



The monthly newsletter of the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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The Open Door



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PASTOR'S CORNER

The weekend after Labor Day, September 12 and 13, is the launch of the 2015-2016 ministry year for Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Just as children and youth are settling into a new school routine and summer vacations are coming to an end, we begin a new year of finding our spiritual rhythm, getting back

into routines that have drawn us close to the Holy One over the years and being nudged by the Holy Spirit to practice new disciplines. Prayer, Bible study, small groups, serving, solitude, fasting, journaling, covenant/accountability groups, artistic expression and reflection are a few of the ways disciples through the centuries have deepened their relationship with God.



MINISTRY EXPO

At this year's Ministry Expo, you will have the opportunity to explore the various ministries of FUMC, and sign-up to join others, as together we seek to grow in our relationship with Christ and invite others to celebrate the journey. What is your passion? Be sure to stop by the Lay Leadership Table and share the gifts you would like to offer in ministry. What a great weekend to invite someone to join you in worship, see the Expo, make new friends and enjoy refreshments.

Save the dates:
Ministry Expo ...
September 12-13
Chili Cookoff ...
September 30
Church Picnic ...
October 4

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

A new sermon series, "The Healing Stories of Jesus," starts August 30 and continues through October 25. There are many facets of our lives that yearn for healing. Jesus came so that we might have abundant life (John 10:10). Is there a part of you that needs to be made whole?

Brenda
 REV. DR. BRENDA BILER

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES
August 30 ... Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 ... Healing Intentions
September 6 ... Mark 7:24-37 ... Healing Inhibitions
September 13 ... Mark 8:27-38 ... Healing Fear
September 20 ... Mark 9:30-37 ... Healing Pride
September 27 ... Mark 9:30-37 ... Healing Divisions
October 4 ... Mark 10:2-16 ... Healing Trust

Keeping the Future in Sight

Greetings from the FUMC Finance Committee. If you've been in church this summer, you've caught some videos we've shown of committed church members talking about what Kobler Hall means to them and to this church. You're probably saying to yourself, "These are great, but what is the point?" Keep your eyes peeled — our point will become clear to you very soon!

We will be sharing with you in the coming weeks about ways we can give back to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, which has given so much to all of us. We believe you will begin to see a picture of the ways God has blessed this congregation and of how we can all help secure its future. Our focus is on the perspective of our Lord and savior; when we view FUMC through His lens, we see a thriving, vital, caring, generous congregation. God's vision is 20/20!



SPECIAL DATES



Point of contact: **Marcia Johnson, Visitation Coordinator**
marciajmail@gmail.com, 540-368-1099

(Dates are birthdays unless otherwise indicated.)

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." — Gal 6:10

September 7

Norma Connelly

3500 Meekins Dr., Rm. 2064, F'burg, VA 22407

September 8

Lucy Wiygul

9927 Avalon Way, F'burg, VA 22408

September 8

Spike Burton

September 9

Virginia Thompson

12100 Chancellor's Village Ln., Apt. 3201
F'burg, VA 22407

September 16

Gordon Linkous

110 Pr. Edward St., F'burg, VA 22401

September 19

Jackie Janney

12100 Chancellor's Village Ln., Apt. 6201
F'burg, VA 22407

"The Creation" Collector Plates on Display

“The Creation,” a collector plate series by artist Yiannis Koutis, is currently on display in the glass case in the Gathering Space. Stop by to see this awe-inspiring artist's rendering of Old Testament stories, such as Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Jacob's Wedding, and others. Twelve plates comprise the series, which were given to our church by an anonymous donor. The Heritage Committee is interested in identifying the donor. If you have any information about the collection, please contact Margaret Mock, church.archives@fumcva.org or 540-371-3740.

Please note: As part of its mission, the Heritage Committee mounts history-related displays in the glass case, which was donated two years ago by the Bazaar. The committee is willing to share the space. If your organization would like to use the display case, please contact Margaret.

SCHOOL DRESSING DAYS – 2015

Jean Himmel, 540-368-9541

We thank you for your generous support of the School Dressing Days

Thank You

project again this year. You gave underwear, socks, jeans, backpacks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, gently-used outerwear and shoes as well as money and time. The preliminary count over two days was 1,144 children from Kindergarten through high school and some very cute Head-start children. Plans are already underway for next year's event, so keep us in mind throughout the year, especially when you have gently-used outerwear and backpacks to give away.



