

Men Get Ready !!!!!

Our May breakfast speaker will be Alvin Battle. Born in Tarboro NC and raised in Rocky Mount, NC. He graduated from Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount and attended NC State University on basketball scholarship from 1982-1985. Battle was a member of NCSU Men's 1983 National Championship basketball team. Currently he is Pastoral intern at New Horizons Fellowship Apex. This is going to be good!!!!!! Tell all your friends and enemies. The breakfast will be May 24 at 7:30AM - see you there.



New Eco-Justice Ministry

If you're interested in being a part of a conversation on how our church can be more holistically engaged in issues related to creation care, sustainability, green living, etc., contact Tammie Quick via email at tlquick@gmail.com. If you have ideas related to recycling (something we currently don't do at F-V UMC), energy efficiency, water conservation, biblical models of stewardship, the politics of food, etc.—let her know. Plans are underway for some exploratory/brainstorming conversations in the future.



F-V UMC softball schedule

Tues, May 20 vs. St. Bernadette's 6:45pm
Thurs, May 22 vs. Gateway Church 7:45pm
Thurs, May 29 vs. First UMC 6:45pm

All games are played on Field 3 at Action Park,
609 Wake Chapel Rd. in Fuquay-Varina.



Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

Coming soon at the 10:50 hour on Sunday mornings: Invitation to Psalms. The human emotions expressed in the Book of Psalms rise to peaks of joy and descend into valleys of despair. In the Psalms, the promise of the reign of God meets the historical experience of God's people. Faith in God's faithfulness collides with human experiences of pain and suffering, enslavement, oppression, and exile. For students of the Psalms today, this study offers greater understanding of how these ancient texts of praise, lament, worship, and prayer still speak to us and for us. Contact Debra Murphy at dmurphy@fvumc.org or 552-4331.



Christians and Democracy

Bill Brown's 10:50 Sunday School class will take up several timely, short-term topics in the coming weeks. Using resources from Sojourners, the Shalom class will first explore "Christians and Democracy." Future topics in this 4-week format include "Church and State" and "A Revolution of Values at the Voting Booth."

The Shalom class seeks to be a community of friendship (not just friendliness) and a forum where honest questions and respectful disagreements are understood to enhance community, not undermine it.

If you haven't yet plugged into a Sunday School class and are interested in theological conversation about things that matter, consider the Shalom class in Room 125. For more info, contact Bill: wbrown@wcpss.net.



Vacation Bible School 2008

Adults and youth are needed to help with VBS in many ways.

Signups are in the lobby now!

If you are able to help in the morning session (Monday, June 23rd - Friday, June 27th 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon), contact: Rebecca Hayes at 342-7003.

To help with the evening session (Sunday, June 22nd - Thursday, June 26th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM), contact: Penny Downey at 946-0639. The registration form for the evening session is available on the church website at: www.fvumc.org.



It's 'Gleaning', not 'Cleaning'!

It's not a typo - there's no 'cleaning' involved! Ain't that a relief! However, the "gleaning" team goes to Harris Teeter on weekends and gathers breads & desserts that would be thrown out and saves them for use with Main Street Kitchen and other church functions.

Each team member gleans once a month, or during the week of Main Street Kitchen (3rd week of each month)- and it takes less than a half hour! If you'd like to help feed God's sheep, we can use you on our team! Call Ed Williams at 567.9743 or email edwilliams44@earthlink.net.



Thanks!

Church Directories

For those who had their portraits taken - Please stop by the table in the lobby to find your directory labeled with your name in the boxes which are in alphabetical order, then find your portrait in the black and white sheets and cross your picture off.

For those who have reserved a directory for sale - Please locate your directory with name in the boxes marked Reserved. Additional directories are \$10 in the church office.

Partners in Prayer volunteers 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.

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

New Partners in Prayer volunteers are needed for this ministry. During May 2008 worship services, church members will be 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. Please pick up one or more payer cards today at the red table in our church lobby.



Parents, please read!

If you have a child who attends Sunday School or plays in the Nursery, we are desperately in need of your help! Please take ONE SUNDAY per MONTH to volunteer; our classrooms are expanding and additional help is necessary!

- Become a 'Parent Partner' giving a helping hand!
- Share generous hugs and warm laps in the Nursery!
- Be a Sunday School Teacher. We have immediate needs at 10:50 for TWO YEAR OLDS and KINDERGARTEN!

