

VBS Volunteer Meeting – Monday, May 4

If you have signed up or are interested in signing up to help with Vacation Bible School this year, join us for an informational meeting Monday, May 4 at 7pm in the Centrum.

At this meeting we will go over some specifics as well as hand out your folders including curriculum, ideas, games, crafts, etc... to fit your area. We offer daytime and evening VBS for 3 year olds – 5th grade. Daytime will run June 15-19 and evening from June 14-18. There are a variety of ways to volunteer including tour guide, storyteller, craft leader, recreation, missions, music, snack, and even nursery. Can't commit for the whole week? We have some areas which are just a one day commitment.

If you have any questions or can't attend the meeting please contact our coordinators: DAYTIME: Roberta McCormack (567-2765 rmcormack1@nc.rr.com) or Marianne Carroll (552-7695 mdcarrroll35@embarqmail.com). EVENING: Penny Downey (552-6428 penny.downey@tycoelectronics.com) or Heather Layman (567-9383 hlayman@wcpss.net).



Room for All

If you see that the Centrum seats are filling up, please move to the Center of the row to leave room for other worshippers.

Please move to the center of the row



Blood Donor Opportunity – Save the Date: June 22

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood and both winter and summer months are the highest months needing donors. This summer, we have the opportunity to donate blood here at F-V UMC. Please consider this opportunity to give blood on Monday, June 22 in hopes that children and adults who are sick or in emergency situations will be able to receive the gift that they need to stay alive! More information will follow including on-line sign up for donors and volunteers. Please contact Jenna Ramsey (teacherramsey@yahoo.com or 336-675-7572) with any questions.



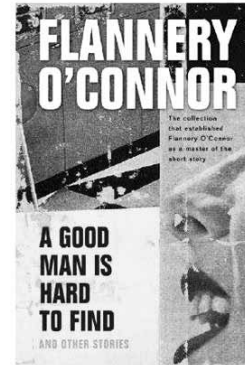
May Book Club Meeting – Friday, May 15, 6:30 pm

A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories
by Flannery O'Connor

With a keen eye for the dark side of human nature, an amazing ear for dialogue, and a necessary sense of irony, Flannery O'Connor exposes the underside of life in the rural south. One of the powers in her writing lies in her ability to make the vulnerability of one into that of many; another is her mastery of shifting "control" from character to character, making the outcome uncertain. Sexual and racial attitudes, poverty and riches, adolescence, old age are only some of the issues touched on in these stories.

Flannery O'Connor, a 1972 National Book Award winner, reminds us that wearing blinders takes away more than just a view. Through her stories we see that what we blind ourselves to is bound to appear again and again.

To join us for dinner and discussion, contact Debra Murphy at 552.4331 or dmurphy@fvumc.org



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



Meet Your Neighbors - Fill out the Attendance Pads

Please remember to fill out Attendance Pads and then pass them back down your row to the center aisle. It's a great way to get to know your worship neighbors!

Hungry? Support Missions - May 8 & 9

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.



Got Game? Support Missions on May 9

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*

Clothing Closet Thanks

Thank you to every one who volunteered or donated clothing to last week's Clothing Closet!

The next Clothing Closet is scheduled for Saturday, July 18.





Kidz NPraise Presents: A Musical & a Gameshow—All in One!

Kidz NPraise will present their spring musical, “Paraleloza!” 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!

What’s that Trailer Doing in the Back Parking Lot?

Anticipating your many donations to the annual FVUMC mission teams Yard Sale, the trailer in the back is ready to receive your deliveries! Please bring donations to the trailer and stack them inside filling from the end farthest from the door. The Yard Sale is coming on May 9 along with many other great activities and food - all in support of our summer mission workteams.

Drugs Uncovered: What Parents Need to Know

This program is for parents and other adults only.

Can you identify any of the 70 references to drugs and alcohol hidden in a life-like teenager’s bedroom? Come to the Centrum on Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30-8:30pm and find out in the life-like mock room which is part of the Poe Center’s interactive program.

Learn about current drug trends, teen culture and signs of substance use and abuse and more. This session give you the tools you need to effectively talk with your teens about drugs and alcohol.

This is a program no parent, no matter the age of their child, should miss. There is no cost for this event. Childcare is provided for young children, but you must RSVP for childcare! For more information contact Kristy Hochhalter, 552-4331.

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;** **May: Fruit (canned or dried).** Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

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.



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.

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	4-May	6:30 PM	at MID-WAY PATTERSON
Thursday	7-May	9:30 PM	vs WAKE CHAPEL



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Men’s Ensemble TONIGHT

The spring session of the Men’s Ensemble begins TONIGHT, 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.

No Lifeline Tonight

There is no Lifeline Youth tonight! If you signed up to participate in Rally Day be in the gravel parking lot of the church at 1:45pm.



Native American Ministries Sunday

Today 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.