

FUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

Thank You to all that donated items to the Youth during Holy Week events. Please contact Amy Dotto at (540) 373-9021 x 107 or amydotto@fumcva.org to retrieve your items.

High School Sunday 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 the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am.

Youth Group: Meeting from 5-7 tonight. Come hang out, eat, fellowship with our church (youth) family as we dig deeper into Faith. The theme verse for May 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."

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day, there will be NO Youth Group. Please spend the time celebrating your mothers, grandmothers, and loved ones.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER ~ Wednesday, 5:00-6:30 p.m., in Kobler Hall

May 10th menu: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 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.

DINNER FOR HOPE

The Highland Support Project **Dinner for Hope** is a wonderful opportunity for us to enjoy an evening together while helping the Highland Support Project (HSP) change lives in indigenous communities in Guatemala and Arizona. Our SERVE Committee is reserving a few tables for this event in Oakton, Virginia on May 20th. This year's proceeds will help tackle maternal health and well-being programs in Guatemala and the White Mountain Apache in Arizona. A seat at the dinner is \$30 (Payable to FUMC) and 3 donated Silent Auction Items are needed for each table of 6 people. Sign up to a FUMC Table here: <http://www.fumcva.org/serve/opportunities-to-serve/>

9:45 a.m. COMPUTER OPERATOR TRAINING

We need help to run the slides on Sunday morning at the 9:45a.m. service and help facilitate the worship of our Lord! There will be a training session for computer operators on Sunday, May 21st 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, this could be a place where God might use your gifts. Please use the tear off on the announcement sheet to sign up. Contact Pastor Robb Almy at RobbAlmy@fumcva.org or 373-9021 X106.

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 (colorful ones for the smaller children and large ones for high-schoolers); school-appropriate shoes (new or gently used); new girls' jeans, sizes 5 and 7; little girls' undies, sizes 4 and 8. Place donations in the SDD bin in Mission Control. Other items are shown on the flyer in Mission Control.

(2) Make financial contributions 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.

(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. 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 dhimmell@cox.net.

MERRY MAKERS

On June 13th, 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.

FREDERICKSBURAG UMC STAFF NEWS AND CHANGES

Saying Goodbye... Lynda Swanlund is retiring June 15.

Lynda has been our financial administrator for almost three years. She has faithfully kept our books and records straight, but she has also provided guidance for our finance committee and helped us manage an often complicated and aggressive mission and community outreach-oriented church. We are so grateful for her leadership, enthusiasm and high energy. Lynda wants to spend more time with her husband, Don, and her family. But don't think she's leaving. She will also have more time to devote to her volunteer work with the church and especially with coordinating our growing Emmaus community.

Saying Hello... David Kirven starts May 15.

David Kirven will be our new Music Director and will oversee all our music ministry. David is also a member of the famous US Army Band in Washington DC. David was born and raised in Paris, Texas. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Baylor University and attended the University of Kentucky where he earned a Master's Degree in Music Performance in addition to a Master's Degree in Instrumental Conducting.

David's duties with the Army Band include serving as a member of the Concert Band, as well as conducting and producing the Army Brass and Percussion Ensemble. In addition to his military duties, David serves as the Artistic Director of the Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra in Prince William County. David is married to his beautiful wife, Nicole, who serves as Assistant Director of Stafford County Social Services. They have three children and reside in Stafford.

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.** He and his volunteers, starting from New Hope UMC and expanding to other churches in the Virginia Conference, are working to restore the lives of our neighbors. For more information, please email Bob LaChance at rwlachance@verizon.net.

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 2nd floor Chapel.

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. 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>.

HELPING HANDS MISSION TRIP FOR FIFTH GRADERS

The Virginia Conference is offering an exciting two-day mission opportunity for children finishing fifth grade on June 26 and 27 at Peace United Methodist Church, 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 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 Stephanie 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 or 540-373-9021, ext. 111.

APPRECIATION DINNER

It is time to start planning our Appreciation Dinner for Mary Jordan and her incredible crew. It will be on May 17th in Kobler Hall at 5:00 p.m. Please email Kitti Mann at kittimann5@gmail.com or Lynda Swanlund at lswanlund@cox.net by May 15th 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.

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. Required information 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.

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! Our last session had over 20 participants! We meet in the Room 236 beginning Thursday, May 4th.

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.

ADULT(S) CHAPERONES NEEDED

Are you an adult of the church who is 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.

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:

I praise God for:

Attendance – April 29/30, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Attendance count. Saturday 5:30 p.m.: 35; Sunday 8:30 a.m.: 141; Sunday 9:45 a.m.: 178; Sunday 11:00 a.m.: 134; Total: 488.

