

## CONCERT

The Foundation of the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church will sponsor an organ concert May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to honor Bill McCoy, who is retiring after his many years as organist and choir director. Guest organist for the concert will be Weston Jennings, a talented and engaging international performer. Weston is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, and the Eastman School of Music. In May, he will receive his Master of Arts Degree from Yale School of Music and Yale School of Sacred Music. Please honor Bill McCoy by attending the concert and bringing guests.

## FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact Amy Dotto at [amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org) or (540) 373-9021, x 107 to find out where to collect your items borrowed for the Youth Stations of the Cross and Easter as soon as possible. Thank you to all who supported the Youth Ministry. Thanks for your help with making our Easter Events successful.

**High School Sunday School Class:** The High School Class has returned to the Youth Room for Sunday School. If you are a High School student who is new and would like to come hang out with other like-minded High School students to participate in Group Discussion/Bible Study, we meet downstairs across from Fellowship Hall.

**Youth Group:** Welcome Back! Youth Group meets tonight from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Come hang out, eat pizza, and celebrate all your hard work over the last few months. Coming UP: Theme for May is Faith, the verse for the month is **Galatians 2:20**: "I have died, but Christ lives in me. And I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me."

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER ~ Wednesday, 5:00-6:30 p.m., in Kobler Hall**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> menu: Chicken Tenderloin Strips, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, 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](mailto:carolknott@fumcva.org), or online at [www.fumcva.org/connect](http://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.

## APPRECIATION DINNER

It is time to start planning our Appreciation Dinner for Mary Jordan and her incredible crew. It will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Kobler Hall at 5:00 p.m. Please email Kitti Mann at [kittimann5@gmail.com](mailto:kittimann5@gmail.com) or Lynda Swanlund at [lswanlund@cox.net](mailto:lswanlund@cox.net) by May 15<sup>th</sup> to let them know what you are bringing and how many will attend. You can also call Lynda at the church at (540) 373-9021, x. 102.

## 9:45 a.m. COMPUTER OPERATOR TRAINING

Do you know how to press the space bar on a computer? Great! You are qualified to help run the slides on Sunday morning at the 9:45a.m. service and help facilitate the worship of our Lord! OK, it is a little more complicated than hitting the space bar- but not much!! There will be a training for computer operators held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after the 9:45a.m. worship service. Following the Computer Operator training, we will go immediately into training about how to put together the Sunday slide presentation. If you have an aptitude for technology, then this could be a place where God might use your gifts. To sign up for the training, please use the tear off on the announcement sheet. For more information contact Pastor Robb Almy at [RobbAlmy@fumcva.org](mailto:RobbAlmy@fumcva.org) or 373-9021 X106.

## MERRY MAKERS

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Merry Makers will embark on a two-hour Spirit of Washington lunch cruise on the Potomac. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m. Make your check out to FUMC for \$65.00, with Merry Makers on the memo line. Send the check to Ronda Worcester, 701 Cobblestone Blvd. Unit 102, Fredericksburg, 22401. Deadline is May 12. Questions, call (540)479-6090 or e-mail [rondaworcester@yahoo.com](mailto:rondaworcester@yahoo.com).

## HOMEWORK HELPERS

**We need substitutes!** Help the kids with their spelling, math and reading. For information, contact Sandy Howson at [showson@infionline.net](mailto:showson@infionline.net).

## ADULT(S) CHAPERONES NEEDED

Are you an adult of the church? Are you seeking for ways to serve? The youth at FUMC are looking for adults (2 male/1 female) to serve as chaperones during their summer missions. No experience necessary, just a heart to serve. Contact Amy at [amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org).

## 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  
Be sure to pick up a copy of the Children's Ministry Spring Newsletter. These are available in the Gathering Space, Preschool Commons, or outside of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Chapel.

## FUMC RUNNING CLUB

This Wednesday will be the last meeting of the Children's Running Club. Families who wish to participate in the Great Train Race should register at <http://www.gtrfredericksburg.com/>. We will pass out our shirts on Wednesday so we can see you coming when you run in the race. Our group has focused this year on 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Let's put that into action at the Great Train Race by cheering on the runners. Before or after your service, we invite the congregation to come help us cheer. Simply walk down Charlotte Street and you will find us. We will also be passing out FUMC cowbells to spectators.

