

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.

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.

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

Fredericksburg UMC has been instrumental in helping set up a furniture bank. Now, we need to help sustain this new mission through volunteer service and donations of household items. People are needed to *pick up and deliver furniture to a local warehouse and organize donations.*

We plan to work from **8:30 - 5 on Saturday, April 22nd**.

If you don't have a truck or can only spare an hour or two, your help is still needed. Also, if you have furniture or household items that need a new home, please contact Gerry Madigan, gerry.j.madigan@gmail.com, or Carol Setteducato, csette32@gmail.com, or call (540) 373-7132 to volunteer or donate your items. RSVPs are needed by Tuesday, April 18th, to organize the effort.

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 new to FUMC or 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. Questions? Call FUMC at (540) 373-9021, ext. 105. Classes meet April 12, 19, and 26; from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in Room 236. Contact Denise Gates at dgparishnurse@hotmail.com for more information.

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 (Charlotte Street entrance). Learn about the work and opportunities to be in mission with MICAH Ministries and enjoy great fellowship! Email Denise Gates at dgparishnurse@hotmail.com.

HOLY LAND TRIP

Brian Lamb is co-leading a trip with Rev. Keith Boyette from Wilderness Community Church to the Holy Land from January 2-11, 2018. This will be the sixth trip Rev. Boyette has led to the holy land. You will visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, the Sea of Galilee and cross it on a boat, Cana, Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea, Jericho, and Qumran. The tour includes an option to visit Masada and the Dead Sea. A devotional based on the events that occurred in the bible will be offered at each site you visit. Participants will be from several Virginia UMC churches. Cost of the trip is approximately \$3208 and includes all airfare from IAD, accommodations, taxes and fees. If you are interested in participating, contact Brian Lamb at blamb@wildernesschurch.org or [540-287-9288](tel:540-287-9288). A short informational meeting will be held in room 112 at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 26th.

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Crafter's Group: NO CRAFT GROUP Wednesday, April 12. Please look in the announcements to see our next meeting. Current plans include One Sunday a month during Summer Months, and again in the fall. Look for ideas of crafts you would like to try.

Basketball: Due to new schedules and spring sports, we will take a break from Friday night basketball games; we will try over summer. Look for future 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.

There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please worship with your family (and) see how you can help out during Easter Breakfast!

Easter Breakfast sign up: There are 2 sign-ups for Easter Breakfast. Please consider how you can help, whether by serving/donating/or both! Proceeds will go to Summer Missions.

Sunday Night Youth Group: Thank you to each and every one of you that have worked hard to make this happen. We will work to finalize details and run through our Stations of the Cross dress rehearsal. It is important all with parts to be present. Please come even if you are unable to attend the Stations of the Cross. This is a great opportunity for you to experience it yourself and help us finalize the sets/props.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of April 8, 2017, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Natalie Kala; Kirk Edwards; Brandon Murphy

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Karen Newton and family on the death of her father, James Hunt, Sue Kavina and family on the death of her brother Richard Snelling and her Aunt Edna Thigpen; Kelly Updike

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL

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

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Sophie Govar	Lauren Jones	Tonya Nelson	John Straub	Steve
Riyn Craig	Ed Levis	Kelly Berry	Bev McFarland	Bill
Andrew Newton	Ted Flickinger	Drew Coates	Peter Barstys	Angie
Georgia Kavina & baby	Becky Burke	Axel Huff	Pam Dannaf	Jason
Ann Harden	Bob& Blanche Arnold*			

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Jamison Mark C.	Holly Mann	Family and friends of students killed in car accident
Jason Hoffstoth	Brendan	Rebecca & Mike
Maureen	Cooperation	Matthew Lewandowski
Jeffrey Costello	Gretchen	Understanding
Tristan Ivey	Christina & Family	Amy and Tim
MOPS directionLeadership	Fred	LGBTQ & Community
Volunteers and Youth as they prepare for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday	Special Needs Animals	Finding what's next to serve God/FUMC
	Shanita Miller & family/friends	

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

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

PRaise

Spring Flowers	All children	Neil & Diane Sigmon	Holy Spirit and grace
Kaitlyn Levis	Emmaus Walk	Grandchildren	Family, Friends & Trees
Autumn Reif	Rylee Maslock	Ron's health	Maureen's surgery
Baby Henry'	Life	Medical Advances	
Dylan & Kyle Johnson	13 birthday		

