

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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November 30, 2014

Attendance 5:30 p.m. - 43 8:30 a.m. - 147 9:45 a.m. - 167 11:00 a.m. - 135 Total - 492
Those known to be in the hospital: Byron Filler (Health South)

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 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 memorable experience of the Bethlehem Walk in Goochland, Virginia. You experience the sights, sounds, and smells at the time of Jesus' birth. You've never experienced anything like it before. There will be a sign-up for adult drivers. More details to come!

December 14 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 \$\$\$).

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.

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.

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.

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!

LAST DAY TO DONATE - 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*

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

December 1, 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.

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 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.

POINSETTIAS

If you wish 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.

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 3 Menu: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Dessert.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Lynda Swanlund as our new Financial Administrator. Lynda is a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

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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

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.

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, November 29		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		

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.

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.
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.
Advent Bible Study (209)		11:00 a.m.
Advent Bible Study (offsite)		3:00 p.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.
Rehearsal: Wesley Ringers (118)		10:45-11:30 a.m.
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.

Thursday, December 4	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 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.
Coat of Many Colors Support Group (202)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Support Group (201)	7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 5	
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 6		ADVENT
Co-Parent Education Class (201)		8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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.
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.
Rehearsal: Wesley Ringers (118)		10:45-11:45 a.m.
Youth Choir (Choir Room and Sanctuary)		2:00-3:00 p.m.
Chapel Ringers (118)		5:30-6:30 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 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.

Wednesday, December 3	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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.
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 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.

Monday, December 8	
Preschool (Preschool Rooms)	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meeting: NA (Fellowship)	7:00-8:30 p.m.