UMM OFFICERS:

**Larry Julihn, President • Bob LaChance, Vice President
Bryan Kitchens, Treasurer • Bob Pickett, Devotional Leader**

All men are invited to join the UMM on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We adjourn to the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. for our devotional. Come and join your brothers in Christ for food and fellowship.

Preschool News



As September begins, FUMC Preschool is excited to be starting a brand-new school year! This fall, we have 20 staff members and 138 students in 11 classes. Our program for 2s, 3s, and 4s offers Music and PE classes, daily recess time on our enclosed outdoor playground, field trips, arts and crafts, Chapel with our Pastors, Mother's Night, Thanksgiving Feasts, Christmas programs, Father's Night, End-of-Year Programs, Family Picnics on the Methodist Green, along with numerous other special events and guest speakers. We welcome the librarian each semester, and in the past, we have had presentations from policemen, firefighters, doctors, chefs, and even a bee-keeper!

If you have a special talent or hobby or skill that you would like to share with our preschoolers, please contact Becky Patrick in the Preschool Office (540-899-3172) to schedule a time to come visit and share your expertise! Weekday mornings are full of activity downstairs in the Preschool, and we thank the FUMC congregation for your support of this valuable church ministry!

Fifth Annual FUMC United Methodist Men CHILI COOKOFF
Wednesday, September 30th
5:00-6:30 p.m. in Kobler Hall
Donations accepted at the door.

The UMM will serve a dinner of UMM Ragin Cajun chili, hotdogs and chili-mac.
Reservations required just like any Wednesday Night Dinner, rwlachance@verizon.net or 540-891-4342.

**DO YOU MAKE THE BEST CHILI?
 ENTER AND LET THE JUDGES DECIDE!!**

★ Best Overall ★ Best Texan ★ Best Southern ★ Best Non-Traditional

Entries: 1 crockpot per category; entry fee \$5.00 per entry
 Open to everyone!

3 Category Awards: Texas style (beef, no beans); Southern style (beef with beans); Non-traditional (vegetarian, turkey, seafood, white bean, etc.) Blind Judging: for Taste, Texture and Appearance. One Best Overall award.

Take-out containers of chili available for sale.
Please register no later than September 22nd by email to rwlachance@verizon.net.

In **CHRISTIAN** *Our FUMC*
Sympathy *family*
expresses
sympathy and love to the
family and friends of...

Dr. Brenda J. Biler on the death of her mother, Betty I. Biler, on August 8
Nancy & Ed Sielski and family on the death of her brother, Douglas Redgrave
Shirley Cullop on the death of her mother, Ina Williams Cullop, on August 6
Adam & Leigh Sutton and family on the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Sutton
David & Barbara Snyder on the passing of his uncle

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Every woman of the church is invited to become a member of United Methodist Women because when women come together for missions, amazing things can happen. The theme for 2015 is "Welcomed by God, Welcoming All."

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ...

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of Mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

UMW PROGRAMS & DATES

September 3

- 10:00am Gladys Cocke Circle
Downstairs Fellowship Hall
Fellowship and Coffee
- 10:30am UMW Reading Program Presentation
Leader: Charlotte Edge
- 11:15am Bag Lunch

September 3

- 7:00pm Book Group: Women Enriched by Books
Parlor
Book Title: *An Invisible Thread*

September 10

- 7:30pm Mary Ellen Stephenson Circle, Parlor
Program: *Women of the Bible*

September 17

- 7:00pm Wesleyan Circle, Room 102
Program: *Twenty Years in the Holy Land*
Leader: Janet Lewis, UM Missionary

September 24

- 7:00pm Mission Team Meeting, Library

September 26

- 9:30am - Fredericksburg District UMW Annual
1:30pm Meeting, Trinity UMC, King George
Program: *Human Trafficking*
Leader: Michele Trampe
Each person is asked to bring a bag lunch.

October 1

- Gladys Cocke Circle — No Meeting (See October 3)

October 3

- 10:30am Blessings of the Animals, Methodist Green
Pastor Won will officiate.

