

## Food, Food, Food!

We have enough to eat, but many of our brothers and sisters (especially children) go hungry every day. Start collecting food now – cans of soup, canned vegetables and fruit, instant potatoes, mac and cheese, and other non-perishable items. Then bring your donated food to any of the Race of Grace Weekend events—Golf (Friday, April 24th), Biking (Saturday, April 25th), or the Walk/Run (Sunday, April 26th). At the end of the weekend, the donations will be delivered to Western Wake Crisis Ministry so it can be distributed to people in need.



## Clothing Closet Is April 18

On 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.

## 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! Please contact Terri Pavone at [tlpavone@nc.rr.com](mailto:tlpavone@nc.rr.com) or 557-7690 or call the preschool at 557-1568, opt 2 for more information or to sign-up!

## 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.

## Palm Saturday Thanks!

Thank you for all of those who helped to make Palm Saturday a wonderful morning for our children and families.



## 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!

## Help and Hope for Uncertain Times

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](mailto: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.

## Support the 2009 Bolivia Mission Team at Chic-fil-A on 4/13!

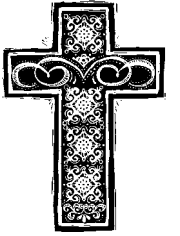
We need your help. We will be having a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A of Fuquay-Varina on Monday April 13 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be coupon forms available in the lobby today and next week to present that evening inside or at the drive through. A portion of these coupon-generated sales will go 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!

## Paid Staff Member Needed

Do you love children of all ages? Do you like a little extra money? This is the position for you! We are looking for people to work in the church childcare program. (infant-10 years old) You will be paid \$10/hr. and you will work one evening a week, for special activities, on an as needed basis. Please contact Marie Weller at [mweller@fvumc.org](mailto:mweller@fvumc.org) or 272-7549 as soon as possible to further discuss this position.

## Floral Easter Cross

You are invited to help create an amazing floral cross for Easter Sunday! The cross will begin taking shape on Saturday, April 11th as Perry Monds and volunteers begin the decorating process. Fresh cut flowers may be left in the big green tubs of water which will be on the front porch of the church before NOON on Saturday. In addition, if you would like to bring flowers to insert yourself and to add to the floral cross on Easter Sunday, please feel welcome! Please contact Perry (557-5900) at your earliest convenience to become part of the Saturday decorating team.



## 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&aud=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.

## 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 next survey is now available in the lobby or outside the church office. This survey will focus 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.



## Easter Sunrise Service

Celebrate the dawning of Easter in the courtyard of First United Methodist Church, F-V at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 12. The Reverend Arthur Wall will share the morning meditation with musical leadership provided by One Achord from F-V UMC. Table fellowship will follow with a breakfast provided by First UMC.

## Making a Difference

Race of Grace Weekend: Making a difference in the lives of hungry people through education, inspiration, many-a-donation, and perspiration! Join your brothers and sisters as we raise money for four local hunger relief agencies: Interfaith Food Shuttle, Garner Area Ministries, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, and Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry.

The Race of Grace Weekend includes a golf tournament on Friday, April 24, a 25- or 50-mile bike ride on Saturday, April 25 and a 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, April 26th. Register on-line at [www.RaceOfGrace.org](http://www.RaceOfGrace.org) or pick up an entry form from Tim Brady (557-2447) or Dave Heiser (639-8972).

## Men's Prayer Team This Tuesday

On the first Tuesday of the month, the Men's Prayer team gathers to share in devotion and have intercessory prayer time. Please join us on Tuesday, April 7 in the Prayer Chapel at 8:30pm.

This emerging ministry is OPEN to all men of the church who desire to seek and communicate with God through prayer. Men pray daily for the other men of the church. Prayers of joy, praises, concerns, sorrows and struggles of the men of this church are prayed over.

Each team member has an assigned day in which they agree to pray for the men of our church and their requests.

We welcome all men who wish to be a part of this ministry to join us. We covet your prayers for this exciting new ministry among us. Contact Ricky Hall at 919-538-9959 or Si Weeks at 919-552-7458 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!



## 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](mailto: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*

## 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	6-Apr	8:30 PM	at MID-WAY SHREVVROVICH
Thursday	9-Apr	7:30 PM	vs MID-WAY PATTERSON
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

## Prime Timers April Outing

"Hallelujah Girls" performed by the Towne Players at Garner Historic Auditorium on Saturday, April 25 at 2 pm. This hilarious story introduces the ladies of Eden Falls, Georgia who aspire to open their own day spa, Spa-Dee-Dah! in a run down old church. In a series of funny vignettes, they struggle to keep the business going while learning quite a bit about living life to the fullest. Tickets are \$8. Contact Joan Kuhn: 557-3768.



# Fuquay-Varina UMC Weekly Times

April 5, 2009



Church-Wide Luncheon

## Welcoming our New Members Today

Please plan to bring a dish to share today as we welcome our newest members (who will join the church on Easter) at a church-wide luncheon immediately after 10:50am worship. The food tables will be set up in the lobby, and we will eat together on the front lawn under tents. You can bring your dish to the kitchen any time that morning.

We will use biodegradable products (plates, cups, napkins, and utensils) and will add all of our non-meat food scraps to the compost pile at Covenant Community Garden.

Please plan to join us for this Spring Celebration as we welcome 27 new families into the life of Fuquay-Varina UMC.

## Stations of the Cross

Join us in the Centrum on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (April 6, 7, 8) for a Stations of the Cross liturgy at 12noon. A brief meditation will be offered each of the three days: Monday – Anne Ahl, Tuesday – Debra Murphy, Wednesday – Nola Boezeman. Lunch will follow. Call the church office to make a lunch reservation: 552-4331. The Stations of the Cross originated during the Middle Ages when knights and pilgrims began to follow the



route of Christ's way to Calvary. The practice spread throughout Europe and was advanced by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important teaching tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest works of medieval Christian art.