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WELCOME
Guests & Members

July 13, 2014

Attendance 5:30 p.m.- 40 8:30 a.m.- 136 9:45 a.m.- 202 11:00 a.m.- 127 Total - 505

In the hospital this week:

Christian Sympathy to Becky Patrick (Preschool Director) and family on the death of her aunt.

MINISTRY NEWS

Please wear the name tag provided.

GUATEMALA MISSION COLLECTION WITH CORPORATE MATCHING - JULY 13TH

There will be a special Guatemala Mission collection during our church services on July 13th. A corporate sponsor will match dollar for dollar any funds collected, AND if we collect over \$5,000, the sponsor will match \$2.00 for every dollar above that! Here's how the funds will be used:

- ⊕ 1/2 of all monies for stove building materials, \$250 each. These stoves are life changing to the marginalized indigenous families in the Guatemala Highlands. These safe vented stoves replace open fires inside their humble homes.
- ⊕ 1/2 of monies will be used for supplementing FUMC members and youth members to participate in future mission trips to Guatemala. Typical cost is \$1050 + airfare, usually totaling about \$1,700. The distribution to our members will be made by Mission trip leader and/or the Youth Director for next year.

The 2014 Guatemala team is being commissioned today. Please support this year's team with your prayers and future FUMC members with your financial support. Thank you.

CALLED DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fredericksburg District will have a Called District Conference on Saturday, July 19, 9:30 a.m., at Trinity King George UMC, 9425 King's Highway, King George. The Conference is open to all Church Elected Officers, all Lay United Methodists and all Fredericksburg District Pastors. The following church officers from FUMC are voting members: Lay Leaders, Chair of Church Council, President UMM, President UMW. The purpose of the Called Conference is to approve the sale of Grant UMC in Westmoreland County by recommendation of the District Trustees. Grant UMC has been discontinued as of July 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Barb Jacobs, Chair of the Fredericksburg District Trustees, at (540) 582-6532 or revbarb1@verizon.net.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Study meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 210 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month (unless the church is closed). Women of the Bible - 52 Bible Studies for Individuals and Groups by Jean Syswerda is our current study. We are discovering much about Biblical women we know and those we hadn't heard of. In the process, we find they weren't so very different than we are. God uses each of us in special ways. Every week is a fresh lesson, so join in whenever you can! To order a book, arrange for babysitting or if you have further questions, call Ann Braz at 710-6588. On July 21st, THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN will have a lesson to teach us.

FUMC PRESCHOOL

FUMC Preschool has enrollment openings in our classes for four-year-olds for the upcoming school year starting in September. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word about our outstanding program! Invite your friends and family to check us out and join our preschool community this fall! Currently, classes are not in session, but the Preschool Office remains open with limited summer hours. Contact the Preschool Director, Becky Patrick, by leaving a message on the Preschool Office direct phone line (540) 899-3172 or by sending an email to preschooll@fumcva.org.

CARETAKERS OF GOD'S CREATION

Care for creation—where we turn our words into deeds. This means we are called to use our resources wisely and to make sure that we do not consume more than we need. Green Team Tip: Cut back on soft drinks by substituting tap water at least once a day.

NEW EMAIL

The new email address for the Missions Chair is TONYSCHROTH@YMAIL.COM.

UMCOR EARLY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Avenue,
Henrico, VA 23229
Saturday, August 16 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (includes background check, t-shirt, badge, manual, snacks and lunch). The Conference Disaster Response Team invites you to participate in a training event for anyone interested in disaster ministries. The class will be taught by authorized UMCOR trainers and Virginia Conference ERT trainers: Michele Michaelan, Steve Cass and Bill Lalla. To register: email Michele at miskcs@aol.com. This class will fill up quickly, so please register ASAP to save your spot.

Deadline to register is August 2, 2014

Background Forms must be sent in to the Conference by August 2.

CHAPEL PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., the Chapel Prayer Group meets to pray for FUMC members/families/friends with health or other concerns (or praises!). We always include prayers for our military members. Through time, we have lost contact with some of our military and would very much like to have an update on them. If you have any information on the following military members, please contact Pastor McCaslin at (540) 373-9021 or henrymccaslin@fumcva.org. We are looking for updates on Andrew Catron, Rebecca Stafford, Ryan Smith, Chris Doss, Ronnie Hamilton, and Charlie Martin. If there are military members in your family that you would like to have added to the prayer list, please give their names to Pastor Hank. You are most welcome to join us for prayer on Wednesdays in the second floor chapel!

SUMMER MISSION ENCOUNTER

Registration deadline is July 13.

Plan for your family to be part of this summer's **Mission Encounter** (formerly the School of Christian Mission). Co-sponsored by the Virginia United Methodist Women and the Virginia Conference Board of Global Ministries, this year's theme is **Learning Together for the Transformation of the World**. Mission Encounter sessions run from July 25-27, including sessions for children (ages 5-12) and youth, and from July 28-30 at the United Methodist Conference and Retreat Center in Blackstone. Participants will choose either a geographic study, *The Roma of Europe*; a spiritual growth study, *How Is It with Your Soul?*; or an issue study, *The Church and People with Disabilities*. The weekend children's study will be *Making a New Picture: Welcoming Persons with Disabilities into Our Lives*. Youth will be immersed into all of the weekend studies. Cost for adults and youth is \$180 and for children is \$130. Brochures, including the registration form, are on the UMW bulletin board outside the Parlor.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is seeking a person who enjoys multi-tasking to keep the church calendar, serve as personal secretary to the senior pastor, compile the weekly Yellow announcements and care for the day-to-day details of FUMC's ministry. This position is 30 hours a week, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Place your letter of interest and resume in the SPRC mailbox in the Copy Room (105) or email the Chair, Paul Prewitt, at prewitt5@cox.net.