October 3

- 11:30am - General Meeting beginning with a
1:30pm catered luncheon
Program: *UMVIM Missions Improve Lives of Women in Guatemala and Haiti*
Speaker: Terri Wiseman

Please call Carol Kuty at 540-898-0256 or Pat Blosser at 540-373-0593 if you have questions about our supportive community of women. Check out the United Methodist Women bulletin board next to the Parlor!

UMW NOTECARDS FOR SALE

Another way for you to support missions is to purchase and use FUMC notecards. Packages of 10 notecards with envelopes, featuring a pen and ink drawing of our church by Jack Burnette, are on sale for \$5.00 each. The cards are located in a basket at the Charlotte Street entrance. Place cash or a check in the envelope provided in the basket. Money from the sale of FUMC notecards is used for missions — the heart of a United Methodist Woman!

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT ...

This annual event, which is offered for women between the ages of 18 and 40, will take place September 18 and 19 at the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The event begins with supper at 7:00 p.m. on September 18 and concludes at 4:00 p.m. on September 19. The cost is \$75.00. Scholarships and financial support are available; contact United Methodist Women treasurer Jean Himmel at dhimmel1@cox.net for more information. The theme is "Being Enough." Event leaders are Rev. Joanna Paysour, Associate Pastor of Cave Spring UMC, and Sarah Stephens, a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. **The deadline for registration is September 11.** Registration forms are posted on the United Methodist Women bulletin board, next to the Parlor. Though this event is sponsored by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, one does not have to be a UMW member to attend.



CHILDREN'S NEWS



"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." —Proverbs 22:6

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

As we prepare to start a new school year, we invite children of all ages and teachers, coaches, bus drivers, etc. to ask God's blessing on their scholastic endeavors at our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6. Please bring your backpack with you to worship that day. Our pastors will lead us in praying over your backpacks for a good school year. We will even have a special item to attach to your backpack to help us remember that His Spirit goes with us all through the school day.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children move up to their new grade level of Sunday School classes on September 13. Second graders should come to the chapel on the second floor to meet with the 3rd – 5th graders for Rotation Station. Sixth graders will move up to the sixth grade Sunday School class.

PASTRIES AND PRAYERS

On Tuesday, September 8, we invite you to come to the Sanctuary for a time of personal prayer for your children and the school year. We will have pastries and juice in the Gathering Space from 8:00 until 11:00 as a time for parents to fellowship with each other.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

Do you love children? Do you love Jesus? Do you love sharing Jesus with children? We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year for our four year old class and our first grade class. The curriculum, training, and materials are provided for you. The hugs and smiles are FREE! Please prayerfully consider.

ROTATION STATION

We need people to teach Rotation Station Sunday School during the upcoming school year! We need almost 100 people to make Rotation Station happen each year without people needing to serve twice. This is for ALL of our church family, not just parents of children. We all have some way to share the Good News with our children. Materials and curriculum are provided. Workshop leaders plan one lesson and teach it four times to different groups of children. Shepherds commit to five weeks and serve as a helper for the teachers and a friend to the children. Please see which unit you are interested in helping with. IT IS FUN! The units for the upcoming year are as follows:

- *"Bible Teachings – The Shema and Beatitudes"*
September 13 – October 18 (not on Children's Sabbath)
Still need storytelling, music, 4th grade, and 5th grade.
- *"Jeremiah"* – October 25 – November 22
- *"Isaiah: Fulfilling the Prophecy"* – December 6 – January 3
- *"Teach Us How To Pray"* – January 10 – February 7

MEET FUMC'S KIDS

JACK ALLEN is an 11 year old fifth grader at Fredericksburg Academy with a huge heart! He is the son of Patrick and Shirley Allen and little brother to Annemarie (age 15) and Lucy (age 13). Jack and his family regularly worship at the 8:30 service. He also attends Sunday School, Wednesday night dinner and programming, VBS, Kids With Purpose, our running club, and is a quasi-member

of the youth group (where his mother is the director). His favorite memory from FUMC is meeting TK (another FUMC youth). He also enjoys serving at the Micah breakfast.

