

Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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December 7, 2014

Attendance 5:30 p.m. - 41 8:30 a.m. - 145 9:45 a.m. - 132 11:00 a.m. - 94 Total - 412

Those known to be in the hospital: Louise Gilliam (MWH)

Christian Sympathy to Linda Bonshire and family on the death of her husband, Bob Bonshire, on December 4.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Church Council meeting on December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

There will be a called charge conference on December 8, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an easement with Virginia Dominion Power. Members of the 2014 Church Council are voting members of the charge conference.

YOUTH

December 7th Youth families and friends should join us for the Bethlehem Walk in Goochland, Virginia. See separate email for details. Depart from FUMC parking lot at 3:00 p.m.

December 14th Youth Christmas Party, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (New time in order to enjoy and participate in 5:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols Service in the Sanctuary). Pizza and Christmas cookies will be provided.

Bring an item from the MICAH wish list (coming soon!) and a wrapped white elephant present (value \$5 or less) for our gift exchange. (A white elephant gift is something that you already have at home. It is often funny. Sometimes cute. At times a little gross. It should be FREE. Don't spend any \$\$\$).

Youth Sabbath is January 17th and 18th. All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to contact Shirley at shirley.patrick@comcast.net about serving during one of our four worship services.

MICAH COLD WEATHER SHELTER IS OPEN!

FUMC is responsible for set-up at the Cold Weather Shelter on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Saturday nights. The Christian Family Life Class takes care of the 3rd Saturday night. We need help with the 4th and 5th Saturdays! If you can help out from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on December 27, January 24, or February 28, or for information, contact Diane Cotter at (540) 786-3658 or dianecotter@comcast.net. No special skills are needed except for a Christian heart. All ages are welcome.

CHRISTMAS WISH (ANGEL/DOVE) TREE

Sign on one of the clipboards located near the tree for each *Dove* or *Angel* ornament you choose and pick up a copy of instructions. When you select a *Dove*, you fulfill a Christmas wish for a teen or adult who receives mental health services. Most often they do not have the support of a loving family, and our gifts may be the only ones they receive. Their Christmas wishes have been provided through the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB). Place wrapped *Dove* gifts in the Parlor by Sunday, December 14. Questions about *Dove* gifts—contact Linda Conlin at 891-4297. When you choose an *Angel*, you fulfill a Christmas wish for a child whose mother or father is in prison. Most of these children live in homes where meeting their basic needs is a continuing challenge; this ministry involves building or restoring family relationships. Your gift assures a child that the absent parent has not forgotten them. If you are available to help deliver *Angel* gifts during the week before Christmas or if you have questions concerning *Angel* gifts, call Pat Blosser at 373-0593. All wrapped *Angel* gifts must be returned to the church Parlor by Sunday, December 7. Thanks for continuing this cherished holiday tradition!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for all January 2015 Open Door articles is Monday, December 15, 2014. No articles will be accepted after this date.

CONFIRMATION 2015

If you are in the sixth grade (or older), you are invited to participate in Confirmation, which will begin in January. It is an exciting journey, and we look forward to having you onboard. Join us on Sunday, January 4th, for a Confirmation overview and orientation. Participants in the program and their parents should report to the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Sixth-grade Sunday School will not take place that morning. For additional information, please contact Katherine Counsell at 471-8259 or katcounsell@verizon.net.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday small group studies Adam Hamilton's book, *"Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask"*. This study explores four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism - and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. Tuesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., guest speaker, Munira Abdalla (volunteer chaplain at Mary Washington Hospital) will speak on the issue of Muslim and Christian dialogue. All are welcome to join us in the church library for this special study opportunity.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Sign up by Monday each week on the bulletin board outside the mailroom (105), in the Gathering Space or contact Lisa Earnesty at earnesty@verizon.net. Dinners are served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Adults - \$6.00; Children - \$3.00 for ages 3-12 under 3 is free, Families - \$25.00. December 10 Menu: Chicken Cacciatore, Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We meet the first and third Mondays each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 210 discussing *Women of the Bible - 52 Bible Studies for Individuals & Groups* by Jean Syswerda. While every session is usually a fresh lesson, we will continue our visit with MARY on December 15th and meet ANNA as well. Please join us as we prepare ourselves for the birth of a Savior. For questions, call Ann Braz at 710-6588.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Buy your loved ones a unique gift this Christmas directly from the holy city of Bethlehem. Hand-carved olive wood and Palestinian embroidery items will be sold in Kobler Hall during the dinners on December 10th and 17th. Janet Lahr Lewis, United Methodist missionary and Methodist Liaison to Palestine and Israel, who served for 20 years in the Holy Land, will sell the items. Proceeds from the sales will support needy Christian Palestinian families living in the Bethlehem area.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

