

Spring 2009 Men's Ensemble

The next session of the Men's Ensemble begins Sunday, April 26! This group is open to ALL MEN (adults and youth 6th – 12th grades!) who love to sing praises to the Lord! Previous experience or the ability to read music are NOT required! We will teach you everything you need to know!

Plus, this is a SHORT-TERM COMMITMENT—only 2 rehearsals:

Sunday, April 26 6:45 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 3 6:45 – 7:30 pm

The Men's Ensemble will sing at the 10:50 am Worship Service on Sunday, May 10. No need to sign-up ahead of time—simply join us in the Choir Room for the first rehearsal as we come together to sing praises and enjoy fellowship with other men! Special thanks to Music Ministry Volunteer Ted Willis who will be directing this session of the Men's Ensemble! Questions? Contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at 552-4331 ext. 105 or jharrenstein@fvumc.org.

Kidz NPraise Presents:

A Musical & a Gameshow—All in One!

Kidz NPraise will present their spring musical, "Parableloozal!" on Saturday, May 2 at 5:00 pm! Join us for a musical and a game show all wrapped into one! We'll share the parables of Jesus, sing songs that totally ROCK and include everyone who comes in some AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION! Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Do you want to be a millionaire? Well this is the show for YOU, and the WHOLE FAMILY—don't miss the fun!

Register Today for Prime Timers



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 TODAY, April 19.

The May event will be a trip to hear the "Friday Favorites" by the NC Symphony at Meymandi Hall on May 8.

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.

Many Ways to Support Race of Grace

Volunteer at an Event

Please consider volunteering during the Race of Grace weekend, April 24-26. Registration helpers, lunchtime hosts and snack attack encouragers are especially needed on Friday, April 24th during the Golf Tournament. Contact Jo Elaine Harris (joelaine@nccumc.org) to share your interest and availability. This is an outstanding opportunity to encourage persons who are raising funds for four hunger relief agencies within our Raleigh District, including our local Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry!



Donate Snack Packs

One way our church family is helping with the Race of Grace weekend is to provide 900 snack packs! Cookies, filled crackers, chips, etc. are needed to help keep the golfers, runners and walkers energized during the three days of the Race of Grace festivities raising awareness of the need to pool our resources to help alleviate hunger in our Raleigh District. PLEASE bring all snacks to the Lobby shelves BEFORE Tuesday noon, April 21.

Bake a Cake!

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).

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.

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 tpavone@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.



Got Game? Support Missions!

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

Hungry? Support Missions!

BBQ plates are now available for pre-order in the lobby. Tickets are for Friday, May 8. The plates are \$6 each and come with Southern-style chopped Pork BBQ, cole slaw, boiled potatoes and bread. All proceeds benefit the FVUMC 2009 adult and youth mission trips. This year, mission workteams will travel to Bolivia, Costa Rica, the Appalachian mountains and Florida.



Men's Breakfast Saturday

Men! Are you looking for a great time of fellowship with other men? Are you interested in what current and upcoming activities there are for men in our church? Or, are you simply interested in having a great breakfast with a great speaker? Join us, Saturday morning, April 25 from 7:30-9:00am in the Centrum for all of those things!



Learn about upcoming events and opportunities to get connected with UMM. Our speaker is former NCSU quarterback, Daniel Evans. Daniel was a member of the Wolfpack football team from 2004-2008 playing in 26 games at quarterback. During his college career, he totaled over 4000 yards passing and threw for 19 touchdowns. On and off the field, Daniel has been a faithful Disciple of Christ with the ways he has dealt with the highs and the lows of big time college athletics. Please come and hear Daniel's testimony and dialogue with him about his experiences.

We encourage men to bring their son(s) to breakfast this month and/or any young man or boy that may want to attend. This is a great opportunity for them to hear and interact with a Christian athlete they look up to.

Middle School Youth: Last Chance to Register for 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 Wednesday, April 22. No money is due until you check-in on Friday.

Strawberries for Sudan

Fresh, delicious, regional strawberries (from a farm in southern VA) will be available for sale on Saturday, May 2nd. If you'd like to pre-order, let Debra Murphy know asap. All proceeds will go toward the construction of a school in Rumbek, Southern Sudan.

Prices: 1 1-lb. clamshell - \$4; 2 1-lb. clamshells - \$7; 4 1-lb. clamshells - \$12; 8 1-lb. clamshells - \$22



Native American Ministries Sunday

Next Sunday, April 26 is Native American Ministries Sunday. Congregations across The United Methodist Church will take a special offering in support of local Native American ministries and seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

Fifty percent of your offering remains in the NC Conference to develop and strengthen local Native American ministries. Through this offering, Native American churches receive grants for items such as hymnals, Bibles, children's ministries and handicap access renovation, lay and clergy leadership development, and missions.

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.

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.



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	20-Apr	6:30 PM	vs HILLTOP
Thursday	23-Apr	9:30 PM	vs FELLOWSHIP
Monday	4-May	6:30 PM	at MID-WAY PATTERSON



Fuquay-Varina UMC Weekly Times

April 19, 2009

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 go 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!

Today We 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 today, 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.

