

Looking for Bolivia Team Members!

Have you ever considered a mission trip abroad? A team from FVUMC will be traveling back to Montero, Bolivia for the 10th year, June 10-19.

It's a very hands-on experience, building much needed homes for families in a rural village. We need a few more members to complete our team - come join us!! For more info contact David Bell at davidbell27526@aol.com



Something Is Different...Real Cups!

Perhaps you've noticed something different at the weekly Hospitality Table in the narthex. We've begun using real cups and mugs instead of disposable styrofoam cups. Styrofoam virtually never breaks down and takes up a lot of space in our community's landfill. Volunteers are washing our weekly batches of mugs, cups, and spoons in a spirit of hospitality and a witness of stewardship of God's creation. How can you help? 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.



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

Palm Saturday Event-April 16th

All Children from 3 years to 5th grade are invited! Registration will begin at 8:45am and the rotations will begin at 9:00am. Children ages 3 & 4 will learn about the *Joy of Spring* while children K-5th will experience *Jesus' Journey* to the cross. An Easter egg hunt concludes our morning of fun.



Hotdog Lunches will be sold to support our Youth going to Tennessee on behalf of ASP (Appalachian Service Project). \$5 for hotdog, chips & drink, \$3 for hotdog alone.

The hungry bunny will be in the lobby, please feed the bunny with plastic eggs & individually wrapped candy.

For more information, contact Stephanie Weeks at 552-4331 Ext. 113 or sweeks@fvumc.org

Special Invite from the Bob Marley SS Class!

Come join the Bob Marley Sunday School Class today @ 9:30 am in the Chapel to hear guest speaker Eduart Demo. Eduart is affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with people of all backgrounds. He is from Albania and will be sharing his testimony of becoming a Christian.

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 baked goods 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

Divorce Hurts.

Find Help at DivorceCare.

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It's a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. There is a DivorceCare group meeting every Monday evening at 7:00pm in room 127, beginning May 2, 2011.

You can visit the FVUMC website for more information or Contact Thearon Willis at thearonwillis@nc.rr.com



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.



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.

Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

April 3, 2011

Prayers for Healing and Anointing



Prayers for healing and anointing with oil is available during the service of Holy Communion today. Stephen Ministers will be stationed in several locations at the rear of the sanctuary to offer prayer for individual requests as well as anointing with oil if desired. All prayer requests are kept in confidence.

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Sunday April 3rd TODAY!

Who: Anyone who is volunteering or would like to volunteer with children or youth, once you have been trained it is good for 5 years.

When: TODAY after the 9:30 or 10:50 service

Where: Conference room

What: The purpose of this training is to make FVUMC a safe place for all children, staff and volunteers. Denise Frie will be going over our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures, taking pictures for ID badges, and collecting paperwork to run a background check.



Wednesdays Vegetarian Potluck Dinners

Eco Justice invites the Congregation to give up Meat for Lent! In doing so, the group invites you to attend a vegetarian potluck from 6-7:00pm every Wednesday during the Lenten season. Please bring vegetarian dishes, salads, & desserts. Eco Justice Group will provide bread, fresh fruit and drinks!

One Great Hour of Sharing



Jesus teaches us to bring healing and restoration wherever we can. Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. So much of what UMCOR does is about restoration: giving sight to the blind, building up farming communities, helping workers to become self-sufficient and reconstructing places destroyed by disaster. Your extra mile gift to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring restoration, healing and hope for tomorrow. **Restoration. Healing. Hope.**

VBS 2011 - Volunteer Sign Up

Are you looking for a short term opportunity to serve... fill out your VBS bulletin insert or stop by the lobby this Sunday (4/3) or next (4/10) 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!



Hear the Good News!

....Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. ~Matthew 28:20



We are never alone? Wherever we go, Jesus is waiting for us there! He knows where we are going before we do and waits patiently for us to acknowledge Him. Notice how He uses His creation around us to show us His presence, Jonah and the big fish, Abraham found Him in the ram caught by his horns, Daniel in the lions den.

During your time of trials and tribulations perhaps you may find His presence in your life with a Stephen Minister.

There is one, 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 lindsihines@nc.rr.com or call 995-2565.

Wednesday Mornings in Lent



10:30 am
*Hard to Dance with
the Devil on Your Back*
Room 117
Facilitator: Pastor Al

11:30 am
Light Luncheon:
Pasta Salad w/ Chicken
in the Centrum
12:00 pm
Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Featuring guest speaker:
Lindsy Hines

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!

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



With Love From Jesus on April 8

The FVUMC volunteer team is scheduled to serve at With Love From Jesus on Apr. 8 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. This ministry affords volunteers the opportunity to witness for Jesus, being His hands and feet by giving away food, clothing and other items. Most of all we give away the love God has poured into our hearts. Please contact Keith Strandtman at 621-1509 if you have any questions.

April Book Club

This Must Be the Place by Kate Racculia
(Henry Holt & Co. 2010)

The Darby-Jones boardinghouse in Ruby Falls, New York, is home to Mona Jones and her daughter, Oneida, two loners and self-declared outcasts who have formed a perfectly insular family unit: the two of them and the four eclectic boarders living in their house. But their small, quiet life is upended when Arthur Rook shows up in the middle of a nervous breakdown, devastated by the death of his wife, carrying a pink shoe box containing all his wife's mementos and keepsakes, and holding a postcard from sixteen years ago, addressed to Mona but never sent. Slowly the contents of the box begin to fit together to tell a story. *To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, April 15th contact Judy Casper at jacasper@earthlink.net or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.*



New Ministry Team Forming DIVORCE Care

You do not need to be a counselor, teacher or have a degree. You do need to have a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, have a heart for people in separation/divorce and be led by God to help. We will provide you with the training you need. You will not do this ministry alone, but will be part of a team. We will give you continued support. DivorceCare is a 13 week program, so you would not need to make a long term commitment. Contact Thearon Willis for more information or questions at thearonwillis@nc.rr.com.

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.