

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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November 16, 2014

Attendance 5:30 p.m. - 109 8:30 a.m. - 165 9:45 a.m. - 226 11:00 a.m. - 167 Total - 667

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

HOW GREAT A FOUNDATION

Over the past several weeks we have been talking about Pledges. We have approximately 600 families in the Church; 183 families have already made their commitment to support the Church and its programs for 2015, that means over 400 families have yet to commit. If you have not yet done so, now is a good time to talk it over with God; your decision to support the Church and its programs is a decision between you and God. The church leadership will make a decision in the next few weeks on the programs it will be able to fund. Remember the words of Jesus, "If you love Me, feed My sheep." We need your support to continue doing the work which He has commissioned all of us to do. In Hebrews 13, we read, "Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." May God abundantly bless you and guide you in your decision.

NATIVITY SCENES

Do you have a unique Nativity set or one with a story or family history behind it? Would you like to display your Nativity set in the windows of our Sanctuary and Kobler Hall on December 7th? Set up will be Saturday, December 6th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; pick up will be after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the 7th. There are two glass cases for display as well as for the more fragile sets (used on a first-come, first-served basis). Contact Mona Lamb at monalamb@fumcva.org or (540) 373-9021, x19 no later than November 17th, and put "Nativity Set" in the subject line. There will be a registration form to complete for the size and history.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

November 17, 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 a fresh lesson. Join in whenever you can! Questions, call Ann Braz at 710-6588.

GUATEMALAN CRAFTS

Guatemalan Crafts will be sold in the Gathering Space on November 19th, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lupe Blevins of Highland Support Project will bring all of the wonderful, colorful Guatemalan woven items, plus an array of jewelry, glassware, and wooden pieces - especially beautiful Christmas ornaments. All proceeds go to support the people in the highlands of Guatemala. Come and bring your friends.

MERRY MAKERS

On November 20, Merry Makers will leave the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for the Richmond Virginia Science Museum. There will be time to explore and have lunch on our own before the 2:00 IMAX presentation, Rocky Mountain Express. To reserve a place, send a check for \$17 to Julie Tubbs at 6301 W Dranesville Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Call 898-0876.

CHILI COOK-OFF

United Methodist Men's 4th annual Chili Cook-Off November 23, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Register to rwlachance@verizon.net by November 22nd. 1 crockpot per category; \$5.00 per entry.

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. November 19 Menu: Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Baked Pineapple, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, and Pies.

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.

FOOD POUNDING

In this season of harvest, we count our blessings, and in joyful thanks strive to be a blessing to others. You may also participate by making a donation to purchase a turkey and/or ham. Make checks payable to FUMC, memo: Food Pounding.

Grocery List for Thanksgiving Food Offering
If possible, please use a re-usable grocery bag.

Grocery shopping schedule is:

- Oct 11/12 Dressing Sunday, One Box of Bread Crumb Stuffing
- Oct 18/19 Green Bean Sunday, Two 14.5 Ounce Cans of Green Beans
- Oct 25/26 Mashed Potato Sunday, One Box Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Nov 1/2 Cranberry Sunday, One 16 Ounce Can Cranberry Sauce
- Nov 8/9 Cornbread Sunday, One Box of Cornbread Mix
- Nov 15/16 Macaroni & Cheese Sunday, One Box Mac and Cheese
- Nov 22/23 Food Offering Sunday (Bring the bag of food to worship)

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

“Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break”

by James Moore

What are the Christmas gifts that won’t break? Those gifts that cannot be lost, that never go out of style, and that 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 will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30. Please join us in one of the small groups for this study. There is a small group sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Go to www.fumcva.org to sign up online. Purchase the study book at the church for \$5.00. Questions or small group opportunity, email Pastor Won at wonlee@fumcva.org.

Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Room 236

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

Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 210

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

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

Blackstone Coffee Shop

*Childcare available for Wednesday and Sunday classes. More small group opportunities will be announced later.

YOUTH

The majority of our youth group will be traveling to Camp Hanover for our annual fall retreat, so there is **no regular UMYF Sunday, November 16.**

November 23 UMYF will meet 5-7 at church.

November 30 NO UMYF due to Thanksgiving weekend
December 6 Jeremiah Project, Carolina Cross Connection, and Fred Camp youth will hold our annual Christmas parade fundraiser for our summer mission trips. Come by and see us on Princess Anne by the lower kitchen for coffee, hot cocoa, hot dogs, and more. Everything is \$1!

DAY OF HOLY CONVERSATION

Saturday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Deadline to register is noon, Monday, November 17. The event at Woodlake UMC, 15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield, will be live streamed to 12 more sites across the conference. All Virginia Conference clergy and laity are invited to participate at one of the 13 sites. Participate in the event through a live stream at Ebenezer UMC. Registration fee of \$10 includes lunch.

CONGRATULATIONS

The light of Christ is shining brightly though many of our youth at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church as they take on leadership roles throughout the Virginia Conference. **Brandon Bolick**, a sophomore in high school, was selected to serve on the Conference Council of Youth Ministry where he will serve on conference youth retreat teams and throughout our conference.

Each summer, FUMC youth serve with The Jeremiah Project, a mission ministry specializing in providing short-term mission trips for middle school students. Four of our freshmen high school students have been chosen to serve in their leadership program, Lead Four: Twelve: **Annemarie Allen, Alexandra Boatwright, Megan Earnesty, and Kaley Lampman**. As part of this disciple group of twelve students from our conference, these girls are called to discover and develop their potential for leadership, grow in their understanding and application of their spiritual gifts, and position themselves to be used in great measure by God. We praise God that all of you have accepted this call to ministry!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.

