

Children's Praise Team

Does your child love to sing or want to make some joyful noise to the Lord? Beginning this fall, your child(ren) will have the opportunity to join the Children's Praise Team! Led by Allison Xanthopoulos and Spike Burton, the children will learn contemporary worship music in a positive environment. The team will sing once a month during worship. Practice will follow the Contemporary Service from 11:00 to 11:30 in the Children's Music Room. For more information, please contact Allison at (540) 693-0239 or allisonxan@gmail.com. The Children's Praise Team will sing on the Children's Sabbath on October 16.



YOUTH KICKOFF IS HERE!!

Sunday, September 11, 5-7 p.m. Come hang out with a great group of FUMC youth. Potluck meal starts at 5, worship and parent meeting immediately following. Check out what it means to be a YOUTH at FUMC! See you there.

Saturday, September 17, 6-8 p.m. Social Media: Safety and Awareness (Wilderness Community Church). Educate yourselves on social media; learn how to properly and safely use it. All youth and their parents are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments.

Sunday, September 18: Pizza Party/planning/social! 12-2 p.m. Let's hang out, eat pizza, and work on plans for the Church Picnic. Please RSVP to Amy so we can get an idea on how much pizza to buy. No evening youth tonight (5-7).

College students and parents: Our youth group wants to show our support to you as you continue your education. We would love to send you notes of support or possibly care packages. Please share your address (or your student's address) with us. Contact Amy at amydotto@fumcvva.org. Thanks!

FUMC Children's Ministries

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



Primary Sunday School 4 Year Old Teachers Needed

Do you love children? Do you love the Bible? Would you be willing to share the Gospel with our four year old children? We need two adult teachers for this class. Curriculum and materials are provided. Please pray about this special opportunity and call Shannon Bolick with any questions or to join our team. We are also searching for an assistant teacher in our first grade classroom.

Promotion / Kick Off Sunday

Today is our promotion Sunday as we kick off a new year of children's ministry programs. Children should go directly to their new grade levels/classes in Sunday School. Second graders will join Rotation Station on the second floor.

Sunday School Registration

We need to have up-to-date information about all of our kids so that we can best serve them and keep them safe. Members of the Children's Ministry Committee and Sunday School teachers have master lists of registration information. Please check this information, make changes, and initial. If your child's information is not current, please fill out a registration form.

Children's Sabbath 2016

Once again we will celebrate the National Children's Sabbath by having children lead us in worship. This year children will lead all three Sunday services on October 16. If your child would like to participate, please let Shannon Bolick know. Our theme will be "All I Needed To Know." There are ways for everyone to share their talents. Fifth graders have the special opportunity to help share the message. We are also looking for children who would like to share their talents of music or dance.

Third Grade Bibles

Every year we present third graders with new Bibles on our celebration of Children's Sabbath. If you have a rising third grader, please fill out this Third Grade Bible form or pick one up in the Gathering Space, outside the chapel, or at room 203. The deadline is September 18.

Child's Name as you want it printed: _____
Parents' names: _____
Phone Number: _____

Service you will attend on October 16: Sunday 9:45 Sunday 8:30 Sunday 11:00
Is your child interested in helping to lead worship on this day? How?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

We are women united for mission with women, children, and youth. All interested women are invited to join us. Contact Janine Kutty at (540) 898-0256 or janinekutty@verizon.net.
Sep. 16-17, Conference UMW Young Women's Retreat, Bridgewater UMC, (hotel). Finding Balance: Living in God's Creation in a World of Chaos, Rev. Beth Anderson.
Sep. 24, 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. ACTS Circle, Parlor, Prayer Beads, Denise Gates
Sep. 24, 11:00 a.m.: Fredericksburg District UMW Annual Meeting, Tappahannock UMC (carpool from FUMC), Monica Sprague, Conference UMW Coordinator for Social Action. Bring a bag lunch.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) LUNCHEON MEETING

On Saturday, October 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., all women are invited to attend the UMW sponsored meeting in Kobler Hall. A catered luncheon, prepared by Mary Jordan and crew, will be served (cost is \$7.00). Vicky Butler, District UMW Coordinator for Social Action, will speak on "How Are We Raced?" Make reservations by Wednesday, September 28--sign-up sheets are on the gathering space Welcome Desk and the UMW bulletin board near the Parlor, or contact Jean Himmel at (540) 368-9541 or dhimmell@cox.net.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

At our upcoming District Conference at Wright's Chapel UMC on Saturday, November 19, the District will elect At-Large Delegates for next year's Annual Conference in Hampton (June 16-18, 2017). We need to elect 28 At-Large Delegates and 9 reserve delegates. In order to be on the ballot, you need to complete the nomination form and return it to the District Office by November 1. You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission). If you have any questions or to download the forms, go to the District Office website at fredericksburgdistrict@vaumc.org.

