

Prime Timers Upcoming Events



Saturday, April 25, is the trip to see the play “Hallelujah Girls” at the Garner Historic Auditorium. We will leave the church at 1:00. Please get your reservation and \$8 for your ticket to Joan Kuhn (557-3768) by April 19.

The May event will be a trip to hear the “Friday Favorites” by the NC Symphony at Meymandi Hall on May 8. It will be an informal performance with the conductor adding commentary to Vivaldi’s Four Seasons, and Mozart’s Symphony No. 31. The bus will leave the church at 10:15, and will come back to the church to enjoy a Bar-B-Que lunch (\$6) to help support FVUMC’s Mission Projects. The Symphony is \$10 and Joan Kuhn will take your reservations and money by April 29. Also, let Joan know if you need transportation for either event.

Calling All Bakers!

The Race of Grace 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, April 26 awards homemade cakes to the top runners in each age group. The Race of Grace raises money for local hunger relief agencies: Interfaith Food Shuttle, Garner Area Ministries, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, and Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry. You can contribute by baking a cake to support the race. If you are interested, please contact your church coordinator, Tim Brady (557-2447) or Dave Heiser (639-8972).

Four Areas of Ministry – Self-Directed Online Course Available

A free online course is available on The United Methodist Church’s four key areas of ministry. The self-directed course, “Four Areas of Focus,” is offered by UM Communications through Dec. 31. The four areas address developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world; creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations; engaging in ministry with the poor; and combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally. To register, go to <http://moodle.umcom.org/moodle/index.php?tr=y&auaid=4478628>. Select “Four Areas of Focus” from the United Methodist Basics category.

Snack Packs!

As we did last year, F-V UMC is providing individually-wrapped snack-paks for the Race of Grace Golf Tournament. Please bring them to church office by Wednesday, April 22.

La Escuelita Needs Volunteers

La Escuelita (F-V UMC’s preschool for our ESL children) needs volunteers on Tuesdays and/or Thursday from April 14 until May 14 from 8:45am to 12:15pm.

Most of the children are Hispanic and do speak English. This would be an awesome way to connect and interact with the Hispanic community. It is also a great opportunity if you are taking SSL classes on Sundays or Wednesdays! No experience necessary, just your love and time!

Contact Terri Pavone by sending an email to tlpavone@nc.rr.com or calling 557-7690 for more information or to sign-up! You can also call the preschool at 557-1568, opt 2.



Run, Walk, Bike, Golf

Have you always wanted to participate in a 5K run or walk? How about a bike tour? Or a golf tourney? Now’s a great time! The Race of Grace Weekend (April 24-26) is a community event organized by Grace for All, Inc. and the Raleigh District United Methodist Churches.

Proceeds go to four local hunger-relief agencies: Interfaith Food Shuttle, Garner Area Ministries, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC and the Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry. Information and registration forms available from Tim Brady (557-2447) or Dave Heiser (639-8972) or at www.RaceOfGrace.org.



Our Discipleship: Part II

We are well on our journey to evaluating our discipleship strengths and areas for focus. The Catalyst Team would like to thank you for participating in the first survey which focused on our Personal Discipleship Development. The survey is available in the lobby or outside the church office. This survey focuses on the Church as an Effective Developer of Disciples of Jesus Christ. Again your feedback is critical! We continue to ask for your prayers and participation so that our church can continue to grow and make disciples who make disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ.



Got Game?

If you’ve got game, come out and support the Missions of our church Saturday, May 9 as we get ACTive for Missions! We are now forming teams for the following events being held on the church grounds from 1pm to 5pm:

- Corn Hole – 2 person teams (all ages)
- Bocce Ball – 2 person teams (all ages)
- 4v4 Soccer – 4-6 person teams
(Brackets: youth up to 12, 13-17, and 18+)
- Horseshoes – 2 person teams (all ages)

Cost: \$25 per team, with prizes to be awarded for top teams!

If you’re interested in forming a team, please contact Rob Pavone at rpavone@nc.rr.com or 557-7690. We will also be having a Yard Sale that morning along with Bar-B-Que and a Hoe Down that evening. JOIN US! ALL proceeds go to Missions!

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to ACT. Proverbs 3:27

Foods of the Month

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry has requested that our church collect the following food donations: **April: Canned or Dried Soup**. Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

Youth News

Middle School Lock-in

The middle school spring lock-in for 6-8th graders starts on Friday, April 24 at 9:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person, for Adventure Landing.

