

G.A.P. Girls Meet on Wednesdays

The school year is kicking off again, and High School girls have an opportunity to gather together for G.A.P. (Growth, Accountability & Prayer). This year we will meet after school on Wednesday, the days of early release. Girls attending Fuquay-Varina High can carpool in the church van to the meeting. Those who attend other high schools are asked to be at the church by 2:00pm, and we will be finished at 3:00pm. To participate, please contact Kristy Hochhalter at youth@fvumc.org or call the church office at 552-4331.

DISCIPLE Study Classes Scheduled

We are excited about the number of people who have made the commitment to participate in DISCIPLE Bible study this year! Our DISCIPLE Bible study classes and schedule have been finalized based upon the number of individuals who registered and the day of the week selected. Unfortunately, we did not have sufficient enrollment to offer all classes on both Wednesday and Sunday. Please note that due to the length of the DISCIPLE I study, that class begins two weeks earlier than the other classes. The following are the classes offered and their starting dates:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Location</u>
DISCIPLE I- Sunday	8/30	Room 123
DISCIPLE I-Wednesday	9/2	Room 121
DISCIPLE II-Wednesday	9/16	Room 123
DISCIPLE III-Wednesday	9/16	Room 124
JESUS IN THE GOSPELS -Sunday	9/13	Room122
JESUS IN THE GOSPELS-Wednesday	9/16	Room 122
INVITATION TO ROMANS-Sunday	9/13	Room 120
INVITATION TO ROMANS-Wednesday	9/16	Room 125

The Spiritual Spinners – MS150

The F-V UMC Spiritual Spinners biking team is riding in the MS150 in New Bern Sept. 12-13 to help raise awareness and money for MS. So far we are 20 riders strong! The National Multiple Sclerosis Society uses funds collected from Bike MS to support research



for a cure and to provide programs and services addressing the needs of people living with MS.

There are many ways to support us! Become part of our biking team, be a volunteer host at our tent in New Bern, or make a donation. You can donate money via check (make checks to FVUMC and note Spiritual Spinners-Bike MS on the memo line) or donate online at http://bikenct.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/NCTBikeEvents?pg=pfind&fr_id=10800. Search for the team: FVUMC Spiritual Spinners. If you have any questions please contact Kara Prater – message13@nc.rr.com.

Supplies for New Mothers Requested

My name is Katherine Willis. I'm a cadet girl scout and a member of FVUMC. For my silver award I'm making new mother bags for a local organization called Kinton Court. The bags contain the following: Baby wash, Baby lotion, Diapers- 8 to 14 lb, Digital thermometer, Nail clippers, Pacifiers-0m+, Receiving blankets, Baby towel and wash cloth, Onesies-0 to 3 months/8 to 12 lb, Bibs, Baby wipes. I will be collecting these items from August 23rd to the 30th. They may be dropped off at the display in the lobby. I want to thank you for helping me earn my silver award and helping these new mothers keep their babies as healthy as possible!!

Christmas By Candlelight Planning

Our fourth annual Christmas By Candlelight, an elegant evening for the women of the church and their friends, will be Friday, Dec. 11. If you are interested in being a part of the planning team, join us Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7:00pm here at the church.

PrimeTimers Coming Events

All folks in the prime of life are invited to a special Dinner Theater at Northwoods Temple in Fayetteville on Friday, Sept. 11. For \$20 we get a wonderful meal plus a fun theater production that has always been very popular with our group. We will leave FVUMC on the bus at 5:00 pm and return about 10:00 pm. We have 20 seats reserved so please call Debbie Corr, 557-7437, or Ray and Kerry Vitkus, 740-3466, to save a place and if you would like someone to pick you up and drop you off at home. Your money must be paid for the Northwoods Temple Dinner Theatre by Sunday, August 30. You can give your money to Debbie Corr or Ray Vitkus or Kerry Vitkus or put in an envelope with your name on it and place the envelope in the Primetimers box in the office.