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

We are looking for 20 WREATH entries to display in October and November throughout the church. They will be judged and silent bids (\$25 minimum) will be taken. The highest bidder will get to purchase the wreath of his/her choice by 3:00 p.m. on November 19th, 2016. There is no Bazaar this year; the next Bazaar is in 2017. We encourage a variety of themes: Christmas, Seasonal, Baby, Garden, Herbs, Kitchen, Easter, Seashore/Vacation, Patriotic Holidays, Athletic Themes, etc. Contact Janet Davis at janhoen@verizon.net or (540) 371-1045. Sign up by September 10-11 at the Ministry Expo and have your wreath ready by October 15th. Make a wreath or bid during the months of their display.

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE YOGA

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at FUMC, starting October 4. Drop off your child at the Preschool or nursery and come stretch, strengthen, and calm. You will need a yoga mat and a pair of yoga blocks (available at Target or Walmart), and an old beach towel, and your partner's least favorite necktie. Nursery will be provided, but please sign up in advance so we are sure we have enough nursery workers available. **ALL ARE INVITED!** No previous experience needed. Yoga is a journey, not a destination. For more information or to register, contact Libby Wasem at lwajem749@verizon.net or the Preschool Office at preschool@fumcvva.org.

MICAH LUNCHESES

FUMC is putting together its new Micah Lunches calendar. If you or your group want to sign up for a slot, contact Gerry Madigan at Gerry.j.madigan@gmail.com or (540) 373-7132. We commit to preparing 150 lunches. Gerry can provide additional details and hands-on training. This is a great opportunity for Sunday School classes, scouts, and other groups looking for a community-service project. If you would like to help or observe the process, we are preparing lunches September 11, in the Kobler Hall kitchen at 11:00 a.m.

2016-2017 FAMILY CHOIR

Are you able to sing once a month at the 8:30 a.m. service in a Family Choir? Our Director, Bill McCoy, needs about 10 singers to begin a new choir. Youth Choir members can join their families on the first Sunday of each month. We will sing very simple one and two-part music. New church members are especially invited to give us a truly intergenerational sound. Please stay after the service for about 15 minutes on September 18. See you in the Choir Loft before Sunday School classes begin! You can ask questions or just sign up.

NEWS BLAST" Weekly Newsletter

Are you receiving our Weekly Newsletter by email? If not and you would like to receive it, sign the appropriate box on the tear-off sheet of this announcement and make sure your email address is legible. If you would like the newsletter by mail, contact the Church Secretary, Michelle, at (540) 373-9021, x103.

MISSION CONTROL

Mission Control (near the gathering space elevator) is used to collect items for projects that serve our community, country, and world. Anyone currently in charge of a Mission Control bin, please contact Lisa Simmermon at lsimmermon@verizon.net or (540) 785-8664. Provide a contact person, email, phone number, project start/end dates, and item collected.

Job Opportunity

MUSIC DIRECTOR: YOUTH, HANDBELL AND CHILDREN'S

For more information or to see the complete Job Description, please contact the Administrative Office at 540-373-9021 Ext. 105 or visit www.fumcvva.org.



Celebrate Our Church Family

Sunday October 16, ALL are invited to picnic on the green. (Noon - 4pm).

Games for all ages, Music & Entertainment, Burgers and hot dogs, as well as FUMC covered dish delicacies, Parsonage visits, Fellowship & good food. Contact Mike Cotter at (540) 786-3658 or mvcotter@comcast.net if you have ideas or are willing to help.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those wonderful people who brought me dinners at home when I first had difficulty before I finally ended up in the hospital. It meant so much to have special people like all of you to help me out that way. Also all of you who were so gracious to think of me with cards . . . it kept my spirits up not only while in the hospital but when I got home . . . and continues to do so. A person couldn't wish for a greater church family. Thank you all for all the prayers and best wishes for my recovery. Each day, I get a little better and all of you have helped. Thank you again, with love,
Alice Blain

A Very Special Thank You to the Merry Makers for donating the funds to replace the tires on the church bus.

