

## WELCOME

Please complete and place in offering plate.

First Time Guest       Members  
 Second Time Guest    Attend regularly  
 Third Time Guest       Wish to Join  
 Out of Town Guest  
 Guest Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Which service are you attending?

Sun. 8:30 AM       Sun. 11:00 AM  
 Sun. 9:45 AM       Sat. 5:30 PM

Names of those in attendance:

Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the Newsletter e-mail list.

Yes     No

## PRAYER/PRAISE

May we share your request with the congregation?  Yes     No

I ask prayers for:

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I praise God for:

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Attendance  
November 22, 2015

Saturday 5:30 PM – 40  
 Sunday 8:30 AM – 149  
 Sunday 9:45 AM – 163  
 Sunday 11:00 AM – 126  
 Total – 478

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service... 5:00-6:00 PM – Live Nativity 1 hr. before the Carol Service.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Longest Night Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

December 24<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 Childrens service  
 6:00 Traditional service  
 8:00 Contemporary service  
 11:00 Traditional service



### Seeking Director of Children, Youth and Handbell Choirs

Fredericksburg UMC is currently seeking a part-time Director of Children, Youth and Handbell Choirs. Send your resume and letter of interest to [pewitt5@cox.net](mailto:pewitt5@cox.net). No phone calls, please.

### 2016 Wayfarer Mosaic Devotionals Are Here!

The 2016 edition of the Wayfarer Mosaic, a weekly devotional written by members and friends of the Wayfarers Sunday School class, is now available. You can purchase a copy in the Gathering Space outside Kobler Hall between services or by going to the Wayfarers' Sunday school classroom (downstairs in fellowship hall) either right before or after the 9:45 Sunday school hour. Copies are \$15 each (checks made payable to Wayfarers), and all profits will be donated to church projects. This devotional has a writing for each week and a Bible verse for each day. These make great gifts! Thank you for supporting this outreach project of the Wayfarers.

### Wesleyan Circle changing their meeting time!!!

If you have been looking for an afternoon circle to join, the Wesleyan circle is moving to Daytime, first Tuesdays. Starting January 5, 2016, this circle will meet at 2:00 in the library. We would love to have you come and check us out. Contact Ronda Worcester with questions. [Rondaworchester@yahoo.com](mailto:Rondaworchester@yahoo.com) or 479-6090.

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**Is UMC #Giving Tuesday**

**Join Global Ministries in putting Christ's love into action!**

With more than 800 different projects around the world, and different ways to support them, we can't wait to see what The United Methodist Church can do this UMC #Giving Tuesday! Finding the project you care about is the first step. To find out how you can get involved, visit [www.umcmision.org](http://www.umcmision.org) today!

**ACTIVATE LOVE. TRANSFORM LIVES.  
CHANGE THE WORLD**

### United Methodist Student Day – Give Generously

Did you know United Methodists shared more than \$400,000 in offerings on Student Day last year? Your gifts went to scholarships for diligent United Methodist students in local congregations **just like yours** — a nursing student who sings in the choir, a future Sunday school teacher and a young leader preparing for ministry.

Every year thousands of United Methodist churches celebrate the Student Day Special Offering. Gifts received from this offering becomes an investment in the future of the church through direct scholarships for higher education. The GBHEM Office of Loans and Scholarships administers these programs that award over 3,500 students annually. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

### Live Nativity

December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

The Live Nativity precedes the Christmas Carol Service so come early to the service and stop by the Methodist Green. For more information or to volunteer contact Mona Lamb at [monalamb@fumcva.org](mailto:monalamb@fumcva.org).

**It's not too late to turn-in your 2016 pledge card. Drop it in the offering plate or bring to the office. Thank you for your support of FUMC's ministries.**



## Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

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November 29, 2015

## WELCOME – TO ALL WHO ENTER

**SEEK** others in the community,  
**SERVE** their needs,  
**GROW** the love of Christ.

In the hospital this week: **Bill Blain, Ferris Belman Sr.,**  
 We extend our Christian Sympathy to: **Steve Bryant** on the passing of his step-mother, Sallie Bryant.