FUMC Sanctuary

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who supported FUMC's Boy, Cub, and Girl Scouts with the 2014 "Scouting for Food" Drive. Together, we collected close to 3,000 pounds of food! All the food collected stocked the FUMC food Pantry and the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Thank you for making a difference in someone's life.

The FUMC Scouts

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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . .



ADVENT ADVENTURE

On December 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., we invite families to celebrate the season of Advent. Our focus will be on images of the Nativity; we will be able to see a giant and detailed Nativity scene set up by one of our church members. Families will work through "make and take" stations to create your own Nativity scenes.

CHRISTMAS COVERED-DISH DINNER

For a delightful evening of delicious foods, great entertainment, and wonderful fellowship, you will not want to miss this year's UMW-UMM Christmas Covered-Dish Dinner on Thursday, December 4! We will gather in Kobler Hall at 6:30 p.m. Following our dinner, we will honor, and hopefully surprise, several members of our church family whose service and dedication to the ministries of our church have not gone unnoticed. Our evening will continue with a special Christmas musical program presented by the Lakers. (We will express our gratitude with a love offering for the Lakers.) Childcare will be provided if requested by Monday, December 1. We hope that you'll select a tasty dish to bring along with your spouse or other friend and join the fun!

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Ring in the holidays and show the city of Fredericksburg the love of Jesus while participating in the 2014 Christmas Parade! We are looking for people to help with building and decorating FUMC's float, as well as riding or walking alongside the float during the parade itself. Last year, our float won 2nd place! Will you help us bring the presence of Jesus to the city's parade again this year? If you are interested in helping, please contact Spike Burton at (540) 226-7346 or spikeburton@fumcva.org.

BOOK BUDDIES!

The United Methodist Women, once again, is collecting new or gently used children's books (ages birth-12) for disadvantaged children served by *The Salvation Army and The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary* at Toyland. A collection box marked with *The Salvation Army* shield is located in the Mission Control area. The final day for collection is Sunday, November 30.

Sharon West, (540) 891-9230, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary

CHRISTMAS WISH (ANGEL/DOVE) TREE

The Christmas Wish (Angel/Dove) Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, November 19. When you select a *Dove* from our tree, 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. Although their identities are confidential, their Christmas wishes have been provided through the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB). Please place wrapped *Dove* gifts in the parlor by Sunday, December 7. The gifts will be inventoried on Sunday December 7. If you have questions about *Dove* gifts, contact Linda Conlin at 891-4297.

When you choose an *Angel* from our tree, you will 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. Another important aspect of 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.

Sign on one of the clipboards located near the tree for each *Dove* or *Angel* ornament you choose. Be sure to pick up a copy of instructions. Thanks for helping continue this cherished holiday tradition.

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 15	
Youth Hanover Retreat (offsite)	7:00 a.m.
Fredericksburg District Conference	8:00 a.m.-5:00 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.

Sunday, November 16	
Youth Hanover Retreat (offsite)	return 2:00 p.m.
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.
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.
Pizza with the Pastors (202, 236)	12:30-2:00 p.m.
Rehearsal: Wesley Ringers (118)	10:45-11:30 a.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

Monday, November 17	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Monday Morning Bible Study (210)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meetings: Staff Parish Committee (210)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18	
Micah Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: Staff (202)	9:30-11:00 a.m.

Cub Scouts (207-210, 214, Green)	5:00-8:00 p.m.
AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Toastmasters (201)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Education: Tuesday Bible Study (Parlor)	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball (Kobler Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19	
Guatemalan Craft Sale (Gathering Space)	11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Worship: Wednesday Chapel (Chapel)	11:00-11:30 a.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, Fellow., Youth)	6:00-10:00 p.m.
UMW Mission Team (Library)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
AA Fred Chapter (201)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Dinner (Kobler Hall)	5:00-6:30 p.m.
Education: Women's Bible Study (209, 37)	9:15-11:45 a.m.
Disciple "Fast Track" Bible Study (209)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Disciple IV Bible Study (202)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

Newcomers' Class (210)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
We Give Thanks (213-216)	6:30-7:30 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, Sanctuary)	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, November 20	
Merry Makers Trip (offsite)	9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: LeLeche League (236)	10:00-11:00 a.m.
ASK After School Program (209, 210, 2313)	3:30-6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 170 - Committee (209)	6:00-10:00 p.m.
LeLeche League (207)	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 170 - Patrol/ASM (208, 210)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
UMW Wesleyan Circle (102, Library)	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 21	
Preschool (Preschool Classrooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: MOPS (35, 37, Fellowship Hall)	9:15-11:45 a.m.
GS Trp 263 (202,207-210,236,50,54,Chpl, Cmns, Kblr)	4:00-7:00 p.m.

NA (Fellowship Hall)	6:30-9:00 p.m. & 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up.	

Saturday, November 22	FOOD POUNDING
Upward Basketball Evaluations (236, Gathering, Kobler Hall)	7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Education: Co-Parent Class "SPARE" (201)	8:30 a.m.-2:00 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.
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Rehearsal: Wesley Ringers (118)	10:45-11:45 a.m.
Youth Choir (Choir Room and Sanctuary)	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Chapel Ringers (118)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
UMYF (207, 209, 213, 219, Fellowship, Kobler, Youth, Green)	4:00-7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Sanctuary)	6:00 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.