

## June Book Club: *Three Cups of Tea*

by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Some failures lead to phenomenal successes, and this American nurse's unsuccessful attempt to climb K2, the world's second tallest mountain, is one of them.

Dangerously ill when he finished his climb in 1993, Mortenson was sheltered for seven weeks by the small Pakistani village of Korphe; in return, he promised to build the impoverished town's first school. The project that grew into the Central Asia Institute, which has since constructed more than 50 schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Co-author Relin recounts Mortenson's efforts in detail, presenting compelling portraits of the village elders, con artists, philanthropists, mujahideen, Taliban officials, ambitious school girls and upright Muslims Mortenson met along the way.

As the book moves into the post-9/11 world, Mortenson and Relin argue that the US must fight Islamic extremism in the region through collaborative efforts to alleviate poverty and improve access to education, especially for girls.

Join our discussion of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time* on Friday, June 19 at 6:30 pm at the home of Judy Casper. For questions, contact Debra Murphy at 552.4331 or [dmurphy@fvumc.org](mailto:dmurphy@fvumc.org).



## Bible Cart in Worship

Starting June 7, on Sunday mornings in worship there will be a green rolling cart located near the celebration/concerns podium. On this cart you will find two different Children's Bibles, one for younger and one for older children. Also on the cart will be adult Bibles for those who would like to follow along with the lectionary text and message of the day.

*The Beginner's Bible* is recommended for children ages 4-7 and is organized by Old Testament and New Testament stories. *The Children's Illustrated Bible* is recommended for children ages 6-10 and is full of historical information, explanation of vocabulary, as well as stories listed by chapter and verse.

If you have children who participate in worship, we invite you to pick up one of these Bibles to use during worship and then return to the cart before leaving.



## DISCIPLE Bible Study

It's time to begin planning for Disciple Bible Study 2009-2010. It's our hope that we can offer the year-long Disciple classes (I, II, III, IV, Jesus in the Gospels, and Christian Believer) and the 10-week studies (Invitation to Old Testament, Invitation to New Testament, John, Romans, Genesis, and Psalms).

All classes—short-term and long-term—will be offered on Sundays (4:30 pm 6:30 pm) and Wednesdays (6:30 pm till 8:30). Child-care is available. Registration for Disciple Bible Study begins on Sunday, July 5 in the lobby area and continues through July 28.

Bible study is a critical part of any church's long-term health and growth. We mature as individuals and as a congregation when we spend time studying God's word together, being accountable to one another, and challenging one another to think more deeply about what Christian discipleship means. There is a special dimension to the friendships that are formed in Disciple Bible Study.

Please prayerfully consider facilitating a Disciple class this coming year. We need you—don't assume someone else will lead a class! To find out more about leading a long-term or short-term Disciple Bible study for 2009-10, please contact Susanne Young at 552.7503 or [susanneyoung@msn.com](mailto:susanneyoung@msn.com)



## 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 the community. Children 3 years-5th Grade can participate. One registration form per child please. Forms available at the VBS in the Lobby, in the church office, and at [www.fvumc.org](http://www.fvumc.org).

## Welcome Visitors and Guests

If you are visiting us for the first time this morning, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Lobby to sign our Guest Book and to receive a special memento from FVUMC!

## 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

## 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!

## Walk the Walk

Looking for a way to get a little more exercise and enjoy some fellowship with others? Consider joining Walk the Walk. The group meets in the Centrum on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:30 am for a brief time of conversation and prayer followed by a few laps around the Centrum and the hallways.

Walk at your own pace; stay as long as you like. Mothers with strollers are welcome, as are retirees, stay-at-home parents--any and all. For questions, contact Debra Murphy at [dmurphy@fvumc.org](mailto:dmurphy@fvumc.org) or 552.4331.



## 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 FVUMC this Saturday, June 6 from 4-6 pm. We'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music, and a few words from Debra. If you have questions or would like to contribute food, please come by our sign-up table in the lobby today or contact Susanne Young (susanneyoung@msn.com or 552-7503) or Linda Bridgers (libridgers@netscape.net or 567-8908).



## 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.

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



## Recycling Expanded

The Ecojustice Ministry Team thanks every 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.

## 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.



## 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!

## 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!



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# Weekly Times

May 31, 2009



## Healing Service - TODAY

This afternoon 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.

## Pentecost in the Garden Celebration TODAY at 5pm

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.



Chris is now 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.

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