This summer, Jack attended Westview on the James summer camp. When not at church, Jack enjoys going to school, playing games, riding his bike, helping around the house, anything Red Sox, Legos, Star Wars, or Avengers, snow skiing, hiking, and camping. Jack's favorite book is the Bible and his favorite verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When Jack grows up he wants to be a zoologist who specializes in chimpanzee research and protection, just like Jane Goodall.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY – BIBLE GAME NIGHTS

On Wednesday nights, September 16, 23, and 30, we will have Bible game nights for children in grades k - 5 and their families from 6:30 - 7:30. Join us for a Wednesday night dinner (or the United Methodist Men's Chili Cookoff on September 30), children's choirs, and lots of adult class opportunities.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY – GRADE LEVEL STUDIES

On Wednesday nights, October 21, 28, November 4, and 11, we will host our "Grade Level Studies" program. Fifth graders will focus on the Apostles' Creed. They will learn what a creed is, what the different phrases mean, and how it applies to them.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Once again this year we will celebrate the National Children's Sabbath with our children leading us in worship at all four worship services. We will celebrate on October 10 and 11. Mark your calendars now!!! Our theme will be "God's Wish." There is a way for everyone to participate. Rising fifth graders have the opportunity to share their own testimony and help with the sermon. We also need scripture readers, acolytes, ushers, readers for prayers, call to worship, benediction, artists for the bulletin, musicians, and anyone who wants to participate. Children should let Shannon know now how you would like to serve in worship on this day. We will have a rehearsal for the traditional services on Wednesday, October 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 and on Saturday, October 10 from 2:00 – 3:00 for the contemporary services.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Each year, FUMC presents its third graders with Bibles of their own. We will be presenting these on the Children's Sabbath – October 10 and 11. During our "Grade Level Studies" program on Wednesday nights during October and November, third graders will have a special class opportunity to learn more about using their Bibles. If you have a rising third grade child, please let us know how you would like their name printed on the Bible as well as which service you will attend that day. Contact Shannon Bolick (office #203) for the form and return by Sunday, September 20.

IN THE CHURCH ...

OUTREACH Pantry

by Ed Sielski,
Outreach Coordinator



The FUMC Outreach Food Pantry is presently focusing on food products only. Our present inventory is in need of cereals, canned peas, canned fruit, canned soups, canned meat, pancake syrup and bread. Please place these items in the appropriate container in Mission Control. Since we now have an adequate supply, we do not need peanut butter, jelly, mashed potatoes and pasta. Monetary donations may also be made by writing "Food Pantry" in the memo section of your check. Contact Ed Sielski with questions. (540-786-8515)

Hospital Visits

Planning a hospital stay? Are you headed to surgery? Want to have prayer and someone from the clergy staff to visit? Tell us when you are in the hospital. If surgery is scheduled, tell us the day, time and place where a Pastor can locate you. Our Pastors can serve you best when they know your schedule. They can meet you at the health facility prior to surgery. They can have prayer and support you and your loved ones. Hospitals no longer notify churches when members are hospitalized. If you wish to have a Pastor visit, you or a family member will need to notify the church.

Fredericksburg MOPS

Fall is here and the Fredericksburg MOPS chapter (Mothers of Preschoolers) is preparing for another semester of ministering to mothers & children within our community. In order to make this happen, we need caring and energetic Moppets (childcare) volunteers. We meet on the first and third Fridays of the month at FUMC from 9:30 until 11:30, beginning in October.

Please consider supporting this fun and meaningful ministry! Contact Allison Xanthopoulos at either fmopssteering@gmail.com or Jillian Murray at hintoflime5@gmail.com if interested.

Do you have a student or students attending a Virginia college, community college or university this fall?

Give us their names so our Campus Ministers and Chaplains can connect with them. It's easy to do ... just go to the website below. Our campus ministries will take it from there. The schools can't give out names so we rely on you to help us make these connections. Pastors, parents, youth leaders, students – go to www.vaumc.org/2014College, fill out the form, submit and help us all stay connected and in ministry with one another.

Holy Communion to our Shut-ins

Holy Communion is a sacrament of the United Methodist Church. It is a means of grace and a vital part of the worship experience for believers in Jesus as the Christ. The Membership, Care, and Nurture Ministry wants to provide Holy Communion to those who are not able to attend worship on a regular basis due to life and health concerns.

