

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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November 23, 2014

Attendance 5:30 p.m. - 51 8:30 a.m. - 143 9:45 a.m. - 130 11:00 a.m. - 126 Total - 450

Those known to be in the hospital: Julie Tubbs (MWH); Mary Grace Becker (MWH)

Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Elinor Stroud who passed away November 9.

Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Snyder who passed away November 16.

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

FOOD POUNDING

Grocery List for Thanksgiving Food Offering: 1 Box of Bread Crumb Stuffing, 2 14.5-Ounce Cans of Green Beans, 1 Box Instant Mashed Potatoes, 1 16-Ounce Can Cranberry Sauce, 1 Box of Cornbread Mix, and 1 Box Mac and Cheese. Bring the bag of food to worship. *(If possible, please use a re-usable grocery bag.)* You may also participate by making a donation to purchase \$15 gift cards that go with each bag to purchase a turkey and/or ham. Make checks payable to FUMC, memo: Food Pounding.



☞ **4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall** ☜



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. ~ FUMC Sanctuary

HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

Harimenshi (Samuel) Ezekiel became the first member of his family to become an American citizen when he took the U.S. citizenship oath in Richmond on Wednesday, November 19th. The Ezekiel family attended FUMC from their 2008 U.S. arrival until 2011. The Burundian family of 11 spent nearly its whole existence as refugees fleeing, on foot, the Rwandan genocidal war and its aftermath. They lived in Congolese and Tanzanian refugee camps. FUMC supported the ecumenical effort to assist the family with transportation, driver training, school tutoring, food, furniture, household supplies, and a welcoming and nurturing church fellowship.

NATIVITY SCENES

Have a unique Nativity set or one with a story or family history behind it? Would you like to display it in the windows of our Sanctuary and Kobler Hall on December 7th? Set up is Saturday, December 6th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; pick up is after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the 7th. There are also two glass cases for display 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, and put "Nativity Set" in the subject line. Complete the registration form for the size/history.

YOUTH

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 see us on Princess Anne by the lower kitchen for coffee, hot cocoa, hot dogs, and more. Everything is \$1!

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

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 November 29, December 27, January 24, or February 28, or for more 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.

NURSERY HELP AT CHRISTMAS

FUMC offers nursery coverage for both the 6:00 and 8:00 services on Christmas Eve. We have one nursery worker for each of these services, but are in need of another adult to care for young children during each of these services. PLEASE CONSIDER 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.).

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.

FUMC 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

THE STORY OF RUTH IN ROTATION STATION

The children in Rotation Station just finished studying the book of Ruth. They say through the story of Ruth and Naomi, that the Bible teaches us about love and loyalty, commitment and community. Their story reflects God's love for us and what it means to be a part of God's family. Thank you to those who brought the story to life by teaching the children: Carol and Janine Kuty (storytelling), Kristyn Dorrier (games), Kevin Perry (media), Leigh Sutton (art), Tamarisk Gillespie (music), Melissa Eagleton (2nd grade), Jason Gordon (3rd grade), Pat Blosser (4th grade), and Suzanne Nobles (5th grade). Today, the children are starting the unit, "In The Manger." Media selections for this unit include "Little House on the Prairie - Christmas at Plum Creek," "The Crippled Lamb," "Alabaster's Song," and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The January unit is "Calling the Disciples." We need shepherds for 2nd and 4th grade.

ADVENT ADVENTURE

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

2015 WAYFARER MOSAIC DEVOTIONALS

The 2015 edition of the Mosaic, a devotional written by the Wayfarers Sunday School class and friends, is available for purchase for \$15 a copy. A limited number of large-print copies are also available. The Mosaic is a weekly devotional, with 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.

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

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. 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. 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. 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; 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!

There is no Wednesday Fellowship Dinner this week. See you next Wednesday, December 3.

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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? 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS COVERED-DISH DINNER, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Kobler Hall

The UMW-UMM Christmas Covered-Dish Dinner is a delightful evening of delicious foods, great entertainment, and wonderful fellowship. Following dinner, we will honor and, hopefully, surprise, some members of our church family whose service and dedication to our church ministries have not gone unnoticed. Afterward, the Lakers will present a special Christmas musical program (a love offering will be collected for them.) Childcare will be provided if requested by Monday, December 1. Bring a tasty dish, along with your spouse or other friend, and join the fun!

CHRISTMAS PARADE

If you want to help build and decorate FUMC's float, and to ride or walk alongside it during the parade, contact Spike Burton at (540) 226-7346 or spikeburton@fumcva.org. Help us bring the presence of Jesus to the city's parade this year.

NO OPEN DOOR SERVICE, DECEMBER 6, 2014

Due to the Christmas Parade, there will be no 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, December 6th.

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

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 22	FOOD POUNDING
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, November 23	FOOD POUNDING
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.
UMM CHILI COOK-OFF (Fellowship Hall)	12:30-2:00 p.m.
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.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Sanctuary)	6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 24	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (Kobler Hall)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting: NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 pm.

Tuesday, November 25	
Micah Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (Kobler Hall)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting: AA (Fellowship Hall)	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 26	
Worship: Wednesday Chapel (Chapel)	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting: AA Fred Chapter (201)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Education: Disciple "Fast Track" Bible Study (209)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Disciple IV Bible Study (202)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
AA Fred Chapter (201)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Rehearsal: Praise Team (115)	7:00-10:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)	7:00-9:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	

Friday, November 28	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
Meeting: NA (Fellowship Hall)	6:30-9:00 p.m. & 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up.	

Saturday, November 29	
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.
Meeting: AA Fred Chapter (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Micah Cold-Weather Pick Up	

Sunday, November 30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship: Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship (Kobler Hall)	9:45 a.m.
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Youth Choir (Choir Room)	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Chapel Ringers (118)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Centering Prayer Meeting (Parlor)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

Monday, December 1	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Monday Morning Bible Study (210)	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Meeting: NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 2	
Micah Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: Staff Meeting (202)	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts (207)	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees (Library)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball (Kobler Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.