Name: _____

Preferred Contact Information:

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to help:

Better Mental Health Team

Sound Team

Hospitality/Refreshments

9:45 Ushers

Serve Communion

Youth Ministry

Primary Sunday school teacher

Children's Ministry

Show Slides at 9:45

Prayer Team

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Micah Lunch Program

Wednesday Night Dinners

Ushers needed at 11:00 AM service

I'd like more information on:

Baptism & Baptismal Reaffirmation

How to join this church family

Children's Activities

Youth Activities

Men's Activities

Women's Activities

Senior Activities (Merry Makers)

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) _____

New Information Yes No

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

If you would like to change or add your email address please print clearly below

Email _____

_____ would like to sign-up for our weekly "News Blast" newsletter.

PRAYER/PRAISE

May we publish your request in the announcement sheets?

- Do Not Publish
 Publish

I ask prayers for:

I praise God for:

Attendance – Sept. 4, 2016

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| Saturday 5:30 PM | 46 |
| Sunday 8:30 AM | 141 |
| Sunday 9:45 AM | 229 |
| Sunday 11:00 AM | 133 |
| | 549 |

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Where in the World is Pastor Robb?

Not in his church office on Wednesday, September 14 from 2:00-4:00. Pastor Robb will hold community office hours at that day. He invites you to come by King's in King George and share a bite to eat or a cup of coffee and converse. No appointment necessary! Contact Pastor Robb at RobbAlmy@FUMCVa.org or at the church (540) 373-9021 X. 106.

Preschool has Openings

FUMC Preschool still has openings for 3 and 4 year olds. Please share the word about our amazing Preschool with your family and friends. Contact our director, Becky Patrick, at beckypatrick@fumcva.org for more information

FUMC OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

The FUMC Outreach Food Pantry volunteers thank everyone for the generous donations during August. We had a good supply of Grape Jelly and Cereal. The featured items for the month for September will be **Instant Potatoes and Rice**. Donations may be left in Mission Control or at the door of the pantry.

BISHOP LEWIS' CELEBRATION

Please contact the church office at (540) 373-9021, x 105, if you are interested in attending Bishop Lewis's Celebration on Saturday, September 17. The church may use the van or bus to transport a group to this event if there is enough interest.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study, open to all interested persons, resumes Monday, September 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will study *Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference* by Max Lucado. (This book is based on Acts 1:12.) Our focus is "Pray First; Pray Most" (chapter 15). Each session is self-contained. Contact Charlotte Edge at (540) 371-1967 or candhedge@msn.com. Note: Our next session is Monday, October 3, when we will discuss "That's Jesus Playing That Fiddle" (Chapter 16).

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Is the Bible really for you? Are you longing to hear from God, aching to know who He really is? The beautiful truth is we can encounter the loving God today and every day in the pages of His Word. Whether you are a seasoned Bible reader or struggle to keep up with studying scripture, our Bible study, "Open Your Bible" will leave you with a greater appreciation for the Word of God, a deeper understanding of its authority, and a stronger desire to know the Bible inside and out. "Open Your Bible" will quench a thirst you might not even know you have—one that can only be satisfied by God's Word. Beginning September 21, join us on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in this 7-week Bible study, which is open to Preschool parents and church members. Nursery care is available. Register in advance so we have enough nursery workers available. To register, email either the Preschool office (preschool@fumcva.org) or our group leader, Kelley Massinon, at kelleymassinon@gmail.com. Books cost \$15 and will be available at our first meeting on September 21 for those who register by September 14. If the cost is a financial burden for you, please let us know and we will assist you with the purchase.

SMALL GROUP STUDY: What It Means to Worship

This 8-week study covers historical development and theological understanding of Christian worship as an offering of thanks and listening for the voice of God as Holy Other. Weekly topics include worship as a reflection of culture and cultural consciousness; worship and world religions; worship and symbol and worship rites and rituals. The reading and exercises will include Corporate as well as individual worship practices. The study began September 7/8 and is offered on Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The study ends November 2/3 and will not meet October 5/6. Nursery services are available both Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Contact Carole DuBois at CMTduBois@gmail.com or phone (540) 361-1589.