If you have previously received lay-communion-server training and have been serving the shut-ins, we want to provide a refresher orientation and new communion sets. Or, if you sense a strong desire to be a new lay-communion servant, taking communion to those confined to their home, nursing/retirement home, or hospital room, contact the Pastor of Congregational Care, Rev. Won Lee, 540-373-9021, ext. 15, or email at wonlee@fumcva.org.

MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers

IN THE CHURCH ...

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner Menu

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS

Join your friends for yummy food and a chance to meet new friends in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. The first step is to sign up each week **BY MONDAY** on the bulletin board outside the church work room, in the Gathering Space or by contacting Lisa Earnesty at earnesty@verizon.net. Standing reservations will be accepted. If your plans change, please call the office and cancel your reservation so that we can maintain an accurate count for food shopping and preparation. When you decide that you don't want the evening to end, stay and help clean up!

Adults - \$7, Children - \$3 for 3-12, Under 3 is free,
Families - \$25 (Tickets will be sold for take-out meals)

September 16, 2015

BBQ • Baked Beans • Cole Slaw • Potato Salad • Fruit • Dessert

September 23, 2015

Creamed Chicken • Rice • Green Beans • Salad • Fruit • Dessert

*Thank
You*

Dear FUMC,
Thank you for your many prayers and expressions of sympathy, following the death of my mother, Betty.

The basket of flowers were a tangible expression of God's love-that love that you have shared with me these past two years. You are a mighty witness of the Body of Christ.

With Thanksgiving,
Brenda

Girl Scout Silver Project

Operation Happier Halloween is part of a Girl Scout Silver Project hosted by Girl Scouts, Jenna Montijo and Langley Polk, here at our church. Operation Happier Halloween is a mission to collect, gently used, Halloween costumes for the less fortunate kids and teens in our area. The drop off point for the costumes is in the Mission Control room. Thank you for your support!

Bazaar Workshop Update

We will meet every Monday until the Bazaar in November. Everyone is invited to these workshops in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. List of items needed in Mission Control. Contact Sharon Bradshaw 373-8245 if you have any questions or ideas.



Festival of Wreaths

In conjunction with the upcoming BAZAAR November 7, 2015, we will again be having the FESTIVAL OF WREATHS. This is an opportunity to make a wreath to be displayed on the doors around the church from the 1st of October until noon of the day of the BAZAAR. People will be participating in a Silent Auction to purchase the wreath(s) of their choice. If you are interested in making a wreath, sign up for contributing a wreath by calling Janet Davis 371-1045 by September 14, 2015. The theme of the wreath doesn't have to be Christmas and for additional information, just call me. We have openings for only 25 participants, so be sure to call when you see this notice. It's a lot of fun! The minimum bid is \$25.00 and in the past we have had some lovely and unique wreaths. Since this is a part of the Bazaar only every other year, it is looked forward to as one of the highlights for talented people to display their creativity.



Stephen Ministry Update

Plans are underway to relaunch Stephen Ministry. Please contact the Church Office if you are a trained Stephen Minister and interested in serving (MonaLamb@fumcva.org, 540 373-9021).

IN THE CHURCH ...

A Class is Forming Now! Sign Up for Disciple I Bible Study

What is a Disciple I Bible Study? It is people hungry for the transforming word of God who commit themselves to disciplined daily reading and study of the Scriptures. They come together to share their understanding in a comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere. The study manual follows a format that opens one to deeper spiritual and scriptural growth. There are two 17-week sessions--first covers Old Testament--it begins Wed., 9/16--the second session covers the New Testament and begins in Jan. 2016. A schedule of classes is available for review.

INTERESTED in being part of this study? Sign up! Then come to an orientation on Wed., Sept. 9, 7 p.m., room 210. Study Manuals will be issued. Cost is \$40. If cost is a concern, please talk with Hank or Janet. If you can't make orientation, a private one will be scheduled with you. Sign-up sheets are available in Kobler Hall and the Sanctuary Lobby. If you have questions call Hank at 540-903-0090, Janet at 540-548-3510, email henrymccaslin@yahoo.com

HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH

With our custodian out for the summer with a disability we need some help doing some light chores around the church, such as vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning windows for a couple of hours each day. Please mark "Cleaning and Upkeep of Church" on the tear off portion of this announcement sheet. The Facilities Manager will call or email each volunteer to set up a convenient time for you.

