

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We are offering a full schedule of Holy Week Services and 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 comprised of music and Scripture combining 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 includes over 100 Fredericksburg UMC volunteers. Go to Kobler Hall between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.; tours will begin every 15 minutes or so. Childcare will be provided.

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. Participants are asked to commit to a specific half-hour of reflection and prayer during this 12-hour period and will be provided specific prayer concerns/prayer guidelines to assist in this time commitment. Sign up for a half-hour time slot on the board in the gathering space. To kick off the prayer vigil, persons are invited for a community prayer walk that will take place immediately following the Saturday evening worship service. Interested persons should meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Food Donations: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aeac23a4f85-easter>

Work Shifts: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aeac23a4f85-easter1>

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

Deadline to order is April 3.

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

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Wednesday: Craft Group Meets from 6:30-7:30. Anyone youth age on up is welcome to join. Bring a small project to work on or join in on available projects.

Basketball: Due to new schedules and spring sports, we will take a break from our Friday Night Basketball Games and try again over the summer. Please keep an eye out for future Basketball Announcements.

Senior High Sunday School: Until further notice, the High School Sunday School Class will be held in Room 118 (the Bell Room). Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sunday Night Youth Group: Stations of the Cross! Are you new to youth? Do you have experience with acting? We need you! Our youth group is presenting Stations of the Cross, a walk through re-enactment of events during Holy Week. We need your help in making this successful. For more information, come join us for Youth Group tonight from 5-7 (snack supper provided). Not an actor? Come anyway, we need your help in making our Good Friday Program successful.

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

April 5th menu: Shepherd's Pie, Baked Pineapple, Mixed Salads, 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. 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 27, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Natalie Kala; Kirk Edwards

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Lynda and Don Swandlund and family on the death of Lynda's sister, Dale Leonard; Sue Kavina and family on the death of her brother Richard Snelling and her Aunt Edna Thigpen

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

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Georgia Kavina& baby	Ted Flickinger	Bill	Jason
Angie	Steve	Bob Lewandowski	Axel Huff
Becky Burke	Pam Dannaf	Ann Harden	Kayleigh
Helene Patterson	Scott-	Wesley Hall	Spike
Debbie Carmon	Tonya Nelson	Andrew Newton	Henry
Ruth McGhee			

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Amy and Tim	Claire	Fred	Shelter Animals
Special Needs Animals	Peggy Brewster	Nick M.	Christina and Family
Shanita Miller	Caroline	Cindy Wilson	Jason Hoffstot
Holly Mann	Zachary Belcher	Kristina	Sisterhood
Karen S.	Barb	Doug	Mark C.
Egos	All suffering from pain/depression/anxiety	Animals in need of homes	

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Church Universal & FUMC Alpha team and participants – continue to glorify God
Disciple Fast Track Sunday Schools and other Small Groups

PRAISE

Emmaus Walk	Grandchildren	Autumn Reif	Rylee Maslock
Ron's health	Family	Friends	Holy Spirit
Baby Henry's healing	Medical Advances	Fred's good health	Life
Adam, Amy, Mark and Kim for leading our Youth to Journey		Healing of Moses the Lizard	

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.

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.

IN SEARCH OF:

FUMC Youth 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. Place items in the marked bin in Mission Control.

Donations:

Large pieces of (plain) fabric or sheets; Fabric Scraps; Chicken wire; Canvas drop cloths

Items to Borrow and Return: (please label with your name clearly printed on each item).

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

MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry. We are trying to stock up on baby food products for the month of March. To make a monetary donation, write "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 7-10, and chapstick; men's boxer underwear, M and L; new or gently used backpacks; men's and women's belts; small hand sanitizers.

FUMC PRESCHOOL

We have a limited number of openings still available in our classes for 4s for the new school year starting in September. Call the Preschool Office at (540) 899-3172 or email preschool@fumcva.org for more information.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to help/sign up for:

___ Easter Stations of the Cross
___ Donate ___ Participate

___ Easter Breakfast
___ Donate ___ Participate

___ FUMC 101
___ Childcare Needed

___ Wednesday Night Dinner
___ How many?

___ Greeters Which Service? _____

___ 9:45 Communion Servers

___ Ushers
___ 9:45 ___ 11:00

___ 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

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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 25/26, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	20
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	135
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	170
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	171
Total	496

Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
 Fredericksburg DS: Ted Smith
 Ministers: Members of the Congregation
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 Associate Pastor: Ext. 106
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 Pastor of Congregational Care, Ext. 111
caroledubois@fumcva.org
 Director of Youth Ministries: Ext. 107
amydott@fumcva.org
 Director of Children's Ministries: Ext. 110
shannonbolick@fumcva.org
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 Preschool Director: Ext. 117
beckypatrick@fumcva.org
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kurtstordstrom@fumcva.org
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 Financial Administrator: Ext. 102
lyndaswanlund@fumcva.org
 Church/Membership Secretary: Ext. 103
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MISSION CONTROL

Mission Control has a new leader: Tina Renninger; contact her at (540) 371-1984 or tinarenninger@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.

THANK YOU

Don and I would like to thank you, our wonderful church family, for the prayers, thoughts, and support during the medical procedures and passing of my sister, Dale. Your caring compassion has given us the strength to know that she is with our Lord and to deal with the pain of letting her go. Lynda Swanlund

AN INVITATION FOR LADIES

The ACTS (Actively Caring Through Sharing) Circle of Fredericksburg UMC invites you to join us for our next monthly meeting on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor (off the Charlotte Street entrance). Come learn about the work and opportunities to be in mission with MICAH Ministries as you enjoy some great fellowship!! For questions, contact Denise Gates at dgparishnurse@hotmail.com.

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

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 Logan with his Eagle Scout Project. Please place donations in the marked box in the Mission Control area by April 30.

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

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 begin with devotions, 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 many different levels of runners!!! If you are willing to run with a group of kids on these four weeks, or a couple of them, please contact Shannon Bolick at storyshan@hotmail.com.

GIGI GOD'S LITTLE PRINCESS

Calling all little princesses ages 3 to 5! 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.

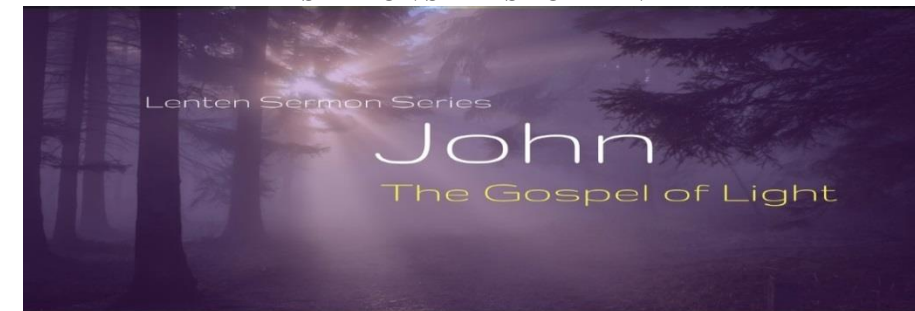
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

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

April 5 ~ Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 308 Hanover Street
Message by Brittany Tamminga (Presbyterian Church)

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on April 3 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 discuss Chapter 9, "Cain's Reminder about What's Truly Important." Everyone is welcome. Each session is self-contained. For more information contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. We will not meet on April 17, Easter Monday. Our next session will be May 1, and we will focus on Chapter 10.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The Fredericksburg UMM will hold their monthly men's breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 8. 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 volunteer opportunities for your church and community. Come and find out how you can help serve. For more information, contact Bob LaChance at (540) 891-4342.

"CREATED FOR HAPPINESS: UNDERSTANDING YOUR LIFE IN GOD"

FUMC's UMW is providing a spiritual growth retreat in Kobler Hall on Saturday, April 8. Light breakfast and registration are from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. The presentation is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. Worship and concluding events are from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Registration is required; registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5. Use the bulletin tear-off, the UMW bulletin board sheet, the sheet at Kobler Hall Welcome Desk, online at www.fumcva.org/adult/grow, or e-mail to Terri Wiseman, tabw74@gmail.com. The cost is \$15. Childcare is available upon request.

FUMC 101

You are invited to a three-week informal class to discover answers about our denomination and our church. FUMC 101 is for those who are new to FUMC or those considering membership. Attendance at the class does not commit you to membership. Register online at www.fumcva.org/connect or use the tear-off sheet to sign up. Contact FUMC at (540) 373-9021, ext. 105, for questions. Classes meet on April 12, 19, and 26; from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in Room 236 (Crying Room). Contact Denise Gates at dgparishnurse@hotmail.com for more information.