FREDERICKSBURG UMC PRAYER REQUESTS week of September 5, 2016

HOSPITALIZED: Joan Quigley (MWH); Rob McDaniel (Poet's Walk)
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Cam and Paul Prewitt on the death of her uncle

HEALTH CONCERNS

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| Paul Haywood* | Mary Jordan* | Ed Manger* | Ed Resio |
| Alice Blain* | George Bergeron | Mrs March | Gail Webb |
| Kelly Hicks and family | Molly and Judy | Tonya Nelson | Teresa C |
| Daryl Roy and family | DeWitte family* | Katie | Wayne Jackson |
| Rosalie and Rudolph Siron | Mary Katherine Resio | Eakin twins | Rebecca |
| Trish | Ruby Smith | C Franklin Powell* | Kenny's mother |
| Anne and Kelly Blosser* | Iona and Richard Siegel | Tasia | Sandy and John |
| Kimberly McGehee's mother | Joe and Lisa Besceglia | Mentally ill | Cathy |
| Carol Boyer Gilmore | Richard Szarz | | |

LIFE EVENTS

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| School personnel, students | Linda Crate and family | Betsy | Mark C |
| Friends in Darao City, Phil. | Nick M | Hunter | Baby Mia |
| Katie Haywood | Judy Hickson | Brendon | Ben |
| People of Baton Rouge | Steele | Williams family | Mike and Dee |
| Jen Rowe and family | Walk Out of Darkness | Arlene Rinke | Lisa Anunziata |
| West, Hefer families | Tyler and Nathan Zero | Family of Brian Kile | |

PRAISE

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| FUMC Youth Ministry Council man with Muscular Dystrophy | Bill Hammen | Gwen Reilly | Praise Band revitalized church |
| | Laura Ivey Ellis testimony | | |

SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

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| Airman Adam DeWitte* | Pvt Winter Ewer* | Walt Kuck | Sgt John Phin* |
| Sgt J Seaux* | Kyle M. Shiner | SSgt Ted Steber | |

US men and women serving in the military services wherever they are assigned, their safety; healing if injured; and peace of mind, body, and spirit safety of all police, fire, and medical emergency personnel

*denotes FUMC member



September 10-11, 2016

MINISTRY EXPO ~ TODAY

Various ministries of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church have tables set up throughout the building. Stop by to learn about, sign up for, and get involved in any of these ministry areas, groups or events in the life of the church.

FORGIVENESS: THE HEART OF THE MATTER by Rev. Robb Almy

Because Forgiveness is essential for any kind of healthy and whole life, we will spend four weeks at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church talking about forgiveness as we begin a new message series in September called **Forgiveness: The Heart of the Matter**. We will look at two dimensions of forgiveness, our ability to ask for and receive the forgiveness of others and our ability to extend forgiveness to those who hurt us. We will look at forgiveness in the context of our most personal and lifelong relationships. We will look at what it means to forgive others like our neighbors, coworkers, and even our enemies, and we will explore forgiveness in the midst of our families; both forgiveness with our parents and our children. And we will, of course, see that our ability to ask for and receive forgiveness has its root in Jesus' work on the cross. Plan to join us beginning the weekend of September 17th-18th as we tackle this important topic from a Biblical perspective.

September 17th-18th – Forgiving Families

September 24th-25th – Forgiving Others

October 1st-2nd – Forgiveness in Relationships

October 8th-9th – As Far as the East Is from the West

Worship times: Contemporary, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m., Traditional – Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE BACK!

Join us on Wednesdays for our Fellowship Dinners which are served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child 3-12, and under 3 is free. Maximum cost for a family is \$25.00. Email your reservations to Carol Knott at carolknot@fumcva.org, or call (540) 373-9021 and give your reservation to the receptionist. Tickets are sold at the door for take-out meals. If you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, contact Mary Jordan at (540) 303-2281. Wednesday, September 14's menu is BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Fruit, and Dessert.

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

Larry and Mell Davies are offering an excellent small group study based on Chip Ingram's "Good to Great in God's Eyes". It meets on Wednesdays, starting September 14, between 6:15 and 6:30 in Room 210. Classes cover 10 important concepts.

Sept. 14 Getting Started - Think Great Thoughts

Sept 21 Read Great Books

Sept 28 Pursue Great People, Dream Great Dreams

Oct 5 Pray Great Prayers, Take Great Risks

Oct 12 Make Great Sacrifices, Enjoy Great Moments

Oct 19 Empower Great People, Develop Great Habits, Conclusion

Our prayer is for this series and book to cultivate your desire to follow Jesus more closely. "Good to Great in God's Eyes" is about a willingness to improve yourself. Desires don't accomplish much if there's no follow through, no plan to accomplish them. We hope and pray this will serve as a blueprint for building the life God has designed for you.