

## Attention Dessert Bakers!

On August 27th our church is celebrating members 60 years and older! We need baked goods to set up on the eagerly anticipated dessert table. Please sign-up in the lobby by the shelves. Desserts are to be brought to the church Saturday August 27th 3:00-5:00 pm. Contact Debbi DeMaris 552-4331 ext 106 or [ddemaris@fvumc.org](mailto:ddemaris@fvumc.org) with questions.



## Kidz NPraise—Fall 2011



Register Today in the Lobby! Kidz NPraise is a children's choir program for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The program meets weekly on Wednesdays, beginning September 7, at 4:30 pm and includes choir, movement, drama, rhythm instruments, handbells, handchimes, Bible lessons, games and more! This is an action packed program your kids will love! For more information, visit our table in the lobby or the church website, [www.fvumc.org](http://www.fvumc.org).

## Storms of Life

Summer storms in our area can sometimes be violent with strong winds, rain, hail, loud thunder, and lightning all around. It's easy to be afraid not knowing if the storm is going to damage your property or if you yourself will be harmed.



In Matthew 8:24-25 we read *"And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, 'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.'"*

Even with Jesus right there in the boat with them, the disciples had little faith. But the key point to remember here is that the disciples were together and they turned to Jesus for help and he rebuked the wind and the sea.

Perhaps the storms of life are surrounding you and you're afraid not knowing what to do. Ask a Stephen Minister to walk along side of you in your storm and together we will call upon the Lord Jesus for help, direction, discernment, and comfort.

Do you need a Stephen Minister in your life? Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.

Susanne Young 552-7503  
Bob Sorrels 552-0505

Polly Sheets 552-5035  
Thearon Willis 820-1845



## 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!



8:15 – one nursery for ages 3 and under  
9:30 – three nurseries (infant, movers, toddlers)  
10:50 – two nurseries (infant and toddler)

## Worship Bags

Children in Worship bags have MOVED and are now available on the Bible cart inside the Centrum doors. These are for children who are attending worship; there are crayons, a clipboard, and a folder full of Bible coloring pages or activities for your child to use. Once your child has completed a page he/she may take it home with them. Place the other items back in the bag and return to the cart on your way out of the Centrum.

## PrimeTimers:

**Saturday August 27 at 5:30pm**

Senior Adults 60+ are invited to a Senior Celebration hosted by our church. RSVP with the Church office!



## Food of the Month for August: Mac & Cheese/Rice

For the F-V Emergency Food Pantry. A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations. *Please, no glass containers.*

## Important Bulletin Reminders

When submitting your announcements for the Weekly Times, please remember to:

- ◆ Keep the length at 50 words or less
- ◆ Send to [bulletin@fvumc.org](mailto:bulletin@fvumc.org) by Tuesday at Noon
- ◆ Note the dates that the announcement needs to run

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Pavone at [tpavone@fvumc.org](mailto:tpavone@fvumc.org) or 552-4331 x114.



## Fuquay-Varina UMC

*Loves God, Learns God, Serves God and Shares God*

# Weekly Times

August 21, 2011

## Leap of Faith

We are pleased to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. **As of last Sunday, we received \$227,734.22 toward our Mortgage debt which leaves a balance owed of \$558,655.97!** You will be able to follow up on our progress weekly as the updated information will be printed in the back of the bulletin. We ask for your continued prayers and commitment as we take this "Leap of Faith" to pay off our Mortgage debt by 9/1/2011. To ensure your contribution is coded correctly to the Mortgage debt, please note on the memo line of your check, Leap of Faith, Mortgage Debt, or Building. Again, thank you for your prayers and commitment.

## Promotion Sunday: TODAY

All Children and Youth will move to their new Sunday School age level classes TODAY! If you have any questions regarding Children's Sunday School classes, please contact Judy Casper (557-3671 or [jacasper@earthlink.net](mailto:jacasper@earthlink.net)). Contact Kevin Johnson (552-4331 or [kjohnson@fvumc.org](mailto:kjohnson@fvumc.org)) for information regarding Youth Sunday School classes.



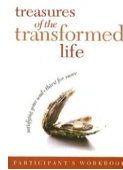
## Understanding Our Vision Statement August 25 from 7-9pm, Room 117

Our recently adopted vision statement that FVUMC is a "Christ-centered community that loves God, learns God, serves God, and shares God" is a vision that was crafted through a lengthy process of prayer, study, dialog, and discernment. Although simple in its construction, the statement has far reaching implications for future decision making in our church. A meeting with the Visioning Team has been scheduled to offer the congregation an opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Vision and the process through which it was developed. Every one in the congregation is invited to attend. Please pray about making your attendance a priority!

## Registration has begun!

**Saturday, Sept 10th, from 8:00am-12:30pm**

Fuquay-Varina UMC is pleased and privileged to host Dr. John Ed Mathison, who retired in June 2008, after 36 years as senior minister of Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Mathison will be here to teach from his book, *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss! **Registration forms are due by AUGUST 24th!** They are located in the church office or on the website! Child Care available for our members!