## GIGI GOD'S LITTLE PRINCESS

Our class for little princesses started this past week. 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](mailto:storyshan@hotmail.com).

## REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

VBS 2017 is right around the corner and registration is OPEN! 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. You can register on the church website at <http://fumcva.org/grow/children> or with a paper registration form found at church. 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. Email our VBS director, Jillian Murray at [jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org) for more information. To volunteer, contact Jillian or go to <http://tinyurl.com/fumckids2016>.

## HELPING HANDS MISSION TRIP FOR FIFTH GRADERS

The Virginia Conference is offering an exciting two-day mission opportunity for children finishing fifth grade. The event is June 26 and 27 and will be based out of Peace United Methodist Church here in Fredericksburg. This is during our VBS program so fifth graders will leave FUMC after VBS on Monday and will miss VBS on Tuesday. The cost is \$36.00 per person and includes a t-shirt, meals, snacks, and an overnight stay. We will be sleeping on the floor and do not have shower facilities. Registration forms are available outside of the chapel or in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, are interested in going, or are interested in chaperoning, please contact Shannon Bolick. Register today to learn what it is to be a United Methodist Kid in Mission!

## EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

The Maurer and Pierce families invite you to join us at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, celebrating Chip, Nick, Paul, and Russ on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church Sanctuary. Our families recognize that the achievements of these outstanding young men are the result of the love, support, education and guidance that our church family has endlessly provided. Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is only the beginning for these men. With the foundations instilled in them, they will go far - honoring their God, their families and their communities in all they do. Thank you! RSVP Stephie Maurer at (540) 370-0143.

## COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

Communion is an outward sign of grace and is a beautiful gift available to all. Methodists "extend the altar/table," and take communion to those who are unable to attend worship. If you are interested in the ministry to take communion to those who are unable to attend worship, contact Carole duBois at [caroledubois@fumcva.org](mailto:caroledubois@fumcva.org) or 540-373-9021, ext. 111.

## THANK YOU

Dear FUMC Family,  
Words cannot adequately express my feelings of thankfulness, love and gratitude for your support during Ed's illness. Your prayers, cards, hugs and visits truly upheld both Ed and me and gave us strength and courage to stay close to our precious Jesus. A special THANKS to the many talented cooks and bakers that contributed to make Ed's funeral reception warm, welcoming, and yummy. God Bless You!!

Jayne Manger

## 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 206). Return it to Amy no later than May 15.

## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Fredericksburg United Methodist Foundation is receiving applications for its annual college scholarship award. FUMC members who will be graduating from high school this Spring and who have been admitted to a two or four-year institution are eligible for consideration. Information which must be submitted is outlined in the application form available from Amy Dotto, FUMC Youth Director. Deadline for submitting an application is May 28. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Miller at 540 372-6714.

## WESLEYAN CIRCLE MEETING

The Wesleyan Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 in room 236 (the "crying room"). Mary McGhee Pasternak (LPC, LMFT, CCMHC, NCC) will present "My Get-Up-and-Go LEFT!...Now What?" We will learn some new things about our bodies and brains and their links to God and our spirits. Bring your own beverage, and join us for a time of very interesting information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Information:

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to help/sign up for:

- \_\_\_ 9:45 Computer Operator Training
- \_\_\_ Authentic Manhood Series
- \_\_\_ Appreciation Dinner  
I will bring \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ will attend
- \_\_\_ Wednesday Night Dinner  
\_\_\_ How many?
- \_\_\_ Homework Helper Substitute
- \_\_\_ 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



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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:

Blank lines for prayer requests

I praise God for:

Blank lines for praise requests

Attendance - April 22/23, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Attendance count. Total: 466

Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
Fredericksburg DS: Ted Smith
Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Lead Pastor: Ext. 104
Associate Pastor: Ext. 106
Pastor of Congregational Care, Ext. 111
Director of Youth Ministries: Ext. 107
Director of Children's Ministries: Ext. 110
Adult Choir Director, Organist: Ext. 116
Contemporary Worship Director: Ext. 113
Children/Youth Choir Director, Ext. 114
Preschool Director: Ext. 117
Facilities Manager: Ext. 115
Office Manager: Ext. 105
Financial Administrator: Ext. 102
Church/Membership Secretary: Ext. 103

MISSION CONTROL

Tina Renninger is the leader of Mission Control Contact her at (540) 371-1984 or tinarenninger@gmail.com.

MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry. 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's current needs are: men's boxer underwear, size M, L, XL; women's underwear, size 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; men's disposable razors. We always need backpacks also.

WELCOME DESKS

Jillian Levis is coordinating volunteers to sit at the welcome desks in Kobler Hall and the extended narthex before and after the Sunday services (you won't miss the service itself). Contact Jillian at levis4@verizon.net or (540) 538-3650.

SCHOOL DRESSING DAYS (SDD)

School Dressing Days, a community event for children needing some help getting ready for the new school year, is sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council, of which FUMC is a member. You can help by (1) donating items, (2) making financial contributions, or (3) volunteering to help.

- (1) Requested items: new or gently used backpacks... school-appropriate shoes... new girls' jeans...
(2) Make financial contributions to help our "super shoppers" pay for the bargains they find.
(3) 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.

GUEST PARKING IS ON THE MOVE

Soon, the two current "Guest Parking" spots in the back Charlotte Street lot will move to the front Charlotte Street lot. One more additional space will be designated for guest parking for a total of three guest spots.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of May 1, 2017, 2017

HOSPITALIZED: Glenna Lee (SRH); Natalie Kala; Brandon Murphy; Carrie Thompson (Va. Beach); Bryan Wagaman; Brody Kavina (premature baby)
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Family and friends of Lynda Keys; Betty Hess and family on the death of her sister Lovenia Roles

HEALTH CONCERNS - GENERAL

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

HEALTH CONCERNS - INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Table with 4 columns: Name, Name, Name, Name. Lists individuals like Doug Holbrook, Kelly Berry, Rebecca, Rian Craig, etc.

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Table with 4 columns: Event/Prayer, Event/Prayer, Event/Prayer, Event/Prayer. Lists Marriage/Family Issues, Career Changes, etc.

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Church Universal and FUMC Disciple Fast Track Sunday Schools/other Small Groups

PRAISE

Table with 4 columns: Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise. Lists MOPS, Hope for Appalachia, Health and Family, etc.

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Table with 4 columns: Long-term concerns, Long-term concerns, Long-term concerns, Long-term concerns. Lists Ken Davis, Andy Carpenter, Anne Blosser, etc.



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TODAY IS NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY FIVE REASONS WE CELEBRATE

- 1. We celebrate in commitment to racial reconciliation.
2. We believe in funding justice efforts for Native Americans.
3. When we give together, we do more than any individual can.
4. We believe in taking care of our own family.
5. We want to model generosity for our communities and future generations.
Join us to give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday. Together, we do more.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEET & GREET

If you have been at the church for just a few years or less and are looking for a Sunday School class, please consider joining the Agape Newcomers' Class being led by Mark Miller and Denise Franzak-Miller. Agape will host a Meet and Greet on Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 - 12:00 in Room 201.

FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) TO HOST TIM WHITE - A MAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Fredericksburg UMM will host guest speaker Tim White at their May 13th breakfast meeting. All men are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. in Kobler Hall, followed by the presentation. Tim is leading the charge for the reconstruction of the Tappahannock community that was devastated by tornadoes last year.

AUTHENTIC MANHOOD SERIES

MEN! Join us Thursday nights 6:30-8:00 p.m. in a small, private men's group discussion on "A Man and His Traps," part of the continuing UMM-sponsored "Authentic Manhood" series. We watch a video, use a workbook, have small group discussion, invite personal witness...and have lots of camaraderie, fun, and prayer!