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MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

Food Pantry. During May, we are asking for bread. 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday Lunch with Friends will meet at Brock's Riverside Grill on May 21st at 12:15 PM instead of the second Sunday of the month which is Mother's Day. Please make a note of the change on your calendars. Thanks.

If You Want to Know More...Better Health Task Force - BetterHealth@fumcva.org

Margaret Ann Holt, wrote the following email providing good information on recovering from grief we decided to simply share it with the church. I will be interested in hearing your sermon on Grief. My husband died in October 2015. I have been in 3 different grief support groups:

- 1) Grief Share which is a wonderful group for Christians. It is a 13-week course with DVD that teaches you about grief and how our faith sustains us. It is a national program. If you look on the web site it will tell you where current Grief Share support groups are meeting locally. Since it is a temporary 13-week group, the geographic offerings vary. Web – GriefShare.org
2) Mary Washington Hospice has numerous grief support groups: General, for Parents who are grieving for their children, for spouses grieving for their mates, for children, for teens. These groups typically meet twice a month. There is a special group for Grief Writing that meets every week on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. that focuses on writing about our grief journeys. MW Hospice also offers once a month education courses for one hour on the first Wednesday of each month at the Fick Center on the Mary Washing Hospital campus. They have specialists who make presentations about specific aspects of grief. Web – Mary Washington Hospice – Tab: Grief Support
3) Capital Caring Hospice has multiple services for grief support: individual one-on-one; group support for those recently beginning their grief journey and a newly-established grief support group for those who have been grieving for a year. Jenna Cooley works for Capital Caring Hospice and is a member of our church. Her email is JCooley@CapitalCaring.org
Grief is hard work, even for a devout Christian. Agape, Margaret Ann Holt
In addition, a great book to consider is: Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of May 8, 2017,

HOSPITALIZED: Natalie Kala; Brandon Murphy

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Family and friends of Lynda Keys; Betty Hess and family on the death of her sister Lovenia Roles; Vaughan Family on the death of Helen Rose McCreedy (Mother to Bob, Grandmother to Shannon and Helen and Mother-in-Law to Trish); Family of Lillian Knotts; Family and friends of Marjory Gallahan

HEALTH CONCERNS – GENERAL

Drug and alcohol addicted individuals, those with mental illnesses, those struggling with dementia

HEALTH CONCERNS – INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Table with 5 columns listing names of individuals with health concerns.

LIFE EVENTS, UNSPECIFIED AND GENERAL PRAYERS

Table with 4 columns listing life events and general prayers.

MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Church Universal and FUMC Sunday Schools and other Small Groups at FUMC

PRAISE

Table with 4 columns listing praise events and participants.

LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Table with 5 columns listing long-term concerns and names.

NATION AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Table with 5 columns listing military and public service members.



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GREAT TRAIN RACE

Congratulations to all of the kids who are running in the Great Train Race today. Our running club has been training for a month. More importantly they are out there putting 1 Thessalonians 5:11 into practice. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." COME JOIN US! We will be passing out FUMC cowbells and cheering for the runners. Simply walk down Charlotte Street towards the river and you will find us (and hear us). Come before or after Sunday School and worship.

*Because of the Great Train Race, there will be no children's Sunday School today.

YOUTH: There is no 7th -8th grade or High School Sunday School classes on May 7 due to The Great Train Race; a church group will show love by cheering on the racers.

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 202. Contact Denise at 240-298-5252 or df Franzak@gmail.com or Mark at professormarkmiller@gmail.com or simply show up for the Meet and Greet. This class is an opportunity for people new to the church to go beyond attending a worship service to building a deep relationship with our Lord and Savior through Bible study and Christian fellowship.

CANDLEBURNIG OFFERING

The Candleburning Offering gives individuals the opportunity to support United Methodist Women mission projects by making a contribution to honor an individual or a group. UMW projects benefit women, children and youth in the U.S. and around the world - educational, medical, child care and development, gardening, empowerment, micro-loans, etc. There is an envelope in today's announcement sheet for your donation. Just fill out the spaces naming your honoree(s) and place a check (made out to FUMW) or cash in the envelope and put it in the offering plate. Envelopes will be available around the church for the rest of May and may be put in the UMW box in the copy room, in the offering plate, or in the slot beside the Financial Secretary's office. The names of those honored will be publicized later this year. This congregation has always been generous in your support of these UMW projects and we thank you for that support.

ORGAN CONCERT

The Foundation of the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church will sponsor an organ concert May 14th 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.

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.