

Seeds of Faith Preschool's Spaghetti/Hot Dog Dinner



Join us for dinner on March 20 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Proceeds benefit the classrooms, playground, and Covenant Community Garden's picnic shelter project. Please join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship! Tickets are \$4 for a Hot Dog Dinner (includes chips, drink & dessert) and \$6 for Spaghetti Dinner (includes bread, salad, drink & dessert). Tickets are available through the Preschool office and in the lobby TODAY.

New this year, win specialized gift baskets put together by our preschool classes and friends! One free ticket will be given for each meal purchased. Additional tickets will be available by donation.

Building Relationships with our Latino Sisters and Brothers

With the support of a grant from the Valparaiso Project we are offering *Introductory Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) Classes* to persons interested in forming friendships and strengthening existing relationships with our Latino friends.

A weekday morning class (9:30 am – 12 noon) will be offered for 12 weeks beginning this Wednesday, March 18. A 10-week Sunday afternoon class (3 pm – 6 pm) begins TODAY March 15. There will be a nominal registration fee and participants will purchase their own textbook.

The instructor for the classes is Gabriela Rueda, a native of Mexico City and a Spanish teacher for the Continuing Education services of Wake Tech.

Along with the SSL classes we will host two events at Covenant Community Garden. These celebrations of food and fellowship will be further opportunities to build a bridge of understanding between our two communities.

We know that we won't be fluent in Spanish after a few weeks of study. We know that the garden events will not bring understanding and reconciliation overnight. But we trust that as we are faithful to the promptings of the Spirit—tending to this work with a gardener's patience, determination, and hope—that these efforts will bear fruit, creating the conditions for further collaboration in ministry and mission in Christ's name.

If you are interested in the classes, contact Debra Murphy ASAP by phone 552-4331, ext. 106 or email at dmurphy@fvumc.org.

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 available TODAY! 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.

March Food of the Month

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry has requested that our church collect the following food donations: **March: Canned meats & canned or dry milk.** Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

March Events for Prime Timers

The Prime Timers are inviting everyone to join us for a meeting at 10:00am at F-V UMC on March 17 to hear our own Debra Murphy with a video on "Gender, Power, Scandal, and Scripture: Women in the Bible." Then we will go to Cooley's for a "St. Patty's Day" lunch.

Also plan on coming with us Tuesday, March 31 for a Garden Tour and a talk on Herb & Container Gardens at the Fairview Greenhouse & Garden. A box lunch will be available for \$8 with a choice of sandwiches. The bus leaves church at 10:30am for the tour and catered lunch at the garden.

We need reservations for the Cooley's lunch and the Garden Tour and box lunch. Please contact Joan Kuhn at 557-3768 or the church office to reserve a spot for these fun and interesting events.



Future events include a trip to see "The Hallelujah Girls" performed by the Garner Towne Players on April 25; going to the NC Symphony for a Friday afternoon to hear an informal, interesting concert of Vivaldi's Four Seasons on May 8; and a meeting at F-V UMC on May 19 with an insightful talk on "Player and Faith" followed by lunch at Bullfeathers.

March Book Club

The Ethics of What We Eat By Peter Singer and Jim Mason

The authors examine three families' grocery-buying habits and the motivations behind those choices. One woman says she's "absorbed in my life and my family...and I don't think very much about the welfare of the meat I'm eating," while a wealthier husband and wife mull the virtues of "triple certified" coffee, buying local and avoiding chocolate harvested by child slave labor, though "no one seems to be pondering that as they eat."

In investigating food production conditions, the authors' first-hand experiences alternate between horror and comedy, from slaughterhouses to artificial turkey-insemination ("the hardest, fastest, dirtiest, most disgusting, worst-paid work").

This sometimes-graphic exposé is not myopic: profitability and animal welfare are given equal consideration, though the reader finishes the book agreeing with the authors' conclusion that "America's food industry seeks to keep Americans in the dark about the ethical components of their food choices."