Our personal worship times are important, but it is also essential to remember to lend a hand our Children's Faith Formers! Contact Jayne Chambers 557-2307 or maconandlilli@hotmail.com or Terri Pavone 557-7690 or tlpavone@nc.rr.com for Sunday School and/or Denise Frie at niesee@embarqmail.com for the Nursery!



Dinner and a Documentary

The Dinner and a Documentary series continues this Thursday evening, May 22, with Invisible Bal-lots, a film by Academy Award-nominated director William Gazecki (Waco: Rules of Engagement). For details, contact Jeff and Anne Evensen at dinnerdoc@healthprotector.com.



Children's Church help needed

We need a volunteer to teach Children's Church on the 3rd Sunday of each at the 9:30 service. The lesson and all materials are provided - all you have to do is show up and teach! Please contact Keena Teague at 772-5368 or davidkeena@bellsouth.net if you are interested. Thanks for serving the children of our church!

Information Sessions on an upcoming Financial Course

Lennie and Danielle Furlough will lead a series of classes from the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, through the summer. For more information please plan on attending one of three introductory sessions offered on 5/12 & 5/19 at 7-7:30, or May 25 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact the Furloughs furlough@furloughbuilders.com or 567-0865.

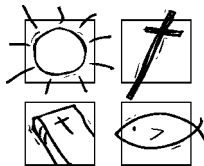
Supplies needed for moms & babies



We have lots of beautiful new babies at Kinton Court and are in need of lots of diapers! Please help us fill the shelves in the lobby. Any size and any type would be helpful! There also seems to be a shortage of toilet paper and paper towels. Kinton Court is a residential substance abuse recovery and prenatal program located within 3 miles of our church. Let us shower these young moms with the love of Christ in this practical way! Thanks!

May is Sunday School teacher appreciation month!

Sunday after Sunday, our teachers share their gifts—loving hearts, listening ears, friendly faces and caring hands. Please remember to honor ALL Sunday School Teachers in the Month of May!



F-V UMC Children's Summer Day Camp

Registration has begun for our Summer Day Camp. We are accepting children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you are a working parent and need summer care for your child, please call Diane at 557-1568 ext. 3.

Our 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 to 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, and 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.



Infant/Toddler Paid Staff Position

We are in need of part-time childcare workers in providing a safe nurturing environment for: Sunday Morning Services with Infants and Toddlers, and Wednesday and Sunday Evenings with children up to elementary age. If you are interested please contact Denise Frie at 567-0968 or niesee@embarqmail.com.

Register for Camp Agape

This week long day camp is June 30 – July 4th for kids entering grades 1-5. Registration forms are in the church office. Contact Katherine Blanton at 567-2773 or Jennifer Neumann at 342-0111.

Thirsty Thursdays

Are you thirsty for a closer walk with our Lord? Come join us for Thirsty Thursday sponsored by WOW, Women of the Word. Meetings continue at either 10:00 am or 7:00 pm on May 22 and 29. We will gather as daughters of the King to pray together, talk about our week with Joyce Rupp's devotional book, and share the ways that we have tasted the "living water" that Jesus offered the woman at the well.



Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

May 18, 2008

Handbell Concert TONIGHT



Join us for an exciting evening of handbell music tonight at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature FANFARE and the Alleluia Ringers, as well as some guest musicians and a dance performance by Ministry in Motion! Admission is free, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of great music!

Young People in the Garden Workshop

On Saturday, May 31, Covenant Community Garden will host a workshop on gardening with children and teens sponsored by the Piedmont Interfaith Network of Gardens and Heifer International. Guest Speakers include Carol Norden from the Junior Master Gardeners program and teens from the DIG youth garden program in Durham. All are welcome! The event is free but registration is required. Please contact Claire Hermann at claire@rafiusa.org or 919-542-1396 x207 to register.



Graduates Recognition

Recognition of graduating seniors will take place on June 1. Let us know the names of any of your high school or college graduates. Call 552-4331 or email bulletin@fvumc.org so we don't miss any of our grads!

Support the Youth Mission Trip

M&M mini's are on sale now in the lobby for \$1.00. Eat the M&M's and then fill up the plastic container with quarters and bring it back to the church. Drop it off in the offering or at the office. All the proceeds will benefit the youth Washington D.C. trip! We will be selling the entire month of May!