

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!

Pedaling for MS & MSions - May 30

The Spiritual Spinners are hosting their 2nd annual Pedaling for MS & MSions on Saturday, May 30th. This is a community ride that benefits the missions groups at FVUMC and the Eastern North Carolina MS Society.

Choose from a 15 mile beginner to mid-level route or a challenging 32 mile route. Both rides begin at FVUMC. Please arrive by 8:30am to sign waivers and/or register onsite. Both rides begin promptly at 9am. Sag support is provided as are rest stops. Stay with us after the ride for a post-ride Italian lunch generously donated by Assagio's.

Cost: \$25 per rider. Register early at: <http://www.sportoften.com/events/eventDetails.cfm?pEventId=3721>

Please contact Kara Prater at message13@nc.rr.com with any questions or if you are willing to volunteer.

Support the Fisher Family

Many thanks to everyone who helped FVUMC support the Fisher family through Friday's benefit lunch and by signing the card. It is not too late to support the family. You can make donations to support the expenses of the Fisher Family through FVUMC. Checks should be made payable to FVUMC (note Fisher Donation on the memo line) and can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office at anytime.

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.

For questions or more information, please contact Matt Harrenstein at mjharrenstein@gmail.com.

Thank You, Thank You!

As of this writing, we have mailed FORTY-EIGHT POUNDS of coupons to the base in Germany! We have several more bags to mail later on this month. It is a project that just keeps on GIVING!

We so appreciate everyone who has CUT, SORTED, DONATED coupons for this worthwhile cause. Please keep cutting and sorting and donating to the tub in the lobby. We will continue this project during the summer months.

Our warmest THANKS to the many volunteers who have helped us to cut and sort the coupons. We could NOT continue this without your "sore" hands and your volunteer hours.

Peace and Heartfelt thanks from the Quiet Care Ministry!

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).

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.

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!



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.

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. Childcare is available for children up to age 10 with advance reservations requested by May 24 (jacasper@earthlink.net or 557-3671). 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 (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
Thursday	21-May	6:30 PM	vs MID-WAY SMITH



Partners in Prayer Are Needed

The Partners in Prayer ministry lifts up before God, our Church members and their families, our Church staff, and our Church ministries every day. Members who answer God's call to serve as a Partner in Prayer will pray for up to 12 individuals or ministries by name.

New Partners in Prayer are needed for this ministry. During May worship services, church members are invited to volunteer for this prayer ministry. This ministry currently has 125 volunteers. An additional 80 are needed to covenant with God to pray for our Church family about 2 minutes each day for one year. Come by and pick up one or more prayer cards in our Church lobby today!

For more information contact Keith Strandtman at 621-1509.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

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.

Due to the overwhelming response to this study we need to know by Friday, May 22 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.



Blood Donor Opportunity – Save the Date: June 22

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood and both winter and summer months are the highest months needing donors. This summer, we have the opportunity to donate blood here at F-V UMC. Please consider this opportunity to give blood on Monday, June 22 in hopes that children and adults who are sick or in emergency situations will be able to receive the gift that they need to stay alive! More information will follow including on-line sign up for donors and volunteers. Please contact Jenna Ramsey (teacherramsey@yahoo.com or 336-675-7572) with any questions.



Recycling Expanded

The EcoJustice Ministry Team thanks ever one using the new, blue recycling containers now available throughout the church.

Place discarded paper, plastic and aluminum cans in these bins. The materials are collected weekly by members of the recycling team. No sorting required! Detailed information is posted in each room.

Learn more about the work of the EcoJustice Ministry Team by emailing EcoJusticeFVUMC@gmail.com.

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 honoring our graduates!



Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

May 17, 2009

TODAY 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!



Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 23

Men! Are you looking for a great time of fellowship with other men? Are you interested in what current and upcoming activities there are for Men in our church? Or, are you simply interested in having a great breakfast with a great speaker?

Join us, Saturday morning, May 23 from 7:30-9:00am in the Centrum for all of those things!



Vacation Bible School Registration

Registration starts today for church members and 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.