To order poinsettias for church decorations in honor and/or memory of a loved one, use the envelopes found in the pews, extended narthex, Charlotte Street reception desk, and gathering space. Fill in the information, place a check or cash in the envelope, and drop it in the offering plate. If you plan to pick up your flowers after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, check the box on the envelope. Orders must be received by December 8. Suggested donation is \$15.00 per plant.

2015 WAYFARER MOSAIC DEVOTIONALS

The 2015 Mosaic devotional, written by the Wayfarers Sunday School class and friends, is available for purchase at \$15 a copy. A limited number of large-print copies are also available. It has a devotional message for each week and daily Bible readings to go with that message. All proceeds from the sale of the Mosaic will go to projects in the church. Devotionals will be available in the Gathering Space between services on Sunday mornings. (If you cannot pick up a copy on a Sunday morning, please contact Janine Kuty at janinekuty@yahoo.com to arrange an alternate pick-up time.) These devotionals make wonderful Christmas presents and offer inspiration the whole year through. Thank you for supporting the Wayfarers in this annual project.

2015 FLOWER CALENDAR

Fill out the forms for the honor/memory information for the bulletin and the dispersal of the flower donation (leave both for shut-ins, take both, leave one for shut-ins and take one). Leave the completed form in the designated envelope. Thompsons Florist will bill you \$60 for the two arrangements.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . .

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY ~ “Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break” by James Moore

What are the Christmas gifts that won’t break . . . that cannot be lost, never go out of style, and are independent of the chances and changes of life. They are the gifts from God. This Advent Bible study will guide you to look at spiritual gifts that bring hope, peace, joy, and love to family, community and the world. This four-week study begins November 30, the first Sunday of Advent. Please join us in one of the small groups for this study; the small group sign-up sheet is in the gathering space or sign up online at www.fumcva.org. Purchase the study book at the church for \$5.00. Questions or small group opportunity, email Pastor Won at wonlee@fumcva.org.

*Childcare available for Wednesday and Sunday classes.

Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Room 210

Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 209

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 202

Sunday, College Student Group, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Blackstone Coffee Shop

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

“Sing the Songs of Bethlehem” ~ A Service of Lessons and Carols by K. Lee Scott

Sunday, December 14th, 5:00 p.m. ~ FUMC Sanctuary

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE ~ A Service of Reflection

Thursday, December 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m., FUMC Sanctuary

This service is for those who cannot easily enter and share the mystery and joy of Christmas. As energy falters, days grow shorter, and nights seem longer, darkness can creep in. People may be hurting and in pain because of the death of a loved one, illness, a broken relationship, unemployment, divorce or separation, addiction, financial stress, a family spat, a relative off to war, depression, or memories of a troubled past. They may want a time and place to acknowledge grief and sadness, and they may come to realize that they are not alone. Encouragement, support, and understanding are needed. We invite you to “The Longest Night” service, where prayers, music, scripture, and reflection acknowledge God’s presence for those missing joy and comfort. All are welcome—regardless of church relationship.

