

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.



Clothing Closet Is April 18

On Saturday, April 18 from 8am to Noon is the next Clothing Closet. Volunteers are needed on Thursday (late afternoon) and Friday (9am-5pm) for setup and clothes sorting. Please bag each family member's clothes separately to help speed up setup time. Write on the bag or include a note on the top with the category: Mens, Mens Large, Womens, Womens Petite, Maternity, Teen, Girls, Boys, Infant (up to 4T). If the shed behind the church is full, please bring your items on Thursday or Friday to the adult wing. For more information or questions please contact Roberta McCormack 567-2765.

Paid Staff Member Needed

Do you love children of all ages? Do you like a little extra money? This is the position for you! We are looking for people to work in the church childcare program. (infant-10 years old) You will be paid \$10/hr. and you will work one evening a week, for special activities, on an as needed basis. Please contact Marie Weller at mweller@fvumc.org or 272-7549 as soon as possible to further discuss this position.

Prime Timers April Outing



"Hallelujah Girls" performed by the Towne Players at Garner Historic Auditorium on Saturday, April 25 at 2 pm. This hilarious story introduces the ladies of Eden Falls, Georgia who aspire to open their own day spa, Spa-Dee-Dah! in a run down old church. In a series of funny vignettes, they struggle to keep the business going while learning quite a bit about living life to the fullest. Tickets are \$8. Contact Joan Kuhn: 557-3768.

Support Banded Brothers and Military Veterans Projects on April 3

From 11am-6pm on Friday, April 3, flounder, slaw, potatoes, and hushpuppies will be available. All proceeds go to Military Veterans and Banded Brothers for local projects.

Eat-in or Take out lunch or dinner for \$7 per plate. Pickup your food at Carolina Trucking Academy, 3720 S. Wilmington St. where Hwy 401 & Hwy 70 meet or call in your orders for free delivery of 5 or more plates. Call in orders taken at 801-0906.



Foods 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 and April: Canned or Dried Soup**. Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

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 who make disciples of Jesus Christ.



Volunteer for VBS 2009

Stop by the lobby today 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!



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	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
Monday	13-Apr	8:30 PM	vs FUQUAY BAPTIST
Thursday	16-Apr	7:30 PM	at FAIRVIEW



Youth News

Last Day to Register! 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!

Easter Sunrise Service

Celebrate the dawning of Easter in the courtyard of First United Methodist Church, F-V at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 12. The Reverend Arthur Wall will share the morning meditation with musical leadership provided by One Achord from F-V UMC. Table fellowship will follow with a breakfast provided by First UMC.

Race of Grace Weekend - April 24-26

Calling all runners, walkers, bikers and golfers! Enjoy a day of recreation and support our brothers and sisters in need. The 6th Annual Race of Grace Weekend is coming – Friday, April 24 – Golf Tournament, Saturday, April 25 – Bike ride, Sunday, April 26 – 5K Walk/Run.



Proceeds from this Raleigh District-wide and community effort will go the Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry and three other agencies which distribute food to hungry brothers and sisters.

Contact Tim Brady (557-2447) or Dave Heiser (639-8972) or check out www.RaceOfGrace.org for all you need to know!



Church-Wide Luncheon

Welcoming our New Members on April 5

Please plan to 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 10:50am worship.

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.

F-V UMC Men's Prayer Team

On the first Tuesday of the month, the Men's Prayer team gathers to share in devotion and have intercessory prayer time. Please join us on Tuesday, April 7 in the Prayer Chapel at 8:30pm.



This emerging ministry is OPEN to all men of the church who desire to seek and communicate with God through prayer. Men pray daily for the other men of the church. Prayers of joy, praises, concerns, sorrows and struggles of the men of this church are prayed over.

Each team member has an assigned day in which they agree to pray for the men of our church and their requests.

We welcome all men who wish to be a part of this ministry to join us. We covet your prayers for this exciting new ministry among us. Contact Ricky Hall at 919-538-9959 or Si Weeks at 919-552-7458 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Summer Camp for 3rd-12th Graders

Sandra Bass is now accepting deposits of \$50 and registration forms for Teen Valley Ranch Summer Camp. The dates are July 6-11. Pick up an information packet in the church office in box # 41. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Bass at basshouse@embarqmail.com.

F-V UMC's Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you

Stephen Ministers are members of Fuquay-Varina UMC who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care for people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.



If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Dale Floyd, Polly Sheets, Bob Sorrels, or Susanne Young.

Contact them via confidential email at stephenministry@fvumc.org. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

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Weekly Times

March 29, 2009



Healing Service Today

This evening, 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 - This Saturday!



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).

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.

