

Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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December 14, 2014

Attendance 8:30 a.m. - 162 9:45 a.m. - 194 11:00 a.m. - 183 Total - 539
Those known to be in the hospital: Wayne Hedge (MWH)
Christian Sympathy to Tami Myers on the death of her husband, Doug Myers.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS WISH (DOVE) TREE

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. Place wrapped *Dove* gifts in the Parlor by Sunday, December 14. Questions about *Dove* gifts—contact Linda Conlin at 891-4297. 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.

YOUTH

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 MICA H wish list 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 \$\$\$).

December 21, 28, and January 4 - No UMYF in order to enjoy time with your families during the Christmas Holidays.

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.

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. Every session is usually a fresh lesson; we will continue our visit with MARY on December 15th and meet ANNA as well. Join us as we prepare ourselves for the birth of a Savior. For more information, call Ann Braz at 710-6588.

GREETING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Christmas Eve services will bring to our church many first-time guests and others who are coming back for the first time in a long time. We want to ensure we warmly greet them in the spirit of the season and that we live out our vision to be a warm and friendly church. If you can smile and say "hello", then you would do well at greeting. To serve God in this particular ministry of the church, please use the sign-up sheet on the Info Desk in the Gathering Space or email Robb Almy at Robb@ChurchIngenuity.Com or phone him at (540) 408-3878.

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.

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.).

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.

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 17 Menu: Ham, Creamed Peas, New Potatoes, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert.

STOCKING STUFFER IDEA

Mary Jordan has Wednesday Fellowship Dinner tickets available for purchase to use as stocking stuffers. One ticket sells for \$6.00; five sell for \$25.00.

WHITE SOCKS NEEDED FOR THE COLD NIGHT SHELTER

While shopping for Christmas, don't forget to pick up an extra bag of plain white socks for the guests at Micah's cold night shelter. They may be left in the Micah boxes in "Mission Control".

UPWARD BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Sign up your K5-6th grade child at the Upward website (<http://registration.upward.org/UPW56509>). Contact Mark Earnesty at (540) 891-8872 or earnesty316@netzero.com.

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 Kutty at janinekutty@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.

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 dinner on December 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.

UPCOMING FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION

Monday, December 29, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Kobler Hall. Cost is \$30. Bring food and beverages for the day. To register, contact Stephanie Maurer at themidwife@zoho.com or call (540) 372-8790. Limited spots are available.

INFORMATION UPDATES

If you have made any life changes (marriage, divorce, birth of a child, new address or phone numbers, etc.), please contact Michelle Cooper, the Membership Secretary, with the new information. Her email address is michellecooper@fumcva.org and the telephone number is (540) 373-9021, x23. Thank you for helping to keep our records current.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, December 13	THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT
Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
WORSHIP: Open Door Service (Kobler Hall)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meeting: AA Fred Chapter (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-9:30 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)	
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 (offsite)	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal: Chapel Ringers (118)	3:45 p.m.
Youth Choir (Choir Room and Sanctuary)	4:00 p.m.
CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE (Sanctuary)	5:00 p.m.
UMYF Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall, Youth Rm)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.
Deadline for Return of Dove Gifts (Parlor)	

Monday, December 15	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Education: Monday Morning Bible Study (210)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting: Staff Parish (210)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16	
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.
Toastmasters (201)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball (Kobler Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool 4's Christmas Program (Sanctuary)	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Worship: Wednesday Chapel (Chapel)	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner (Kobler Hall)	5:00-6:30 p.m.
Meeting: Covenant Group (Parlor)	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)	12:30-2:30 p.m.
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	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 18	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool 3's Christmas Program (Sanctuary)	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Preschool Board Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	12:00-2:00 p.m.
Meetings: LeLeche League (236)	10:00-11:00 a.m.
ASK After School Program (209)	3:30-6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 170 Committee (208)	6:00-10:00 p.m.
LeLeche League (207)	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 170 Patrol/ASM (2308, 210)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19	
Rehearsal: Wedding (Sanctuary)	5:00-6:00 p.m.
Meeting: NA (Fellowship Hall)	6:30-9:00 p.m. & 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up.	

Saturday, December 20	FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
Education: Co-Parent "SPARE" (201)	8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wedding (112, Parlor, Sanctuary, Green)	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Rehearsal: Open Door Praise (Kobler Hall)	3:00-5:15 p.m.
Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Worship: Open Door Service (Kobler Hall)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Meeting: AA Fred Chapter (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up	

Sunday, December 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship: Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
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Advent Bible Study (202, 40)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Contemporary Adult (210)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Living Water (236)	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Every Man a Warrior (112)	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Advent Bible Study, College Students	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Pizza with the Pastor (236, 202)	12:30-2:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