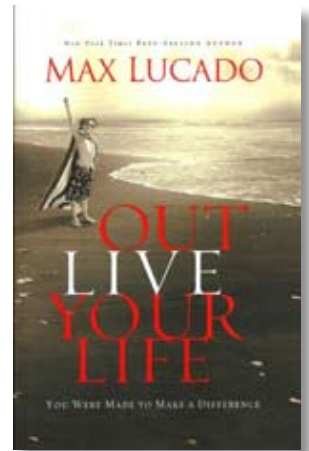
ECUMENICAL CENTERING PRAYER

The Contemplative practice of Centering Prayer is being held each Sunday evening in the Parlor. We begin at 6:45 p.m., starting promptly, and ending at 7:45 p.m. (lasting one hour). If you have ever considered a "closer walk with God" this form of prayer is a golden opportunity. The goal of Centering Prayer is simple - closeness to God. This prayer time is open to all Christians of any denomination. Any questions, please call Janet Davis at 371-0145.

Monday Morning Spiritual Growth Study

On Monday, September 21 the Monday Morning Bible Study group, which meets in Room 210 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on first and third Mondays, except when the church is closed and during the summer, will begin an exciting, powerful 16 week study, *Outlive Your Life* by Max Lucado. This book is based on the beginning of the Christian church as related in the book of Acts. Each session will be self-contained, so that missing a session or two won't limit one's benefits from the study.

We welcome women and men to join us. Each participant is asked to obtain his/her own copy of the book. (The ISBN # is 978-0-8499-2069-1.) If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Carol Kutty (540-898-0256 or janinekutty@yahoo.com) or Charlotte Edge (540-371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com).



Used Adult Sunday School study books have been organized for your use. A sample copy of each book and a list stating the number of copies available is in the Church Library. You may borrow the sample copy to preview by signing the form available in the Library. Please return the sample copy to the box for returns. The books are available:

- To borrow for class use and then return
- To preview before ordering new or used books

You may request use of these books by notifying the Church Office. Donate your used Sunday School Study books to the collection. Just bring them to the library.



IN THE CHURCH ...

CANDLEBURNING 2015



Each year, the congregation of FUMC is invited by the United Methodist Women (UMW) to take part in the Candleburning program. This is one of the ways funds are raised for UMW projects around the world. Individuals or families donate money in honor of or in memory of loved ones. This year, the always generous people of this church donated \$1,376 through Candleburning. Mission candles are burned at local, district and conference levels based on the donations at each level. At our General Meeting on October 3, the mission candle will burn for 38 minutes to signify the 2,293 seconds of mission work your \$1,376 will pay for. Thank you for your generosity. The following is a list of honorees this year.