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### Advent Study – “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton

Small group schedule:

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM – room 236 – Pastor Won will teach

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM – room 236 – Pastor Brenda will teach

Thursday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM – room 210 – Carole Dubois **Class started 11/19/15**

Sunday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM – **room 209** – Jenna Cooley and Pam Mearns

Christian Family Life Sunday school class 9:45 – 10:45 AM – 210

Contemporary Sunday school class 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – room 210

Faith and Fellowship Sunday school class 9:45 – 10:45 AM – room 208

Wesley Forum Sunday school class 9:45 – 10:45 AM – room 209

We invite you to our Advent Bible Study, “The Journey: A Season of Reflections: Walking the Road to Bethlehem” by Adam Hamilton. This 4-week Advent Bible Study will begin on the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> and small groups for this study will meet at different dates and times as given above. Small group sign-up sheets are placed on the information desk in the gathering place. Online sign-up is also available at the church website at [www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org). The study book can be purchased for \$13.00 at Church. For questions, contact Pastor Won Lee at [wonlee@fumcva.org](mailto:wonlee@fumcva.org).

### 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 7. Suggested donation is \$15.00 per plant.

### The Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

For these reasons, Fredericksburg UMC offers a special “Longest Night” service on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Pastor Won at [wonlee@fumcva.org](mailto:wonlee@fumcva.org).

## UMYF News

*No Youth on November 29<sup>th</sup>.* Enjoy family time over Thanksgiving.

*Do not forget the parade on December 5.* There are a couple of parents working on making this a success. Please let's all support them; anyone who plans to do any retreats this summer should be there, preferably with a parent. Please do not drop your child off to help sell; parents and children are best if at all possible. Let me know if you plan to attend so I have an idea what to tell our parent parade volunteers.

*No Youth on December 6<sup>th</sup>.* Because of the Parade on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Rotation Sunday School TODAY

All children in our Rotation Station Sunday School program (grades 2 – 5) will meet together today to celebrate the beginning of Advent.

## Kids With Purpose Is Coming!

On Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 from January until Easter we will host KIDS WITH PURPOSE! KWP is a hands on mission program for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. We are thrilled to have Rachel Burner directing our program this year as we get children involved in serving others in our community. We are looking for volunteers to serve as leaders for the different classes as well as volunteers to help coordinate various service projects. Please let Shannon Bolick know how you would like to help.

## Vacation Bible School 2016

It is time to begin planning for the excitement of summer at our annual VBS. We are currently in need of a director to make this happen. As director, you get to set your vision for the program and the dates. Lots of help will be provided. If you choose to follow the Marketplace style, the theme this year is Egypt! Joseph's Journey from Prison To Palace. PLEASE prayerfully consider if you are being called to this or how you would like to help make VBS 2016 come to life.

## Sunday School on December 27

All children's Sunday School classes will meet in room 213 on the Sunday after Christmas. We will watch a Christmas movie together.

## Book Buddies Project

The time is here for UMW's collection of new and gently used children's books for The Salvation Army's annual TOYLAND project for underprivileged children in the greater Fredericksburg area. Your help is greatly appreciated as we hope to put books into the hands of nearly 3000 children in need this Christmas.

The collection box marked with The Salvation Army logo is in Mission Control and books will be accepted through December 1 in time for distribution at TOYLAND.

Many, many thanks from the UMW and The Salvation Army of Fredericksburg!

## Request for Wedding Photos

As a tribute to our long history, the Heritage Committee would like to display wedding photographs of couples who have been married in our church. Photos from any time period are acceptable. Older photos from parents or grandparents, as well as more recent weddings, are welcome. The original photos will be scanned and returned to the owners. Copies will be used in the glass display cases. If you have photos to share, or if you have questions, please call Margaret Mock, 540-371-3740 or send email to [mimisenor@cox.net](mailto:mimisenor@cox.net).

## Dove and Angel Tree

The Dove and Angel Tree is almost empty; don't forget to pick one up. December 13<sup>th</sup> – last date gifts must be returned to Congregational Care Office #205 to distribute.

The location to deliver the Dove and Angel gifts has CHANGED. Beginning Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> thru December 13<sup>th</sup>, please bring the wrapped gifts to room 205 which is the Congregational Care Office where Pastor Hank used to be.

Dove gifts will be taken directly to the Kenmore Club for inventory of all Dove gifts from the community, Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 – 2:30 PM. Refer all Dove gift questions to Diane Manchester (540) 786-0551.

Pat Blosser will inventory and sort gifts in room 205. Her helpers will retrieve bagged family gifts for delivery. Refer all Angel gift questions to Pat Blosser (540) 373-0593.

## Merry Maker's Trip Riverside Dinner Theater – Mame January 10, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Transportation will be provided for those who need it. Make your check out for \$52.00 to FUMC and send to Ronda Worcester at 701 Cobblestone Blvd, #102, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. E-mail questions to [rondaworchester@yahoo.com](mailto:rondaworchester@yahoo.com). The deadline for reserved seats is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Night New Year's Eve!!!

