

PrimeTimers' Upcoming Events

April 19th: Tour and lunch at The Little Herb House in Raleigh. Come find out how to use herbs instead of salt & sugar. Also, how to use herbs as gifts & in your home. We will leave from the adult side of the Church at 9:30am. Have a talk, tour and lunch at The Little Herb House and return approx. 1:00pm.

May 24th: Bentonville Battleground! Mark your calendars. Call Debbie Corr 557-7437 for save your spot for these trips and if you need a ride to & from the Church.



2011 RIDE FOR LIFE - Needs Volunteers



The Spiritual Spinners will be hosting the Ride for Life on May 14th to help those facing challenging medical conditions and life situations.

To make this year's ride another huge success, we need you! Please consider volunteering to help at the rest stops, bake goodies (muffins, cookies, brownies, etc.), offer vehicle support, set-up, clean up, or cheer us on!

If interested, please contact Kathy Wall at kwall@nc.rr.com

Family. Friends. Neighbors. Coworkers

Divorce

Someone You Know Is Hurting.

It's hard to know how to help someone who is going through a divorce. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the break up of a marriage. DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about DivorceCare. It might just be the best thing you could do to help. DivorceCare will begin meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 in room 127 starting May 2nd. For more information or to pre-register please contact Thearon Willis @ thearonwillis@nc.rr.com and visit the FVUMC website for details.



Something Is Different...Real Cups!

If you regularly enjoy the coffee at the Hospitality Table on Sunday mornings, consider bringing your own travel mug. This would free our kitchen's mugs for visitors and guests.



Ladies & Teen Girls Conference

Generations May 13-14

Church Alive, Fuquay-Varina, invites ladies and teen girls to join together and go deeper in God's Word. The keynote speaker is Jennifer Pasquale, author of the book *Memories & Milestones, Stepping Forward by Looking Back*. She is an energetic and vibrant communicator whose message will grip your heart. Jennifer is the mother of three daughters, one of whom is a survivor of domestic violence. She frequently shares her testimony as a mother who had to watch from a distance, but love from every angle in order to see her daughter restored. Her story will move you to action and empathy for those you serve. Ladies workshop leader, Debbie McClamrock from Fuquay-Varina, will share how to apply God's Word in your life.

Pre-Registration (4/8-5/8/11) is \$25.00 and includes tee-shirt and Saturday continental breakfast and lunch. Agenda – Friday evening 5/13 gather at 6:30 pm for 7:00 worship service. Saturday 8:30-3:00 includes worship, workshops, (one for teen girls led by Jennifer Pasquale, and the other for adult women), luncheon and closing worship service. For more information contact Church Alive 577-6328 or churchalive@email.com

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4



APRIL Needs!

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry food for March is **Canned & Dried Vegetables**.

A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations.

Please, no glass containers.

A Final Resting Place

Would you be interested in a final resting place on our church property? There has been some interest in developing a Memorial Garden with a Columbarium at Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church. The construction and maintenance of this project should be fully funded by the sale of niches for inurnment of the cremated remains. If you have an interest, please fill out the following and place in the collection plate. For further information, please contact David Jenkins at 552-9629 or Jim Dewey at 577-0197.

Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

April 17, 2011

Transformation Stations

Exploring Jesus' Passion

On Monday, April 18th from 8:00am to 8:00pm, come and journey to the cross with Christ during Holy Week. Experience His last days on earth through seven interactive worship stations set up in the Centrum.

You may come as an individual or bring your family. The stations are appropriate for all ages and can be a very moving, prayerful time. Give yourself one hour to complete Jesus' last week. This is a self guided process with instructions as you come in the Centrum. The Centrum is open to experience the Passion and be transformed.



Holy Week Events

Maudy Thursday Worship on Thursday. April 21st at 7:00 pm

A commemorative Worship Service of the sacrament of Holy Communion and foot washing. Childcare available.

Tenebrae Worship Service on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm

A somber Worship Service of darkening to prepare us for the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Childcare available.

Sunrise Easter Sunday Service

6:30am at First United Methodist Church at 402 N. Main Street

Easter Services with Holy Communion

8:15am led by 8@8

9:30am & 10:50am led by our combined choirs and orchestra



Help Create The Cross for Easter Sunday!



Fresh cut flowers can be brought to the church on Friday evening (4/20) or Saturday (4/21) morning. Come Saturday (4/21) afternoon to create the flower cross in the lobby.

Sign up in the lobby for this service opportunity!

There is Good News!