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Rudolph Siron	Amy Young and Family	Andy Carpenter	Connie	Patti
Wayne Hedge	Shannon Berry	Cindy Wilson	Vy Bass	Caroline
Jeff Temples	Julie Tubbs	Alberta Hickman	Ed Resio	Jim Mann
Carl Durfee	Kelly Blosser	Sara Bergazzi	Linda Haynes	
Alma Bradley	Wayne Jackson & Patti	Doug Green	Mary Katherine Resio	
Virginia Smith	Tabitha Van Doren	Elise Velez & family	Kristy & Ron	Bobby Hill
Lois Huffman	Lewis & Audry Leonard	Susanne Pancake	John & Joan Burnette	
Sister Mary Olivia	(Diane Shirley)			

*Blanche Arnold is under Hospice Care. They can be reached at 1950 East 24th St., #125, Yuma, AZ 85365 or (928) 247-9906.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The coffee and snacks between services today are provided and served by the Wayfarers 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.

NEEDED FOR GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Youth need one regular spotlight and one pinhole spotlight. They also need battery-operated lights/luminaries. Go to www.fumcva.org/grow/youth for more information or email amydotto@fumcva.org. There is a bin in Mission Control for the items.

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is hosting a yard sale on April 29th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. at 19 Teton Drive, Fredericksburg 22408. Proceeds will go directly towards leadership training. Tons of baby and kid items! Spring cleaning and don't know what to do with all that extra STUFF? Consider donating it to us for our sale! Contact Jillian Murray at jillianmurray@fumcva.org with questions.

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.

MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry. In April, we are asking for Oatmeal. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, 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 7-10, and chapstick; men's boxer underwear, M and L; new or gently used backpacks; men's and women's belts; small hand sanitizers.

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

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

April 8/9, 2017

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.	28
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	145
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.	185
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	151
Total	509

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 Fredericksburg DS: Ted Smith
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 Associate Pastor: Ext. 106
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 Director of Youth Ministries: Ext. 107
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SCHOOL DRESSING DAYS (SDD)

School Dressing Days is a community event for children needing some help getting ready for the new school year. It is sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council, of which FUMC is a member. Place donations in the SDD bin in Mission Control. Requested items: new or gently used backpacks (colorful ones for the smaller children and large ones for high-schoolers are usually in short supply); school-appropriate shoes (new or gently used); new girls' jeans sizes 5 and 7; little girls' undies sizes 4 and 8. Other items are shown on the flyer in Mission Control. Financial contributions may be made to help our "super shoppers" pay for the bargains they find. Make out the check to FUMC with School Dressing Days in the memo line. A Sign-Up Genius site will be ready soon to register to work at the event - a four-hour commitment is a blessing to the clients and to you, too. The event will be held Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Bragg Road. Contact Jean Himmel at 540-368-9541 or dhimmel1@cox.net.

MISSION CONTROL

Tina Renninger is the leader of Mission Control Contact her at (540) 371-1984 or tinarenninger@gmail.com. If you wish to collect items. Mission Control is near the elevator in the gathering space.

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. 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. Place donations in the marked box in the Mission Control 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 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children are invited to process with palm branches before each service today. 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, except for our three year old class. They will meet as usual. After the procession, children can sit with their parents.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

On Easter Sunday, we will have Easter egg hunts 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

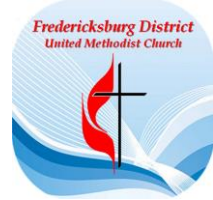
Time to get out those running shoes and join the Children's Running Club. We began this past Wednesday, but you can still come and join us on Wednesday, April 12, 26, and May 3 from 6:30 until 7:30. This year we will focus on Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." We begin with devotions 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!!!

GIGI GOD'S LITTLE PRINCESS

Calling all little princesses ages 3-5! 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 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 to 12:00. We need a lot 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. Email our VBS director, Jillian Murray at: jillianmurray@fumcva.org for information or to sign up to volunteer, or volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/fumckids2016>.



Dear Rev. Davies,
 This letter authorizes a called Charge Conference to be held for Fredericksburg UMC on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00pm. The purpose of the called Charge Conference is to receive permission to change the basic structure of Fredericksburg UMC Church Council. I understand that the Lay Leadership Committee has properly presented this proposal to your church council for approval. I also designate you as the Elder to conduct the called Charge Conference.
 Grace and peace,
 Theodore Smith, District Superintendent

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We are offering a full schedule of Holy Week Services and encourage you to attend as many as possible.

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 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. Go to www.fumcva.org/grow/youth. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to Youth Summer Missions. Thank you in advance for helping us continue this tradition.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER ~ There is no Wednesday Night Supper on April 12th in observance of Holy Week.