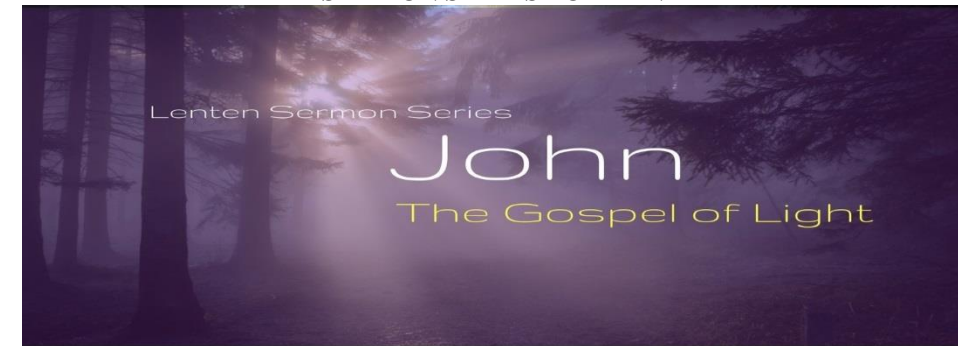
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

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. How is God calling you to help? We need musicians, games leaders, tribe leaders for each age group, and shop keepers in the areas of: Grammaticus shop, toga shop, carpentry shop, architecture shop, metal working shop, leather working shop, scribe shop, and wreath making shop. Please 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>.



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SERMON SERIES FOR LENT



WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

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

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.**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MEETING

Many of you were moved by the story of Laura Ellis months ago and asked to be included in a group that would be dedicated to finding ways we could offer help for those who struggle with mental health issues. Since then, we have participated in mental health training that was helpful. However, there are still many needs that are not being met. A group will meet this Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in room 210. If you are interested, please let Larry know by email at LarryDavies@FUMCVA.org

IN SEARCH OF:

The Youth at FUMC are hard at work to create a moving experience during our Good Friday Stations of the Cross walking tour. We need donations for some items, and to borrow other items. We are looking for a few seamstresses willing to help with costumes. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us make this a meaningful experience.

- Donations: Large pieces of (plain) fabric or sheets Fabric Scraps
 Chicken wire Canvas drop cloths.

Borrow: The list below are items we are seeking to borrow and return. If you can help with any of these, please label with your name clearly printed on each item.

- Christmas lights (white), In need of multiple strands Spotlights (4-5)
 Battery-operated lights Extension cords (2-3) Earthenware bowls/plates