A PLACE OF GRACE--GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

All young women are invited and encouraged to participate in the annual UMW Young Women's Event which has been designed especially for women, ages 18-35. This year's theme, "A Place of Grace--God's Greatest Gift," will be led by Mary Jane Rawley, Virginia Conference UMW Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, and her daughters, Rebecca Wright and Jennifer Hildebrand. These two stay-at-home moms and partners in a home decorating business are very actively involved in mission and UMW. The Young Women's Event will be held at the United Methodist Conference and Retreat Center in Blackstone on September 19-20. The event officially begins with supper at 7:00 p.m. on Friday (please pick up registration materials between 5:00 and 6:45 p.m.) and concludes at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The cost for this event is \$75.00, and financial support is available by contacting our UMW treasurer, Jean Himmel, at dhimmell1@cox.net. Brochures, including a registration form, can be found on the UMW bulletin board which is located in the hallway just to the right of the Parlor. Registration deadline is September 12.

SCHOOL DRESSING DAYS (SDD)

SDD is coming soon! We need: deodorant for both girls and boys and colorful, low-cut socks for girls in both women's and girl's large sizes. We are delighted to see bags of these (thank you), but would love to see more. Call Jean Himmel at 368-9541 for more information. Thanks to the Vacation Bible School participants for contributing toothpaste and toothbrushes. NOTE: The only used clothing we will distribute this year is outerwear and school-appropriate shoes.

YOUTH

From now until Sunday, August 31, all Youth (6th - 12th grades) will be together for Sunday School in our basement classroom across from the Fellowship Hall. We will watch some movies, play some games, and enjoy our time together. One Sunday in the summer, we are going to have a mountaintop worship experience in Shenandoah National Park. You don't want to miss out on this new adventure!

FUMC YOUTH SUMMER 2014

Every Sunday 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School in downstairs Youth Room

Thursday, Jul 17 - Movie Madness @ FUMC

Saturday, Jul 19 - MICAH breakfast mission

Thursday, Jul 24 - Pool Party, Spotswood
Swim Club

Thursday, Jul 31 - Movie Madness @ FUMC

Thursday, Aug 7 - Faith Night, at the
Diamond,
in Richmond

Sunday, Aug 10 - Sidewalk Prophets in
Concert
@ Hylton Memorial

Sunday, Aug 24 - Mountaintop in Shenandoah
National Park

CHRISTIANITY AND CURRENT EVENTS CLASS

*starting Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:45 a.m.,
Parlor*

A new Sunday School class starting this fall will meet in the Parlor with its restricted seating - the room has about 10-12 seating capacity. The focus is decision making as we strive to put our Christian beliefs into daily practice. What is "a" or "the" Christian answer? Why and why not? Why do individual class members, from a Christian perspective look at the same question yet not arrive at the same answer? How do they square their answer with Christian belief? How do class members reconcile different answers?

If you are interested, give Bill Blaine a call at (540) 898-1399. The plan will be to have a trial run and find a dozen who like the idea and will attend September, October, and November before deciding whether to stay or not. Once started with a nucleus of a class, others can join as classroom space is available.

OUTREACH PANTRY

The food pantry (open Monday-Friday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) always needs pasta and sauces, hot and cold cereals, powdered milk, rice, soups, bread, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly (grape/ strawberry), canned meats, meat, baby formula, and diapers. Put "outreach" on your check memo line. Contact Ed Sielski at 786-8515 if you have any questions.

**GREETERS AND INFORMATION DESK
SERVANTS NEEDED**

The Evangelism Team is seeking to recruit greeters and information desk servants for all of our services at FUMC. One of the things we seek to do as a church body is to warmly welcome persons who may be coming to our church for the first time. Our greeters are the first persons that are seen by those who are coming to our church for the first time. Likewise, having a staffed information center in our Gathering Space is important to provide “at the moment” information to those who are coming to our church. Simply put, we do not want anyone to leave FUMC feeling like we have a cold church and they weren’t warmly greeted, they did not know where to go or did not have the information they needed. We would like to provide such warm hospitality on both Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings and for funerals and events in the middle of the week. If God is nudging you to provide such service, please use the form below to indicate your preference for service and place it in the offering plate/basket as a sign of your service to God. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Robb Almy, Chair of the Evangelism Team, at Robb@ Churchingenuity.Com or (540) 408-3878.

Greeter Sign Up Sheet

I would be willing to help FUMC be a place of welcome and hospitality by volunteering to be a greeter once a month or staffing the information center once a month!

Name _____ Email _____

Best Contact # _____

I would like to greet at the following worship times...

5:30PM _____ 8:30AM _____ 9:45AM _____ 11:00AM _____

I would like to staff the information center in the gathering space...

5:30PM _____ 8:30AM _____ 9:45AM _____ 11:00AM _____

I would be willing to serve in the middle of the week for funerals or special events/services.

Yes I Can Help _____

Thank you! Please place this paper in the offering plate/basket as a sign of offering your service to God.