

Kids for Christ Planning Meeting

KFC will be having a 2009/2010 planning meeting on August 9 at 4:30pm. We will meet in the KFC room (202) and discuss what we want to do for next year. 4th and 5th grade parents and child are welcome.



We have some ideas from the end of last year and some volunteers for some activities. Please attend if interested in helping. Contact Frank Lane @ 557-6177 / frank.lane@pgnmail.com for additional information.

Promotion Sunday Is Aug. 23 for Children and Youth

All children and youth will move to their next Sunday School age level class on Sunday, August 23. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Weeks, Children's Ministries Director, at sweeks@fvumc.org or Kristy Hochhalter, Director of Youth Ministries, at youth@fvumc.org. Both can be reached by calling the church at 552-4331.



Praise Team Jam Session

Interested in offering your gift of music to the Lord? The 9:30 am worship Praise Team is looking for musicians with a talent to share and a heart for worship!

The team is especially in need of guitarists, and is also open to anyone gifted in keyboards, percussion, vocals or other instruments that can contribute to a contemporary band setting.

The team will hold a Jam Session on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the Centrum. The Jam Session is an opportunity for any interested musicians to begin the audition process for joining the 9:30 Praise Team. Bring your instrument (or your voice!) and join us for an evening of praise music!



Advanced "reservations" are not required, however anyone wishing to receive information about the Jam Session or team membership should contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at jharrenstein@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext. 105.

Welcome Visitors and Guests

If you are visiting us for the first time this morning, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Lobby to sign our Guest Book and to receive a special memento from FVUMC!

Yard Sale @ FYI (Fuquay-Varina Youth Initiative)

FYI is holding a yard sale on Saturday, August 8 from 7am -12pm at the FYI house (also known as Casa Blanca) located at 607 E Academy Street. This fundraiser is being sponsored by the FYI Administrative Board.



FYI is an after-school/summer program for middle school students. If you would like to volunteer or donate items, please call Chiffonda Holloway at 557-5630. Otherwise come out and shop till you drop! (Rain date: 8/15/09)

Youth Praise Team Auditions

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.

Any youth interested in auditioning should stop by the church office to pick up an audition packet (available August 1st) 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.

Youth Teachers Needed

Youth Sunday School teachers are needed for the upcoming year for 9:30am Sunday School! If you are interested in teaching on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, please contact Kristy Hochhalter, Director of Youth Ministries, at youth@fvumc.org or call the church at 552-4331.

Christmas Cantata

It's only August, right? In the music world, that means time to start thinking about the Christmas Cantata! Think you might like to join this year's cantata choir? Stop by the choir room or the church office to pick up a Cantata Sampler CD—preview some of the music we'll be learning to see if this might be the area of ministry for you. The choir is open to adults and youth (6th grade and up).



A rehearsal schedule is included with the preview CD. ALL ARE WELCOME to sing in the cantata choir, even if you don't regularly participate in the music ministries—check it out today!

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up!

"If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples." ~John 8:31 (NJB)

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood.



DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. The studies draw upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

Registration for DISCIPLE Bible Study for the 2009-2010 year is now open with classes starting in September. The DISCIPLE Bible Study table in the lobby has preview materials for all the studies as well as registration lists. The year long studies offered will include DISCIPLE I, II, III, and IV, and Jesus in the Gospels. A number of 10 week studies will also be available.

Pending interest, studies will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 and on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30. Be sure to stop by the DISCIPLE table and find just the right class for you!

August PrimeTimers Events

This is a group for those in the prime of life! We meet at least once a month and enjoy many activities, educational programs, and trips. It is a great time for fellowship, and August is going to be a sweet month!

We start on Wednesday, Aug. 12 with a trip to the NC Museum of Natural Sciences to attend a special exhibit all about the history of Chocolate. We'll leave F-V UMC at 11:00 am, go to lunch at a cafeteria, tour the Chocolate exhibit, and then stop at the Chocolate Bean in Varina for a snack and coffee. Please bring \$5.00 (for over 65 years old) or \$7.00 (if under 65) for entrance to the special exhibit plus money for your lunch and the Varina stop.

We'll hold our monthly meeting at 10:30 am on Tuesday, Aug. 18 to hear a talk from Terry Bass about Financial Investing and Dangers to Avoid. Bring a sack lunch as we'll stay at church to eat. You might also bring a favorite dessert to share to top off our sweet month.

Please call Debbie Corr, 557-7437, or Ray and Kerry Vitkus, 919-740-3466, if you need a ride or have questions.



