

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 massage13@nc.rr.com with any questions or if you are willing to volunteer.

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!

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!



Charge Conference on June 2

There will be a special Charge Conference held as part of the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of voting on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee's recommendation of Calvin Dickenson for candidacy for ministry. All church members are encouraged to participate in the Charge Conference, please plan to attend.

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).



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, June 2 in the Prayer Chapel at 8:30pm.

This 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!



Foods of the Month for May & June

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

Vacation Bible School Registration



Daytime Session - 9am – 12 Noon:
Mon., June 15 – Fri., June 19
Evening Session - 6 – 8:30pm
Sun., June 14 – Thurs., June 18



VBS registration is now available for church members and begins 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!

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. Contact Jenna Ramsey (teacherramsey@yahoo.com or 336-675-7572) with any questions.



FaithWeaver Friends for 2nd-3rd Graders – Informational Meetings

FaithWeaver Friends is a possible ministry opportunity for our 2nd & 3rd graders beginning this fall on Sunday afternoons. In order for this ministry to take place we will need a team of dedicated and enthusiastic helpers...no experience needed.



Who: Anyone interested in helping with this possible new ministry

What: Informational meetings to go over the curriculum as well as a tentative schedule

When: EITHER Sunday, June 7th at 4:30 OR Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00pm (childcare will be provided)

Where: Room 125 on the adult wing

Healing Service - May 31



On Sunday, May 31 at 3:30pm a Healing Service will be held in the Chapel. Those who would like prayers for themselves or others are welcome. The service includes anointing with oil and concludes with Holy Communion.

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 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



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Closed: Monday 5/25/09

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!

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.

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.



Please remember to wear your name tag to church!

Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

May 24, 2009

Pentecost in the Garden Celebration Is Next Sunday, May 31

Help us honor Chris Burtner and her family and nurture the seeds of friendship with members of the Iglesia Monte de los Olivos congregation that meets at our church. Come 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).

Baccalaureate on June 7

Baccalaureate for Fuquay-Varina High School will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30pm in the Centrum. Graduates please bring your cap and gown to wear. This is open to all members of the community honoring all FVHS 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!

