

Vacation Bible School Registration



Begins Sunday, May 17 for church members Sunday, May 31 for the community. Children 3 years - 5th Grade can participate. One registration form per child please. Forms available at the VBS table in the Lobby or in the church office.



Seeds of Faith Summer Camp

Summer Camp is being offered again this year! Camps are available for rising 3 & 4 year olds and rising Kindergartners. (child must be class age by August 31, 2009). Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:45am to 12:45pm. Snacks are provided...bagged lunch is required! There is a one time supply fee of \$20 per child. Each week costs \$50. For more information call Lynne Sorrels at 557-1568 opt 2 or check out the church website!

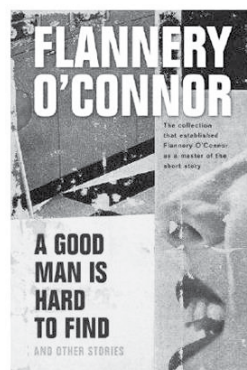
May Book Club Meeting – Friday, May 15, 6:30 pm

A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories
by Flannery O'Connor

With a keen eye for the dark side of human nature, an amazing ear for dialogue, and a necessary sense of irony, Flannery O'Connor exposes the underside of life in the rural south. One of the powers in her writing lies in her ability to make the vulnerability of one into that of many; another is her mastery of shifting "control" from character to character, making the outcome uncertain. Sexual and racial attitudes, poverty and riches, adolescence, old age are only some of the issues touched on in these stories.

Flannery O'Connor, a 1972 National Book Award winner, reminds us that wearing blinders takes away more than just a view. Through her stories we see that what we blind ourselves to is bound to appear again and again.

To join us for dinner and discussion, contact Debra Murphy at 552.4331 or dmurphy@fvumc.org



Believe in God in a Different Way...

Ladies, join us for Beth Moore's *Believing God* Bible Study.

Do you believe God, or simply believe in Him? Believing in God—who He is, what He has done—is very different from believing God, His promises, and His role in our current age. Join Beth as she explores how to distinguish between the two and how to arrive at a different, deeper conclusion that results in a living, active faith. Whether you are revisiting this question or addressing it for the first time, join us—Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm starting June 2—and discover the blessings that come with Believing God.

If you are interested in joining this 10-week study, please contact one of the following: Jennifer Harrenstein (jharrenstein@fvumc.org) 552-5269, Marie Weller (mweller@fvumc.org) 567-1778, or Stephanie Weeks (sweeks@fvumc.org) 552-7458.

In order to have appropriate materials we need to know by Tuesday, May 26th if you plan to attend. A member book will need to be ordered. The cost is \$14.95, and financial assistance is available. Hope you'll join us as we journey together.



Seeds of Friendship Celebration

Please be a part of this Pentecost in the Garden celebration on Sunday, May 31 at 5 pm at Covenant Community Garden. We will gather under tents to share a meal together (please bring a simple dish to share).

We'll enjoy music and fellowship with members of Iglesia Monte de los Olivos; we'll plant a few seeds (vegetable ones and seeds of friendship and community); and we'll honor Chris Burtner, garden coordinator, and her family, who will soon move to Hillsborough, NC, where Chris will be the manager of Camp Chestnut Ridge's community garden and farm. Chris has requested no gifts, but if you would like to honor her tremendous gift to us in bringing Covenant Community Garden to glorious fruition, a donation to the garden fund would be most welcome.

Questions? Contact Debra Murphy (dmurphy@fvumc.org) or Judy Casper (jacasper@earthlink.net).

Meet Your Neighbors - Fill out the Attendance Pads

Please remember to fill out Attendance Pads and then pass them back down your row toward the center aisle. It's a great way to get to know your worship neighbors!

Nursery/Childcare Appreciation

We appreciate our wonderful nursery and childcare staff at FVUMC. We offer nursery services for children infant- 2 years old at the 9:30 and 10:50 services. We also have childcare provided for children ages infant-10 years old on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:30 and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 for parents involved in ministry at the church. Please check out the bulletin board outside the Centrum. Also, we are in need of donations of goldfish, puffs, and tissues. You can drop them off in room 208 (infant nursery). Thank you!



Youth Sunday Worship and Year-End Celebration

If you would like to participate in Youth Sunday on May 17, please contact Kristy ASAP! We need ushers, greeters, speakers and more! If you are in the 6th-12th grade your participation in one or both services (9:30 & 10:50) is needed.

Immediately following the 10:50 service on May 17th the youth will have an end of year celebration. We will grill out hamburgers and hot dogs. This event will last until 2:00pm.

An Afternoon with Debra Dean Murphy

Please join us for a farewell event to honor Debra Murphy's ministry at Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 6 from 4-6 pm. We'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music, and a few words from Debra. If you would like to contribute food, please contact Susanne Young (susanneyoung@msn.com or 552-7503) or Linda Bridgers (libridgers@netscape.net or 567-8908). If you would be willing to help with setup or cleanup, or if you have questions, please contact Kristal Nelson (backinaction@nc.rr.com) or Judy Casper at (jacasper@earthlink.net or 557-3671).