Our monthly meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 10:00 am and features our new Director of Adult Ministries, Debbi DeMaris. Come meet her and hear all about the future of Adult Ministry at FVUMC, and then join us for a trip into town for lunch. We're looking forward to a trip to tours of Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center, Old Salem in Winston-Salem, and a Christmas shopping trip. Join us if you can.



Food of the Month for August

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry requests that our church collect Peanut Butter and Jelly. Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

Connecting to F-V UMC

Join the F-V UMC Family

One of the exciting events in the life of our church is welcoming new members. The witness of worship, ministry and mission draws people to our doors. We are a faithful community committed to making disciples for Jesus Christ. All new members come through our Connectings classes. For the fall, classes begin on Sept. 13 and conclude on Oct. 18 with the new members joining at the 10:50 service on Oct. 25. The classes are held on Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm, and child care is provided. Please encourage prospective members to make a commitment to Christ. Debbi DeMaris, our new adult ministries coordinator and Pastor Richard Stone are leading the classes. We have recruited many "connectors" who will be a vital part of the connecting classes. The class is designed to enrich and encourage our new members into the congregation at FVUMC. If you are interested in joining or know others who are interested, please contact Debbi DeMaris at ddemaris@fvumc.org or call her at 552-4331 ext 106.

Kidz NPraise Starts Sept. 9

Kidz NPraise is a children's music program for ages 4 through 5th graders—children learn about God's Word, prepare to sing in worship, present a Christmas Musical, and more! We meet Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, beginning Sept. 9. Register in the church lobby, office or at www.fvumc.org

For details on the program, check out the Kidz NPraise Brochure (available in the lobby, office or website) or contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries at jharrenstein@fvumc.org, 552-4331 ext. 105.



Women of Faith Ticket Update

There are only 2 tickets remaining of those our church reserved. However, there are still seats available for the Conference so don't delay if you want to join with over 11,000 Christian women on Nov. 6-7 in Greensboro at the 2009 Women of Faith Conference. FVUMC has setup an account with the Women of Faith Conference, so please contact Susanne Young for more information. If you have reserved a seat through the church, please get your \$100 ticket fee into the church office as soon as possible. It is imperative that you write "Women of Faith" on the check's memo line so your funds will be directed to the correct account. Visit the Women of Faith website at: womenoffaith.com/events to view the preview video. Contact Susanne Young (susanneyoung@msn.com or 552-7503) with questions.

Youth Praise Team Auditions Aug. 30

Pulse, FVUMC's Youth Praise Team, will hold its annual auditions on Sunday, August 30th at 3:00 pm. Pulse is open to all youth in 7th – 12th grades, and includes keyboard, guitars, drums and vocals. The team regularly leads praise and worship for Lifeline, FVUMC's youth group, as well as occasionally providing music during the 9:30 am contemporary worship service.

Stop by the church office to pick up an audition packet containing important team information, schedules, and the audition song. For questions, contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at jharrenstein@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext. 105.

FaithWeaver Friends Parent Meeting

Our FaithWeaver Friends program for our 2nd and 3rd graders will be on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00. If you were unable to make the parent meeting on August 2nd we are having an informational meeting on Sunday, August 30th at 4:00 in room 117/119 (childcare will be provided). If you have a child who plans to be a part of FWF, attendance is very important, if you can't attend this meeting please contact Stephanie Weeks at sweeks@fvumc.org or 552-4331 Ext. 113. If you are interested in helping within this ministry please plan to attend as well and we can find your best fit. In order for this ministry to be a success for our children we will need many hands on board. No experience is needed, and there are many areas you may fit such as missions, music, recreation, behind the scenes, small group leaders, and more.

Updates for 6th Graders!

Confirmation 2010 will launch on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. in our Lobby/Centrum area! ALL 2009-10 school year sixth graders are invited to bring a parent for a fast-paced overview of Confirmation 2010 and the abundant opportunities planned for our youth.

Twelve adult mentors will provide weekly consistency as we journey together in faith each Sunday evening from 4:30-6 p.m. Our kick-off will provide an introduction; annual calendar of events; permission slips; and, needed paperwork for a fabulous faith adventure for our sixth graders. Please pre-register by contacting Pastor Elaine at elilliston@fvumc.org with "Confirmation 2010" in the subject line.