<i>In Honor Of</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>By</i>
Catherine Blosser, my granddaughter	Pat Blosser	Daisy Allman	Nancy Swift	Elnora Johnson	Florence Ridderhof
Rebekah Blosser, my granddaughter	Pat Blosser	Judy Ayers' Mother, Phyllis Bellis (105)	Jeanette Regan	Maurice and Elizabeth Jordan	Melanie Jordan
Helen Boswell	Camilla and Paul Prewitt	Margaret Belman	Ferris and Edna Belman	My sister, Beverly Keller	Alice Blain
Peggy Brewster	Terri and Sandy Wiseman	Tokiko Blaine	Bill Blaine	Chuck Krisfalusi, in honor of his generous and loving heart	Nikki Sportsman, Lily, Kate and Zoe
Marsha Danuser	Janine Kutty	Ethel Born	Mary Jordan	Christine Kutty	Carol Kutty
Charlotte Edge	Barbara & CM Williams	Christine Bradbury	Anne Lee	Christine Kutty	Janine Kutty
FUMW Circle Leaders	Barbara & CM Williams	Mary Jane O'Rork Cash	Sandy Howson	My sister, Geraldine M. Lennon	Elizabeth Corcoran
FUMC Pastors	Jean Himmel	Elaine Cover	Janine Kutty	Parents, Joseph and Virginia Mitchell	Elizabeth Corcoran
Maureen Hollands and Family		Elizabeth Cover	Janine Kutty	Doug Myers	Tami Myers
English Pen Pal since age 13 years	Alberta Hickman	Grandparents, John and Alice Dryden	Sharon Bradshaw	Elaine Frederick O'Rork	Sandy Howson
Carol Kutty	Janine Kutty	Jim Ernst	Ruth Ernst	Edith Overley	Florence Ridderhof
Janine Kutty	Carol Kutty	Theo S. Flannigan, my mother	Pat Blosser	Ruthanne Ramsey	Ken Ramsey
Melissa Kutty	Janine Kutty	Deceased Members of Gates, Brown and Winkler Families	Tim and Denise Gates	Our Parents	Elaine and Bill Rhodes
Melissa Kutty	Carol Kutty	Charles and Florence Greathouse	Nelda Mohr	Margaret B. Sale	Kathy Sale Jones
Our grandchildren and the one on the way	Hank and Janet McCaslin	Arletta Hamilton	Bill Henry	Tom and Dot Shannon	Bill Henry
Ruth McGhee	Roger and Mary Pasternak	Judy Henry	Bill Henry	Viola Smith	Charlotte Edge
Our Children and Grandchildren	Elaine and Bill Rhodes	Steven Henry	Bill Henry	Alta Wells	Bill Henry
My Sister, Dorothy Drummond-Ryan	Alberta Hickman	Pat and Colleen Henry	Bill Henry	My mother-in-law, Louise Wells	Dan Himmel
Virginia Smith	Charlotte Edge	Darrell Hickman, my brother	Denise Hickman-Garrett	Marion White	Nancy Swift
Virginia Smith	Florence Ridderhof	Johnnie Hickman, my Dad	Denise Hickman-Garrett	Daniel S. Wilson	Lois Ward-Wilson
Virginia Smith	Camilla and Paul Prewitt	My mother, Elizabeth Himmel	Dan Himmel	Dorothy Wiseman	Terri and Sandy Wiseman
Daniel S. Wilson	Lois Ward-Wilson	Mary Clay Howson	Sandy Howson		

HELP WANTED CORNER ...

HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH ... With our custodian out for the summer with a disability we need some help doing some light chores around the church, such as vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning windows for a couple of hours each day. Please mark "Cleaning and Upkeep of Church" on the tear off portion of this announcement sheet. The Facilities Manager will call or email each volunteer to set up a convenient time for you.

REFRESHMENTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ... The kitchen staff needs a vacation so if we want to continue refreshments between services we need VOLUNTEERS to sign up and help serve coffee and snacks. The coffee is provided; the snacks need to be provided by those volunteering. Please sign on the tear-off portion of your announcement sheet. Contact Mary Jordon at (540)-303-2281 with questions.

TEACHER NEEDED – BROWNING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ... The Browning Sunday School Class is looking for an adult teacher or rotational teachers to lead their class sessions each Sunday at 9:45 AM. They use the Uniform Series, "Adult Bible Studies" materials. Any and all interested in performing as their leader, please let Don or Mary Grace Becker know (phone 540-371-2155 or email at beckerdl@aol.com).

AROUND THE DISTRICT & COMMUNITY ...

Christian Art Festival

A Christian art festival to benefit Micah Ministries will be held from October 2 to October 31. The festival will occur in the newly renovated Presbyterian Church fellowship hall at 810 Princess Anne Street. The show is open to all local artists, but all works must have a theme consistent with the Christian experience. A curator will review all entries.

- All pieces must be ready to hang.
- Size limit is 36" x 48."
- A \$10 entry fee is required for each piece displayed.
- A 25% commission will be collected on all sales to benefit Micah.
- Donations for Micah will also be collected.
- Items may be shown either as for sale or not for sale. The artists are responsible for all sales.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a service which delivers prepared meals to persons who cannot do this for themselves. The program is self-sustaining when all clients can pay. However, there are a few clients who are not able to pay at this time but who still need the service. If you would like to help this program, you may write a check to FUMC with Meals on Wheels in the memo line and your donation will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

The Community Dinner Needs You!!

"Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me ..."
Matthew 25:34-36

The second Saturday of every month, FUMC, serves between 125-170 dinners to people in need in this area. For the past 8 years, volunteers have tirelessly welcomed many people to dine in our lower kitchen. Many faithful people are needed to continue this ministry. Please consider donating 2-4 hours every month or quarterly between 1-6:30 PM. Please leave me your email and you will be provided an opportunity to live out the word of Christ. Libby Wasem, lawasem@cox.net.

