

Yokefellow Prison Ministry

In response to the call and the example of Jesus Christ, the purpose of Yokefellow Prison Ministry is to develop personal relationships between inmates and volunteers, individually and in community, which will create a nurturing, nonjudgmental environment in which each will feel free to examine and share their lives and experience the forgiveness, healing, and power of God's love. This year Yokefellow celebrates 40 years of ministry and currently serves 54 of the 78 prisons in NC.

I look forward to each Monday night that I have the opportunity to represent Christ, inside Wake Correctional in Raleigh, as I sit with a group of men that seek the will and guidance of God. We are yoked to Christ and together experience changing attitudes, hearts and lives. I am blessed through this ministry. Volunteer training begins soon; if you have questions about this ministry please contact Jim Carver at carverjim@nc.rr.com.

Book Club Selections for 2009-2010

If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful group of readers who meet on the third Friday of each month for dinner and lively conversation, please contact Tammie Quick (tlquick@gmail.com) or Suzanne Jones (dsjones@nc.rr.com). Detailed descriptions of each book are in the July edition of the Wellspring newsletter.

August 21 – *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*
by Barbara Brown Taylor (2009)

September 18 – *Unbowed* by Wangari Maathai (2007)

October 16 – *The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement* by Jean M. Twenge and W. Keith Campbell (2009)

November 20 – *Home* by Marilynne Robinson (2009)

January 15 – *Little Heathens* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish (2007)

February 19 – *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*
by Sara Miles (2007)

March 19 – *God Is Not . . . Religious, Nice, "One of Us," an American, a Capitalist*
edited by Brent Laytham (2004)

April 16 – *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal* by Jonathan Mooney (2008)

May 21 – *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang (2009)

June 18 – *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau (1854)



Middle School Summer Trip

The trip, from August 1-2, is for middle school youth who have just finished the 6th & 7th grades. We will meet at the church at 8:30am on Saturday, Aug. 1 and will do a variety of service projects in our local community. Then we will eat lunch and make our way to Jordan Lake to set up our campsite and spend the afternoon swimming and hiking! In the evening we will have worship and make s'mores. We will return to the church at 12:00pm on Sunday. Parents are needed to chaperone!!! The cost is \$25. The deadline to register is Sunday, July 19. To register, contact Kristy Hochhalter.

What a Blessing to Have Job Openings to Offer!

Associate Director of Music Ministries

Fuquay Varina UMC is seeking an Associate Director of Music Ministries. This position will assist the Director of Music Ministries in the development of music and worship ministries. Candidates should be skilled at piano accompanying, handbells, and experience with children and youth music programs, good oral and written communication skills and basic computer competency. A Bachelor's degree in music is preferred. This is a part time position; 15 hours per week, 10 months per year. The full job description is available at www.WeMakeDisciples.org. Qualified candidates should send their cover letter and resume to jobs@fvumc.org before the cut-off date of July 15, 2009.

Office Assistant

Fuquay Varina UMC is seeking a part time Office Assistant, (approx. 15 hours per week). This position will assist with clerical support to the pastors, office manager and staff. Candidates should have excellent telephone skills, and basic computer competency and ability to perform moderate level of physical activities including lifting. Previous office experience is preferred but not required. The full job description is available at www.WeMakeDisciples.org. Qualified candidates should send their cover letter and resume to jobs@fvumc.org before the cut off date of July 15, 2009.



Framing Your Worldview Study

What is your WORLDVIEW? A worldview is simply the way we think the world works and how we fit into it. Everyone has a worldview, though most people are not aware of it. Understanding your worldview is very important because it shapes our thoughts, attitudes and actions.

Join the CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION Sunday school class for a six-week study titled FRAMING YOUR WORLDVIEW. This is an awesome DVD and discussion based study created by Rick Warren and Chuck Colson.

The study begins July 19 at 10:50 in Room 122. All are welcome!!!!!! For questions contact Charlie Gray at ncgetcdl@bellsouth.net or 810-2217.



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for Children's Church beginning in August. Your commitment is only once a month, and all the materials are provided. All you do is show up and teach!! If you are interested, please contact Keena Teague at 772-5368 or david-keena@bellsouth.net The children of the church thank you!!

Costa Rica Mission Wishlist Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed supplies for the Rancho Avalancha VBS being offered by our mission team for an afternoon Bible School for the 60 – 70 elementary school kids at Los Guidos UMC (Pastor Edgar Ponce's Church)! If you would like to help with program materials, the following items are still needed:

- Elastic String - 2 Balls
- Scotch Tape – 10 rolls
- Plastic Beads – several bags
- Brown Twine – 2 Balls
- Foam or Wood Door Hangers
- Ribbon Scraps – several bunches
- Jump Ropes – 5
- Frisbees – 7
- School supplies for the kids 'saddle bags': pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, small notebooks, etc.



A box marked Rancho Avalancha is in the Centrum Lobby to collect donated items each Sunday through July 12.

Please email Ann Ledford if you would like to help (mledford@nc.rr.com).

It's DISCIPLE Bible Study Month!

"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 study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

Registration for DISCIPLE Bible Study for the 2009-2010 year will be held during July 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, II, 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!

School Supplies Needed

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.

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!



Food of the Month for July

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.

Bible Cart in Worship

On Sunday mornings in worship, there is now a green rolling cart located near the celebration/concerns podium. On this cart you will find two different Children's Bibles. Also on the cart will be adult Bibles for those who would like to follow along with the lectionary text and message of the day.

The Beginner's Bible is recommended for children ages 4-7 and is organized by Old Testament and New Testament stories. *The Children's Illustrated Bible* is recommended for children ages 6-10 and is full of historical information, explanation of vocabulary, as well as stories listed by chapter and verse. If you have children who participate in worship, we invite you to pick up one of these Bibles to use during worship and then return to the cart before leaving.



Joy to the World

If you have ever bought a church cookbook or a bag of fair trade coffee, thank you for making it possible for Fuquay-Varina UMC to make a \$1500 donation to Heifer Project.

Our monies have purchased a "Joy to the World" collection which includes two sheep, four goats, a heifer, and two llamas. These animals will mean new hope in the lives of the hardworking poor families who receive them.



And they are truly gifts that keep on giving, since these animals (their milk, their offspring) will help sustain these families for years to come.

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Weekly Times

July 5, 2009

Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network

Families in transition will be arriving to make FVUMC their home for the week of July 19. You can help make them feel welcome by providing meals, setting up, cleaning up, visiting in the evenings, driving the families from Raleigh to FVUMC or spending the night. Please see the sign up board in the lobby for ways you, your family or your small group can help. For questions call Sandra Bass (552-9647) or Susanne Young (552-7503).



Meet our New Raleigh District Superintendent - Rev. Jon Strother

Rev. Jon Strother, the new Raleigh District Superintendent, will hold introductory gatherings in area churches. Fellowship and refreshments will be offered before and after each gathering:

- Wednesday, July 15 - First UMC, Fuquay Varina 6:30-7:45pm
- Sunday, July 12 - White Plains UMC, Cary 3:00-4:15pm
- Sunday, July 26 - Hollands' UMC on Ten-Ten Road 3:00-4:15pm.

Each gathering is identical and will offer opportunities for celebration, renewed focus and a deepened sense of what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Summer Concert Series

**Sunday, July 19 at 4:00 pm—
Steel Drum Concert**

A program of great music from the group Tagé on Steel from the Washington DC area. They will join us for worship the morning of July 19 and present a concert that afternoon at 4pm in the centrum. Admission is free, and childcare is provided.