Efird Bible Study Starts TODAY

From the two creation stories to the Hebrews' move to Egypt, a master teacher helps us understand how master story tellers passed Hebrew history from generation to generation, while also painting clear pictures of Biblical characters. Join us for a DVD-based Bible study on the book of Genesis by Master Teacher Dr. Mickey Efird, a professor at Duke Divinity School. Our study consists of 20 lessons and begins August 2 at 10:50am in room 119. If interested, contact Barbara Patterson at jmpatterso@aol.com.

Hats Off to our Finance Committee

The church family celebrates the amazing, number-tumbling, administratively-oriented folks who faithfully serve on our Finance Committee under the capable leadership of Cathy White.

The Committee, including Eric Coates (Vice Chair), David Phipps (Stewardship Chair), Terry Bass (Treasurer), Don Howell (Council Chair), Joe Jackson (Trustee Chair), Julie Brown (Lay Member of Annual Conference) and at large members Jim Casper, Dave Heiser, Newtie Prince and Bob Sheets ensure the church remains in a financially sound position. Richard Stone, Joan Thomas, and Bob Griffith serve as highly-capable "Staff Support."

We appreciate your ministry among us and the ways you manage our tithes and offerings to ensure ministry continues close to home and around the world.

Summer Concert Series Finale One Achord Concert

— Sunday, Aug. 16 at 5:00 pm

FVUMC's own One Achord will present a program of a cappella men's music, and yes, they've got a few tricks up their sleeves! Admission is free, and childcare is provided. Don't miss an exciting concert of high-quality music from our men's quartet.

Bereavement Support Group

Heartland Home Health & Hospice will offer a five-week support group, "Working Through a Season of Grief" (A Bereavement support group), beginning Thursdays from 6-7pm, August 13-September 10 at FVUMC. There is no cost to attend this group. For more information, please contact Dot Murray, Bereavement Coordinator, at 877-9959.

August Book Club

An Altar in the World is about how faith can be both practical and sensuous. In author Barbara Brown Taylor's hands, the old division between heaven and earth is healed and both come alive. Under Taylor's expert guidance, we come to question conventional distinctions between the sacred and the secular, learning that no physical act is too earthbound or too humble to become a path to the divine. As we incorporate these practices into our daily lives, we begin to discover altars everywhere we go. Join us for dinner and discussion on Friday, August 21. Contact Judy Casper at jacasper@earthlink.net or Matilda Storm at mstorm2@orion.naz.edu.

School Supplies Needed Collection Extended into August

During the entire month of July please help fill our lobby shelves (many times over) with school supplies to be distributed by our friends at Southern Regional Center as well as to local English as a Second Language high school students. All school supplies are welcomed, especially new or gently used (good condition) book bags. Crayons, pencils, glue sticks, folders, notebook paper, rulers, scissors, and pencil pouches are all useful elementary items. For our high school students we need 3 ring binders, dividers, pens, expandable book covers (larger size), graphing papers, index cards, hi-lighters, small staplers, and colored pencils.



**If anyone has a graphing calculator they are no longer using it would be a HUGE help to the high school students.

Have fun filling our lobby shelves with these necessities to ensure a successful start to a new school year for children and youth in our community.

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.

NEW! Church-Wide Email Distribution List

Have you received emails from F-V UMC recently? IF NOT, and you would like to receive email messages in the future, please contact the church office via email at jgue@fvumc.org.



Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

August 2, 2009

FaithWeaver Friends Parent Meeting

TODAY from 4:30-6:00pm is our required informational parent meeting for the new FaithWeaver Friends program.

This ministry is open to 2nd and 3rd graders and will be held on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm.

Join us today 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.



We need many hands to help with this ministry! Please plan to attend, and we can find your best fit. No experience is needed, and there are many areas you may fit such as missions, music, recreation, behind the scenes, small group leaders, etc.

Ministry Opportunity for Many

With Promotion Sunday (Aug. 23) comes the beginning of a wonderful new year in Children's Ministries and the opportunity for many volunteers. We are in need of Sunday school teachers at both 9:30am and 10:50am on a rotating basis. Teachers alternate with another teacher every other week or by month depending on what fits their 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.

Today and August 2, visit the table in the lobby full of information on Children's Ministries and ways you can serve within nursery, Sunday school or Children's Church. If you feel this is an area where you would like to serve, please stop by and ask questions or sign up to volunteer. Contact Stephanie Weeks at sweeks@fvumc.org if you already know you'd like to volunteer.