## Fantasy Football @ FVUMC

Men, prepare to show off your fantasy football prowess. Be a part of FVUMC's Fantasy Football league. The draft will be held at Aug. 29th at 6pm. There is no cost to participate. Sign-up deadline is Friday, August 26th. Contact David Mintz (mintzdavid@nc.rr.com or 210-2950).



## Women Opportunities!

### Circle of Faith (United Methodist Women)

Our meetings resume on the FIRST TUESDAY - September 6th in Room 127 at 10:00am. Come learn about how we accomplish the Purpose of United Methodist Women. Questions, call Fran Sykes, 552-9220.

### Fall Women's Retreat

At Teen Valley Ranch in the beautiful NC Mountains! Thurs. evening, Sept 29 thru Sat. 12noon, Oct. 1. Cost is \$125 for lodging, food, and activities. Registration forms are in the lobby or the church office. Contact Cathy Vogt at [jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com](mailto:jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com) or [919-607-2150](tel:919-607-2150).

## Faith Weaver Friends

### Informational Meeting- Aug 28th at 4:00pm in Room 204

Faith Weaver Friends is an opportunity for our 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders beginning on Sunday afternoons in Sept. In order for this ministry to take place we will need a team of dedicated and enthusiastic helpers...no experience needed. All parents are encourage to attend! Come find ways that you can help make a positive impact on our children. Contact Marianne Carroll at [mcarroll35@gmail.com](mailto:mcarroll35@gmail.com)

## Upper Room Bible Study

The Upper Room Bible Study class is for the beginning novice Bible study student as well as the more experienced students of God's Word. Facilitator: Craig Judd Room 117 at 9:30

## Disciple Renewal

**Today at 10:50am or Monday at 7:00pm**

Would you be interested in a study group taking a deeper look at how we personally apply the Fuquay-Varina UMC vision of a **Christ-centered community that loves God, learns God, serves God, and shares God?** We will consider the motives, advantages, obstacles and ways toward improvement for disciples. We will use selections from the Bible and the ideas, questions and encouragement from those in the group. The hope is that refreshment, revitalization and joy will come as we share together. As disciples, we aim to Love God, Learn God, Serve God and Share God. Retired Rev. Dick Kuhn will offer this 6 week class Beginning TODAY @ 10:50 in room 121, and Monday evenings @ 7:00 beginning 8/22 \*childcare is available

## Lifeline Youth Ministries

Lifeline: Kickoff Sunday

August 28, 6:15-8:00 pm

All 7th-12th graders come on out to hang out, worship, and learn from God's word together.

Lifeline: Parent's Meeting:

Sunday August 28 @ 8:00 pm

Directly following the Lifeline Kickoff, there will be a parent's meeting for all parents and students. This will be a short meeting where you can ask any questions about the youth ministry for the semester.

Lifeline: Kickoff Retreat

September 9-11 @ Camp Rockfish

Slots are still available for our first ever Lifeline Kickoff Retreat. Pick up the registration forms on Kevin's door or get them at [fvumc.org](http://fvumc.org).

Wednesday Night Life Groups:

Wednesday September 14

Life Groups are small groups that will meet each Wednesday to study the Bible, and grow deeper in prayer and accountability. They will be broken up by middle school and high school and by gender. Groups will be introduced at the Lifeline Kickoff Retreat.



## Safe Sanctuary Training

Have you been safe sanctuary trained?

Where you one of the first people to be trained? If you need to be trained or were one of the first people to have training, we will have training on Sunday September 11th following both the 9:30 and 10:50 services. Training will be held in the conference room on Adult wing. Please contact Denise Frie at (919)285-6192 or [niesee73@aol](mailto:niesee73@aol) if you have any questions.

## Family. Friends. Neighbors. Coworkers 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 breakup 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. A new 13 week DivorceCare session will begin on Monday evenings at 7:00 in room 127 starting August 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information or to pre-register please contact Thearon Willis @ [thearonwillis@nc.rr.com](mailto:thearonwillis@nc.rr.com) and visit the FVUMC website for details.



## All God's Children Sunday School Returns!

Loving Volunteers Needed for teaching teams - no special training required! **Beginning Sunday, September 4th**, we are bringing back this wonderful class to serve our very special children with developmental disabilities. It will be offered during the 10:50 Service. We have new resources that will give both parents and teachers peace of mind: pagers for parents, and a nurse in the room. If you would like to volunteer to help in the class periodically or full-time, please contact Jenna Ramsey at [teacherramsey@yahoo.com](mailto:teacherramsey@yahoo.com). If you have a child that would like to join our class, please contact Diane Gabry ([ggabry@nc.rr.com](mailto:ggabry@nc.rr.com)) for registration.

## Columbarium Proposal

**September 22 at 6:30 pm Room 117**

If you have planned; considered cremation or have an interest in a Columbarium, or have questions, please contact David Jenkins at (919) 810-9975 (e-mail [David\\_Jenkins@NCSU.edu](mailto:David_Jenkins@NCSU.edu)) or Jim Dewey at (919) 577-0197 (e-mail [jdeweysr@aol.com](mailto:jdeweysr@aol.com)).