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	11-May	7:30 PM	at FELLOWSHIP
Thursday	14-May	9:30 PM	vs MID-WAY EVANS
Thursday	21-May	6:30 PM	vs MID-WAY SMITH

Mother's Day Offering Supports UMRH

Each year United Methodist Retirement Homes (UMRH) Mother's Day Offering, raises funds to provide Benevolent Care to those residents within our retirement communities whose resources are depleted. Today's Mother's Day Offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a more abundant life for residents who need financial support. Make your check to FVUMC and note UMRH on the memo line of your check. Please enclose your offering in the envelope provided.

Drugs Uncovered: What Parents Need to Know

This program is for parents and other adults only.

Can you identify any of the 70 references to drugs and alcohol hidden in a life-like teenager's bedroom? Come to the Centrum on Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30-8:30pm and find out in the life-like mock room which is part of the Poe Center's interactive program.

Learn about current drug trends, teen culture and signs of substance use and abuse and more. This session give you the tools you need to effectively talk with your teens about drugs and alcohol.

This is a program no parent, no matter the age of their child, should miss. There is no cost for this event. Childcare is provided for young children, but you must RSVP for childcare! For more information contact Kristy Hochhalter, 552-4331.

Sunday, May 17 at 5:00 pm— FVUMC Handbell Choirs in Concert

The 2009 Handbell Choir Concert will feature an exciting program of Disney Tunes, Movie Themes, and More—familiar melodies that the WHOLE FAMILY will enjoy! Special features include two appearances from Ministry in Motion, plus an opportunity for AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION! If you've ever wanted to learn how to ring a handbell, this will be your chance! And, a NURSERY will be provided for our youngest audience members. Admission is free and all are welcome—join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and great music!



Local Schools Need Your Help!



All of our schools are in need of volunteers to proctor end of grade tests. Please contact any school as soon as possible before May 18 to get more information on how to help out!

Support the Fisher Family

The FVUMC Family is invited to support the Fisher Family through a Benefit Lunch to be held Friday, May 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in Cary.

Cameron Fisher is the two-year old son of FVUMC members Jon and Laura Fisher and has been in the Pediatric ICU at Duke for over five weeks battling an undetermined blood disorder that is affecting his lungs, kidneys and other organs. In addition to managing medical expenses, Jon and Laura have been out of work to care for Cameron during this time.

You are invited to support this family in a number of ways:

- TODAY in the church lobby you have the opportunity to sign a "Little Einsteins" card (Cameron's favorite) to let him know your prayers are with him.
- If you live, work or shop in the Cary area, support the benefit lunch for this family on FRIDAY, MAY 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at 100 Regency Forest Drive (located near the intersection of Tryon Rd. and Regency Pkwy across from Western Wake Med). For \$5 you'll receive a hamburger / veggie burger or two hot-dogs plus chips and a drink. Additional donations will also be accepted. To-go bags will be available and pre-orders will be accepted through Thursday, May 14 by emailing mjharrenstein@gmail.com.
- You can make tax-deductible donations directly to this family through FVUMC. Checks should be made payable to FVUMC (note Fisher Donation on the memo line) and will be collected today in the church lobby or can be brought to the church office at anytime.

All proceeds from these events will go directly to support the expenses of the Fisher Family. For questions or more information, please contact Matt Harrenstein at mjharrenstein@gmail.com.

Quilting Group Welcomes All

The "Piecing with Faith Quilters" meets in the church at 9:00 AM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. All quilters and beginners who are interested in joining with us are welcome.

Foods of the Month

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry has requested that our church collect the following food donations: **May: Fruit (canned or dried)**. Other types of food items are appreciated as well. A collection container is in the church lobby.

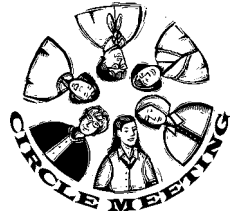
Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

May 10, 2009

Circle of Faith Meeting

United Methodist Women's Circle of Faith which meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, will meet at 10:30 am in the Chapel on May 13th. For our June meeting we'll be going out to eat. Then our next meeting will be in September. Our PURPOSE includes getting to know God better as a community of women AND to participate in the global ministries of The United Methodist Church. Please join us. Questions....call Fran Sykes at 552-9220.



Main Street Kitchen this Saturday

The menu for May 16 Meatloaf and gravy, potatoes, vegetable, fruit and bread. Items needed for this meal, are ground hamburger meat or turkey, large cans of potatoes or instant potatoes, large cans of vegetables, large cans of fruit. As always, if unable to bring the above items, you may always contribute to this awesome ministry by submitting your check to the office and memo to MSK.

Due to increased need with this ministry, would like to extend an opportunity to our church family, to step up and be of assistance. We need folks to make phone calls, deliver meals, and request paper bags from your grocery store.

Thanks to all who have and continue to be a part of this ministry, and if you would like to spend a couple hours once a month being blessed, please feel free to contact Paula Cade at 919-557-4347 with any questions.

Celebration of Life Service



A Celebration of Life Service for Theresa Jones is being held today at 2:30pm with visitation beforehand at 1:30pm.