Sometimes life is just too heavy. The load and weight of our problems and circumstances buckles our knees and out weighs our enjoyment of God's great creation. There is Good News! God has not forgotten us; in fact He solved this small problem years ago by sending His only begotten Son.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." —Matthew 11

Need someone to walk with, talk with or even just to sit in silence with? Stephen Ministers are available, *Just For You!*

Susanne Young 552-7503 Polly Sheets 552-5035
Bob Sorrels 552-0505 Thearon Willis 820-1845
Mel Cade 557-4347

The 'Spring' Fair Trade Store: April 29-30 Shopping with a Difference

The Fair Trade Store returns for spring! On Friday and Saturday, April 29th & 30th from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., in rooms 117/119 and at the garden pavilion, our church and community will be able to purchase items made by artisans around the world who are part of a Fair Trade business paradigm. The Spring Fair Trade store will feature items such as birdhouses, baskets, jewelry, spring clothing, books, planters, garden accessories and more! Come find a unique gift for an upcoming wedding, graduation, teacher's appreciation or Mother's Day. The Fair Trade Store helps us think about our habits as consumers and where these habits fit into our Christian walk as we strive to love God and neighbor.

Come Shop & Help

Volunteers are needed to help with the Spring Fair Trade Store. The added benefit of helping is that volunteers get to shop before, during and after their work time! Help is needed for set-up, sales and teardown. Please contact Lindsy Hines for more information or to sign up. Her e-mail is lindsyhines@nc.rr.com or call 995-2565.

Recycle Shoes For Those In Need



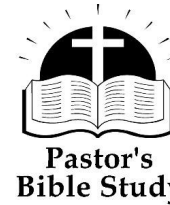
Donate your shoes to someone in desperate need! Any type, any style, and any size. *Share Our Shoes* donates old shoes to those that have none! A collection box is located in the lobby. Use rubber bands to secure pairs together! For more information contact Shari Judd at 567-0524.

Charge Conference

A Charge Conference is being called for Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00pm in Rooms 117/119 to elect our New Building Committee. The Church Council, Vision Team Members, and Facilities Team Members should make plans to attend! Our church members are asked to be in prayer for discernment and guidance as we prepare to move forward.

A Journey Through the Bible Two Sessions Beginning May 4th!

Wednesday Mornings at 10:30-11:30am
And Wednesday Evenings at 7:00-8:00pm
All are welcome! Come join the lecture and discussions in Room 117/119!
Don't forget to bring your Bible!



Visiting Fuquay-Varina UMC?



Come visit our Director of Adult Ministries, Debbi DeMaris in the lobby to know more about our church. You will find a table with goodies waiting just for you. It's a perfect time to ask questions about our church family, membership, and information about our wonderful programs and outreach opportunities!

Contact Debbi DeMaris at ddemaris@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext 106

VBS 2011 - Volunteer Sign Up

Are you looking for a short term opportunity to serve... stop by the lobby TODAY to volunteer for an exciting Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street, VBS 2011! Evening VBS will run from Sun June 26th - Thurs June 30th and daytime will run from Mon June 27th - Fri July 1st. **MANY volunteers are needed to make this a GREAT week for the kids.** One of our VBS area leaders will be available in the lobby to answer questions or provide further information. Join the FUN!



Join the Covenant Garden



You are invited to become a member of Covenant Community Garden. Everyone is welcome to participate in the garden, regardless of your "green thumb" (or lack of one) or your level of experience. There are 2 options for participating in the garden; an active member or a supporting member. Contact the Garden Coordinator, Joy Brown at 557-5954 for more information.

LifeLine Welcomes the Confirmands!



All 6th graders are welcome to join Lifeline TODAY for a huge welcome! We meet on Sundays from 4:30-6:00 in the Centrum. All 6th grade parents are invited to a parents meeting directly following Lifeline TODAY where you will meet Kevin and the Lifeline leaders, find out more about youth ministry here at FVUMC, and get the summer schedule. Any questions call Kevin or email kjohnson@fvumc.org.

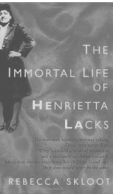
Senior Recognition



Kevin needs to know if you have a senior in high school to be recognized in the senior recognition Service on Sunday June 5. Please let him know by calling the church office or emailing him at kjohnson@fvumc.org. Also, be looking for information and opportunities for seniors during this time leading up to their graduation!

May Book Club

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot, (Macmillan, 2009)
From a single, abbreviated life grew a seemingly immortal line of cells that made some of the most crucial innovations in modern science possible.



And from that same life, and those cells, Rebecca Skloot has fashioned in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* a fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory. The author with the help of her Henrietta's family tells a rich and haunting story that asks the questions, Who owns our bodies? And who carries our memories? *To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, May 20, contact Judy Casper at jacasper@earthlink.net or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.*

Relay for Life: May 21-22



The American Cancer Society is working hard to make a world with less cancer and more birthdays for everyone, a reality. Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs are bringing an opportunity to get involved with the American Cancer Society through a local Relay For Life of South Wake. There are many opportunities that You can support this community event including: forming a relay team, becoming an event sponsor, lighting a candle at the luminaria ceremony and many other ways. For more information please call 919-334-7196, email southwakerelay@gmail.com or visit the website www.southwakerelay.org