Discipleship Circles Facilitator Training Event:

DATE

Friday, September 18, 2015

TIME

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE

VA United Methodist Conference Center
10330 Staples Mill Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23060

COST

Free (lunch and training manual provided)

TOPICS

Spiritual Disciplines
Group Facilitation
Vital Signs
Communication Techniques

FOR WHOM

Church Leaders (clergy and laity) seeking the Holy Spirit's Guidance in leading Discipleship Circles through the Formation Stage in order to equip local churches of the Virginia Conference to increase vitality.

REGISTRATION

By Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at
www.vaumc.org/dctraining

For more information, email:
CherylEdleyWorford@vaumc.org

The CCC Needs Your Help!

The roofing shingles at the Campus Christian Community have reached the end of their life span. There are some leaking places and daylight can even be seen through it! We are working on raising the \$10,000 needed to replace the roof by "selling" it by the square foot. It costs \$4 a square foot to replace the rotten plywood and shingles, as well as some other repairs needed. We hope that you will be willing to donate by the square foot to help us cover our building! To donate, you can visit our website at http://www.campuschristiancommunity.com/cs_cause/replacing-the-roof/ or mail a check to 1213 Dandridge St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.



Fredericksburg District Lay Servant Ministries Training

Lay Servant Training can help anyone interested in learning more in their pursuit of being a better leader and servant for Christ's church. These classes can be used as tools in discerning God's call for your personal walk and ministry. If you are a Lay Servant, you must attend the ENTIRE course in order to receive credit for certification or recertification. Recertification is required every three years for both Local Church Lay Servants and Certified Lay Servants. Call 804-443-2278 for directions to Tappahannock Memorial in Tappahannock, VA.

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2015

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Training Location:

Register Chapel, 85 Bells Hill Rd, Stafford, VA

Registration/Check In is Friday, Sept. 18, 6:00 p.m.

Classes are on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call 540-659-2642 for directions.

Registration forms are in the Narthex, Gathering Space and Charlotte Street entrance.

BASIC COURSE:

The foundation for all other Learning and Leading courses.
Leader – Steven Snyder & Donna Sayre

ADVANCED CLASS:

Preaching From Your Heart
Leader – Rev. Walt Westbrook

ADVANCED CLASS:

Teach Us to Pray
Leader – Larry Tubbs

ADVANCED CLASS:

In Ministry with Boomers & Beyond
Leader – Martha Stokes

<p>Lay Servant Training</p> 	<p>Fredericksburg District</p> <p>Tappahannock Memorial</p> 
<p>October 2-3, 2015</p> <p>Registration/Check in Saturday, October 2 at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Class: Friday 6:30pm-10:00pm, Saturday: 8:00am—4:30pm</p>	
<p>Please submit no later than September 22, 2015</p> <p>Snacks and Lunch are preordered, so no refunds or credits can be given after Sept 29</p>	
<p><u>Available Courses</u> (Please check one)</p> <p>The Basic Course _____</p> <p>Understanding Men's Ministries _____</p> <p>Biblical Storytelling _____</p> <p>Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts _____</p> <p><u>Your \$15 Charge includes snacks Fri evening & continental breakfast Sat morning, Sat lunch, and a host church honorarium</u></p>	<p>LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW — With the ease of Internet shopping, buying New, Used, and E-Books has given you the option to shop, purchase and read books in the fashion you like and saves you money. So this time we are asking you to purchase your own books your own way. Should you have trouble getting a book, please let the District Office know before the Sept 22 deadline. We look forward to seeing you!</p>
<p>Name: _____ Church: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>	
<p>Please make \$15 checks payable to Fredericksburg District UMC and mail check along with this form by September 22, 2015 to: Fredericksburg District Office, PO BOX 100, Ladysmith, VA 22501. NO CASH PLEASE.</p>	
<p>Questions? Please contact Lay Servant Ministries, Director: Greg Sokolowski 540.371.4628 or 121falcon@msn.com</p> <p>or</p> <p>Fredericksburg District Office at 804.448.8326 or</p>	



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