**1<sup>st</sup> Night Fredericksburg United Methodist Church** will be held on December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:30 PM. This will be a family focused celebration. There will be activities in Kobler Hall, the Gathering Space and hopefully outside. Watch for more to come and contact Mike Cotter at [mvcotter@comcast.net](mailto:mvcotter@comcast.net) or 540-786-3658 and tell him you want to be in on planning the fun and excitement OR just come to the next meeting. **Next meeting to plan is on December 6<sup>th</sup> in room 209 at 12:00 PM all are invited. If we don't have enough volunteers at this meeting we will have to cancel this event.**

## We need helpers for the Cold Weather Shelter!

Micah's shelter is now open. We need helpers to set up at the shelter on the following dates: December 26, January 23, January 30, or February 27. Responsibilities include, greeting guests as they arrive, setting up cots, checking people in, and providing a light snack. We begin around 6 o'clock and finish by 7:30 at the very latest. Contact Diane Cotter at [dianecotter@comcast.net](mailto:dianecotter@comcast.net) or 540-786-3658 to volunteer or ask questions. Please consider a night to help your neighbors in need.

**Thank you to all of you who complete the WELCOME** in the perforated section of this announcement sheet. We now only need address, phone and e-mail if you have made changes to any of these items. If you want to be added to our Church Wide Email list and our Newsletter Email list please make sure you write **legibly** as you know one letter off in an email and it will be returned. So if you are still not receiving either of these information guides please redo your email on the WELCOME form.

## Youth Need Donations for a Fundraiser!!

The annual Christmas Parade is December 5<sup>th</sup> and the youth would like to continue the tradition of selling hotdogs and hot chocolate during the Parade. This will help with expenses on their mission trips. Call Karen Newton for more information on what they need; 540-841-2149 or [karihnewton@yahoo.com](mailto:karihnewton@yahoo.com). or register online for what you want to donate at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0drraeac23a4fa7-donations>.



**E**veryone deserves a good pair of shoes. Every day children are prevented from attending school, adults are unable to work. Walking becomes unbearable. A new pair of shoes provides relief today so thousands can succeed tomorrow. The shoes you no longer want create opportunity many need. Shoes keep people healthy, happy and thriving. In many developing nations, walking is the primary mode of transportation. Every day millions are exposed to unsanitary conditions that lead to diseases such as hookworm, threadworm and the dreaded Tunga Penetrans, or "jiggers". These diseases may lead to sickness, even death. They also keep children out of school leaving them without an education and continuing the cycle of poverty. With your help, we can provide a life-changing solution: a good pair of shoes. **Kayle Lampman** is heading up this collection and will be with us next Sunday to explain more about what she wants to accomplish. We will also be collecting socks for Micah along with this project to provide shoes and socks to those less fortunate than we are. This collection will go on throughout Advent.

## Sound Board Technician

Needed for the 9:45 AM worship service. Training will be provided. Please contact Pastor Won at [wonlee@fumcva.org](mailto:wonlee@fumcva.org).

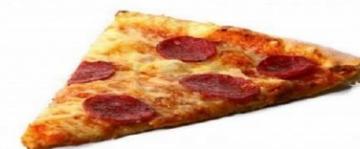


## Wednesday Night Dinners Come and Join Us

Make your reservations Monday of each week on the bulletin board outside the mailroom (105), in the Gathering Space or contact Lisa Earnesty [earnesty@verizon.net](mailto:earnesty@verizon.net).

Menu  
Beef Chili and White Chicken Chili  
Rice and Cornbread  
Salad  
Fruit and Dessert

Dinners are served from 5:00-6:30 PM. Adults \$7.00 Children 3-12 \$3.00 Families \$25.00.



## Pizza with Pastors

Sunday, December 20 at 12:15 p.m.  
in room 202

Are you new to FUMC? Are you interested in joining the church? Or do you simply want to know more about FUMC? You are invited to Pizza with Pastors. This will be a time for you to learn about the ministries of FUMC and to get to know our pastors on a personal level. Questions? Contact Pastor Won at [wonlee@fumcva.org](mailto:wonlee@fumcva.org)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to VOLUNTEER for the following ministries.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Micah Cold Weather Shelter**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nursery Workers 9:45**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> Night Volunteer**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pizza with the Pastors**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Donations for Youth Food Stand during the Christmas Parade.**