We will have unlimited access to go carts, laser tag, putt-putt, batting cages & video games that don’t give out tickets. You will also get a drink and piece of pizza. For more food or to play games that give out tickets, you will need additional money.

We will stay at Adventure Landing until 7:00am and return to the church for pickup up at 8:00am on Saturday, April 25. Sign up to participate in this event by Sunday, April 19. No money is due until you check-in on Friday.

Support the 2009 Bolivia Mission Team at Chic-fil-a TOMORROW!

We need your help. We will be having a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A of Fuquay-Varina on Monday April 13 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be coupon forms available in the lobby today and next week to present that evening inside or at the drive through. A portion of these coupon-generated sales will go toward the Mission Team's trip to Bolivia. Chick-fil-A is also hosting additional fundraising opportunities for those of you who dine in the restaurant! Please come out and show your support!

Help and Hope for Uncertain Times Support Event This Saturday

On Saturday, April 18 from 1-3pm First UMC, Fuquay Varina is hosting a network of people seeking information, support, and encouragement in the present economic crisis. Registration is appreciated by emailing info@fumcfv.org or calling 567-8384. Chilcare will be provided. The event is open to all.

The event will offer answers to questions about: Searching for a job, Resume writing, Web-based job searches, Health care options, Financial Counseling concerning credit debt and mortgage payments, Living on Less - coupon cutting, clothing resources, personal services, How to cope with feelings as a result of downsizing or job loss, and Trading services.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

- Who: Anyone working with children or youth who has not attended training in the past 5 years.
- When: Sunday, April 19 after 9:30 and 10:50 services
- Where: Conference room
- What: Laura Barnes will be going over our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures, taking pictures for ID badges, and collecting paperwork to run a background check

Radical Hospitality Brainstorming

Are you energetic, outreaching and eager to welcome persons to our worshipping congregation? If so, we will have a "Power Brainstorming Session" on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in room 127.

Our goals for the evening will be to celebrate our current hospitality-oriented ministries; envision possibilities for "RADICAL" hospitality; and, develop an action plan for an intentional effort to ensure each and every person entering our facility KNOWS by our words and actions that s/he is valued!

COME, JOIN US and SHARE INSIGHTS!

Celebrate God's Creation

The United Methodist Church designates one Sunday each year, preferably the Sunday closest to Earth Day, as a Festival of God's Creation, celebrating God's gracious work in creating the earth and all living things.



This year's Festival of God's Creation / Earth Day Sunday is celebrated April 19. It is a time to explore how stewardship of the Earth is a core value of the Christian tradition.

For information on local events and suggestions for ways to celebrate, see the article beginning on page 10 of the April *Wellspring* newsletter.

Summer Camp for 3rd-12th Graders

Sandra Bass is now accepting deposits of \$50 and registration forms for Teen Valley Ranch Summer Camp. The dates are July 6-11. Pick up an information packet in the church office in box # 41. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Bass at basshouse@embarqmail.com.

F-V UMC Softball

Come cheer for the team! ALL GAMES are played at Mid-Way Baptist Church, 6910 Fayetteville Road/ Hwy 401. Field is behind church. Upcoming games:

Day	Date	Time	Opponent
Monday	13-Apr	8:30 PM	vs FUQUAY BAPTIST
Thursday	16-Apr	7:30 PM	at FAIRVIEW
Monday	20-Apr	6:30 PM	vs HILLTOP
Thursday	23-Apr	9:30 PM	vs FELLOWSHIP



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Clothing Closet Is April 18

This Saturday, April 18 from 8am to Noon is the next Clothing Closet. Volunteers are needed on Thursday (late afternoon) and Friday (9am-5pm) for setup and clothes sorting.

Please bag each family member's clothes separately to help speed up setup time. Write on the bag or include a note on the top with the category: Mens, Mens Large, Womens, Womens Petite, Maternity, Teen, Girls, Boys, Infant (up to 4T). If the shed behind the church is full, please bring your items on Thursday or Friday to the adult wing.

For more information or questions please contact Roberta McCormack 567-2765.

east to west

The FVUMC Choirs & Orchestra present an Easter Cantata, "East to West" next Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 & 10:50am. Join us for a worship event as we present songs capturing the deep prayers of all our hearts, drawing us into the Lord's presence and making everyone want to rise up and sing!

Quilting Group Welcomes All

The "Piecing with Faith Quilters" meets in the church at 9:00 AM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. All quilters and beginners who are interested in joining with us are welcome.