A no-holds-barred treatise on ethical consumption, this is an important read for those concerned with the long, frightening trip between farm and plate. Join us on Friday, March 20 for dinner and discussion. Questions? Contact Debra Murphy at 552-4331 or dmurphy@fvumc.org

Youth News

Spring Retreat - May 1-3

This retreat is open to all youth - 6th – 12th grade. Welcome confirmands! We are traveling to Awanita Valley Christian Retreat Center, in Marietta, South Carolina (www.awanita.org). The retreat includes five different worship sessions - all united under one theme. We will play in a mud pit, take a hummer ride through the mountains, have a chance to ride a horse, go down a super fun zip line into the water or go on a huge waterslide.

The cost for this retreat is \$135 for the weekend, and some additional money will be needed for traveling meals. In order to register for this event, a \$25 deposit must be turned in by March 29. Partial scholarships are available for those who need assistance; please don't hesitate to ask. For more information, contact Kristy Hochhalter at youth@fvumc.org.



A-Camping We Will Go!

Take a minute to browse the lobby shelves which display camping opportunities offered within our United Methodist Conference. For the next two weeks, these shelves will have brochures and information on summer camping ministries at Camp Chestnut Ridge, Don Lee, and Rockfish. You can pick up a brochure or application or for more information visit www.ncumcamps.org. If you have any further questions, contact Stephanie Weeks at sweeks@fvumc.org.

Do You Want to Transform Your Life?

Come to a STUDY ON PRAYER here at FVUMC on Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28. This is based on a 4-session study of a book by Steve Harper. He has written several books on Prayer. The study will engage you in Life-transforming practices for your prayer life. The cost is \$10 to cover book and meal expenses. Please register no later than Sunday, March 22.

Friday, join us from 6-8:45pm for supper and

Session 1: Living from the Heart.

Saturday, we'll gather from 9:00am-2:30pm. The day includes:

Sessions 2: Read and Pray Daily

Session 3: Get Connected

Lunch

Session 4: Go On!

Closing Communion service



The Love Dare Bible Study

This eight-week study is designed to help your marriage lead through the Love Dare challenge. Join this study on Tuesday nights starting March 24. Childcare will be provided. The study reinforces the week's Love Dare teachings with added biblical insight, commentary, and provocative questions that spark lively and helpful group discussions.

Session themes cover issues such as honoring your spouse, forgiveness, building marriage on prayer and God's word, unconditional love, and more. Contact Lennie and Danielle Furlough (919)567-0865 / Lfurloughjr@nc.rr.com to sign up today or to get more information

High School Seniors

If you are a high school senior, please contact Kristy in the church office so that we can be sure to invite you to all of the activities happening to honor our graduates!

One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering NEXT Sunday

"My world is so small, and by participating in these offerings, I help people who are beyond my limited reach. Special Sundays are an opportunity for me to walk the talk," said one parishioner.

The United Methodist Church has designated six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings allowing United Methodists across the globe to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, set for next Sunday, March 22, supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief, or UMCOR.

UMCOR is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of The United Methodist Church and works in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. UMCOR's mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

Continue to share God's love with those in need by giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. God calls Christians to be the hands, heart and hope of the church for people who are suffering. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing, the church is able to answer that call.



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Palm Saturday Help Still Needed!



We still have a few leader openings (all lessons and activities provided) as well as helpers needed too. If you would like to help with Palm Saturday please contact Stephanie Weeks at 552-4331 Ext. 113 or sweeks@fvumc.org.

Registration will begin at 8:45am, and the rotations will begin at 9:00. Children ages 3 & 4 will learn about the joys of spring while children K-5th grade will experience Jesus' journey to the cross. An Easter egg hunt concludes our morning of fun.

Our hungry bunny is in the lobby, please feed the bunny with plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy.

The softball team will be selling hotdog lunches for \$3.00 starting around 11:15am. Hope you can join us!

Main Street Kitchen - Next Saturday, March 21

This Ministry is a once monthly event where we prepare and deliver meals to those in need throughout the community. We would love to have you join us beginning at 1pm! The menu for the month on Mar. 21, will be Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Fruit. Donation needs are: Ground Meat, Meat Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, salad makings, bread and fruit. To make a cash donation, please deliver to the church office and designate for Main Street Kitchen. Contact Paula Cade (557-4347) with any questions.



Healing Service

On Sunday, March 29 at 5:00pm in the Chapel, we will hold a healing service for those who would like prayers for themselves or others. The service will include anointing with oil and concludes with Holy Communion.