



Youth News

Reminders for Tonight!

There is NO Lifeline Youth tonight. Leaders, don't forget your training from 5-7:30pm at Garner UMC tonight.

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.



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!

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.

Volunteer for VBS 2009

Stop by the lobby today or next Sunday, March 29 to volunteer for an exciting CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS 2009! Evening VBS will run from Sunday, June 14 - Thursday, June 18 and daytime will run from Monday June 15- Friday, June 19.



MANY volunteers are needed to make this a GREAT week for the kids. One of our VBS area leaders will be available in the lobby to answer questions or provide further information. Come join the FUN!

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 of Jesus Christ.



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 31**. Note starting date has changed! 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 for information.

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.

Sound Operator Training

Any persons in the church or community wishing to be trained on the F-V UMC Centrum Sound System are invited to attend Sound Operator Training on Saturday, March 28.

F-V UMC policy states that any event requiring the use of the sound system have a F-V UMC-Trained Operator present. Training will be held at the following times:

- 9:00 - 9:30 am Level 1 Training (basics—sufficient for most meetings and events)
- 9:30 - 10:00 am Level 2 Training (intermediate—when additional microphones, monitors, etc. are required)
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Level 3 Training (advanced—including bands and complex events)

Reservations are required for anyone planning to attend the training session(s). To make your reservation, please contact Jennifer Harrenstein at jharrenstein@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext. 105 by Wednesday, March 25.

Last Day to Register for Garden Tour!

Tuesday, March 31 we will enjoy 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. The deadline for the Garden Tour and box lunch is today. Please sign up and prepay at the table in the lobby.

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.



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	23-Mar	8:30 PM	at WAKE CHAPEL
Monday	30-Mar	6:30 PM	at MID-WAY EVANS
Monday	6-Apr	8:30 PM	at MID-WAY SHREVVROVICH
Thursday	9-Apr	7:30 PM	vs MID-WAY PATTERSON



Register Today - Transform Your Life

Come to a STUDY ON PRAYER here at FVUMC this 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. Register TODAY.

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



Welcoming our New Members on April 5

Please bring a dish to share on Sunday, April 5 as we welcome our newest members (who will join the church on Easter) at a church-wide luncheon immediately after the 10:50am worship service.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering TODAY

"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.

Today's One Great Hour of Sharing offering, 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.



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 followed by lunch. 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.

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Weekly Times

March 22, 2009

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 28

Men! Please join us Saturday morning, March 28th from 7:30-9:00am in the Centrum for breakfast, fellowship and a great speaker. We will communicate upcoming events and opportunities to build relationships through service, study and fellowship.

Our speaker will be Pastor Don Watson. Pastor Watson has been in full-time ministry for over 40 years starting out as a Youth Pastor in California. Since then he has Pastored churches in Charlotte, Cary and more recently in Fuquay. More recently, he is working with a small congregation with special needs in Apex. Pastor Watson will be sharing with us about commitment and relationships, drawing from his experiences over the years in Ministry.

Please come and learn more about our Men's Ministry at Fuquay and how we can strengthen our commitment and relationships.



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.

Join Us for Palm Saturday - April 4

Registration begins at 8:45am, and the rotations begin at 9:00am. Children ages 3 & 4 will learn about the joys of spring and should be accompanied by a parent. Children K-5th grade will experience Jesus' journey to the cross. An Easter egg hunt concludes our morning of fun. The softball team will be selling hotdog lunches for \$3.00 starting around 11:15am.

Our hungry bunny is in the lobby, please feed the bunny with individually wrapped candy (that will fit inside a plastic egg).