Today, our rising sixth graders are welcomed into youth ministry through the 9:30 and 10:50 Sunday School options available in the youth rooms of the church building.

KNOW that our church family is eager to make this a powerful year for each of our youth. Sign-up today to join in the Confirmation 2010 adventure!

Handbell Ringers Wanted!

The Alleluia Ringers, FVUMC's Beginner Handbell Choir has openings! This group is open to youth (6th grade and up) and adults, and NO previous experience, knowledge or skill is required. The Alleluia Ringers meet on Sunday afternoons, 3:45 – 4:45 pm, beginning Sept. 13. If you think you might enjoy ringing bells, we will teach you everything you need to know! Contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at jharrenstein@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext. 105.



Adult Fall Sunday School Classes

A complete listing of the Fall Sunday School Class offerings for adults is now available. Classes will begin Sept. 13. Please stop by the Adult Class Sign-up table in the lobby and get your flyer with all the details. For questions, contact Debbi DeMaris, Director of Adult Ministries, at 552-4331 or ddemaris@fvumc.org.

Fall Adult Study Options

Stop by the "fall leaves" easel in our lobby area to sign up for one of our fall study options! Childcare is offered on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

"Journey of Spirit and Justice" – Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. Join facilitator Steve Taylor from the UM Conference staff in this 10 week study on the "Way of Jesus" Explore the biblical narrative and find ways to be responsive in our world today.

"Weekly Lectionary Bible Study" – Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. Read scriptures listed in our weekly worship bulletin for the following Sunday and come mid-week to explore with Pastor Richard and Arthur Wall.

"Bible 101" - Sundays 4:30 – 6 p.m. beginning Sept. 13. Celebrate learning and using basic Bible skills while using the Bible as a transformative resource; learn locations of familiar passages; and explore major biblical themes during six fast paced sessions.

"Growing in Grace" – Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. Explore the "What, Why and How" of Christian disciples growing in grace using the Bible and a book by Henry Knight. Half of the sessions are in the fall and the other half begin in January.

Christmas Cantata Choir & Retreat

It's only August, right? In the music world, that means it's time to start thinking about the Christmas Cantata! Stop by the choir room or the church office for a Cantata Sampler CD. The choir is open to adults and youth (6th grade and up). ALL ARE WELCOME to participate in the cantata!



Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

August 23, 2009

TODAY is Promotion Sunday for Children and Youth

All children and youth move to their next Sunday School age level class TODAY, August 23. Parents of infants–5th graders: please be sure to fill out a registration form (table in hall and in classrooms) for your child and return to your child's teacher. Questions? Contact Stephanie Weeks, Children's Ministries Director, at sweeks@fvumc.org or Kristy Hochhalter, Director of Youth Ministries, at youth@fvumc.org.



Ministry Opportunities

Today, is Promotion Sunday and we are still in need of Sunday school teachers at both 9:30 and 10:50 on a rotating basis. Teachers alternate with another teacher every other week or by month depending on what fits your schedule. The curriculum is very user friendly and little preparation is required in advance. Our current Sunday school teachers will tell you that they enjoy spreading God's word and love with the children.

Current openings: 9:30 – 2 year olds

10:50: Two, Three, Four year olds, & Kindergarten

Please contact Stephanie Weeks at sweeks@fvumc.org or 552-4331 Ext. 113 at your earliest convenience if you would like to serve in one of these areas.



Senior Celebration Needs You!

Is there a table designer within you waiting to burst out? Here is your chance! We are planning our celebration for our church's adults, 60 & up on September 12th. Please consider adopting a table to set and decorate for a party of 6. The most creative table will win a prize according to the votes received that evening! If decorating is not your forte but would like to help, consider being an attendant to help serve our wonderful friends! Contact Lynne Sorrels at 557-1568 opt 2, 552-0505, or fvumcpre@yahoo.com.