NURSERY HELP AT CHRISTMAS

FUMC offers nursery for the 6:00 and 8:00 Christmas Eve services. We have one nursery worker for each service, but need another adult to care for young children during each of these services. Please considerer sharing your Christmas Eve with children and helping the nursery for an hour and a half on Christmas Eve (5:30-7:00 or 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Children’s Worship Service	4:00 p.m.	Kobler Hall
Traditional Communion Service (Youth Choir)	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Contemporary Communion Service (Praise Team)	8:00 p.m.	Kobler Hall
Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary Choir)	10:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Communion Service (Sanctuary Choir)	11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 6	ADVENT
Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Meeting: AA Fred Chapter (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up	

Sunday, December 7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship: Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship (Kobler Hall)	9:45 a.m.
Nursery (ages 0-5) provided at all services (Nursery, Room 37)	
Children's Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Primary (40, 48, 51, 53, 54, 56)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Rotation (117, 213-216, 220, 58, Chapel)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)	9:45 a.m.
7 th & 8 th Grade Sunday School (207)	9:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Adventurers (201)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Browning (112)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Christian Family Life (210)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Christianity & Current Events SS (Parlor)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Faith and Fellowship (202)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Girlfriends (208)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Hough Forum (102)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Wayfarers (Fellowship Hall)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Wesley Forum (209)	9:45-10:45 a.m.
Advent Bible Study (202, 40)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Contemporary Adult (210)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Every Man a Warrior (112)	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Living Water (236)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Advent bible Study, College Students)	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Meeting: Cub Scouts (Kobler Hall)	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal: Youth Choir (Choir Room and Sanctuary)	2:00-3:00 p.m.
Chapel Ringers (118)	12:00-1:00 p.m.
UMYF Bethlehem Walk (offsite)	depart 3:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.
Deadline for Return of Angel Gifts (Parlor)	

Monday, December 8	
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9	
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Micah Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Education: Advent Bible Study (236)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Meeting: Staff Meeting (202)	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts (207)	5:00-8:00 p.m.
AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Pre-School Board (202)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Fredericksburg Photo Club (201)	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball (Kobler Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10	
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool: The Birth of Jesus (Sanctuary)	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Worship: Wednesday Chapel (Chapel)	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner (Kobler Hall)	5:00-6:30 p.m.
Meeting: Boy Scouts - Troop 170 (208)	6:00-10:00 p.m.
AA Fred Chapter (201)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Education: Women's Bible Study (209)	9:15-11:45 a.m.
Advent Bible Study (210)	6:00-7:00 p.m.

Disciple "Fast Track" Bible Study (209)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Disciple IV Bible Study (202)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Every Man a Warrior (112)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
AA Fred Chapter (201)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Rehearsal: Children's Choir (117)	5:45-6:30 p.m.
Angel Choir (40)	6:00-6:30 p.m.
Praise Team (115)	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)	7:00-9:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 11	
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool: The Birth of Jesus (Sanctuary)	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Preschool Board Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	12:00-2:00 p.m.
Education: Advent Bible Study (210)	11:00 a.m.
Meetings: ASK After School. Program (209)	3:30-6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 170 - Patrol/ASM (208)	7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 12	
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: Girl Scout Troop 263 (202)	4:00-9:00 p.m.
NA (Fellowship Hall)	6:30-9:00 p.m. & 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up.	

Saturday, December 13	ADVENT
Angel/Dove Tree Sorting (Parlor)	All Day
Meeting: UMM (Chapel, Fellowship Hall)	8:00-10:00 a.m.
AA Fred Chapter (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Education: Co-Parent "SPARE" (201)	8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Worship: Open Door Service (Kobler Hall)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up	

Sunday, December 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship: Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship (Kobler Hall)	9:45 a.m.
Nursery (ages 0-5) provided at all services (Nursery, Room 37)	
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Every Man a Warrior (112)	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Advent Bible Study, College Students	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Meeting: UMYF (207, 209, 213, 219, Fellowship, Youth Rm)	7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Carol Service (Sanctuary)	5:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

