

**Fuquay-Varina UMC is a Christ-centered community that
Loves God, Learns God, Serves God, & Shares God.**

Love God

Sent from God

In John 1:6 we read that John the Baptist was sent by God. In those days I think that God spoke to people personally because God had not yet sent Jesus and therefore we as the people of God had not received the Holy Spirit that Jesus gives us when we confess him as Lord and Savior.

We as Stephen Ministers have been sent by God, convicted by the Holy Spirit to this calling as Stephen Ministers. We have been called by God to provide the same comfort to others that God himself comforted us with in our times of trouble. We have been called to help you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, with whatever troubles you may have or whatever you may be going through.

Why not let a Stephen Minister, sent from God, help you and comfort you with your troubles?

Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.

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www.fvumc.org/StephenMinistry.htm

Advent Daily Discipleship Journal

Prepare and celebrate Advent. You will find your week long Daily Discipleship Journal in the bulletin. Let us join together with Bible Study and common prayer focus throughout this season of Advent.

Also available on www.FVUMC.org to print and share with others.

Book Club

Picking Cotton by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino, Ronald Cotton, and Erin Torneo

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, January 20th, contact Suzanne Jones at dsjones@nc.rr.com or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.

Need Love Feast Servers!

This year's Love Feast will be held on Sunday, December 18th. We are in need of servers to help with this wonderful service. If you, as a solo or with a partner are interested, please contact Randy or Susan Smith @ 567-1714 or smoosmith@earthlink.net

Poinsettias

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved one. The poinsettias will decorate the Centrum platform through Advent and the Christmas Eve worship services. Poinsettias may be picked up following the 11 pm service. The cost for each is \$12. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, make checks payable to F-V UMC, note "Poinsettias" on the memo line, and print the name(s) on the form below.

Name _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____

They are given:

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Celebrate the Reason for the Season...

The Annual Moravian Love Feast

Sunday, December 18
featuring music from JuBELLation and
FANFARE Handbell Choirs
7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24
3:30 pm—Children's Service with Communion

5:30 pm—Lessons and Carols
Candlelight Worship with Communion

6:30-7:30pm—Enjoy Souly Brass
by the Fountain

7:30 pm—Traditional Candlelight Worship
with Communion

11:00 pm—Traditional Candlelight Worship
with Communion

Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday, December 25
at 11:00 am only!

Learn God

Study Opportunities

'Call Him God's Son' with Pastor Al

Wed morning at 10:30am in Room 117/119
Wed evening at 6:30pm in Room 117/119

Upper Room Sunday School

Great for the beginning novice Bible study student as well as the more experienced students of God's Word.
Sundays @9:30am in Room 109 (new room#)
Beginning 1/8 the class will meet in Room 119

Awakening Sunday School

A class for *young adults!* Come and join our community as we delve into our faith!
Sundays at 11:00 in Room 125
kjohnson@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext 103.

Wednesdays of Advent

Worship Service at 11:30am

We welcome Rev. Dr. Mark Wethington, President of the Wesley Heritage Foundation as this year's Advent Guest Speaker!
December 14: Given and Giving

Luncheon at 12:00 noon

A variety of soups, crackers/breads, & desserts will be offered.
Vegetarian and Gluten-free also available.

Outreach to Peru

Donations received for the lunches will be given to support the Wesley Heritage Foundation who in collaboration with NC UMC Churches are working to recreate the hopes of the future church of Peru in the Wesley Theological Seminary housed in the First UMC of Lima.

Attn: Small Group Leaders

The Education Committee has been busy cataloging available studies located in the Media Closet. For a list and additional spiritual formation resources, contact Debbi DeMaris at 552.4331,ext. 106 or ddemaris@fvumc.org

Dr. Mickey Efird Event

January 7, 2012-9:30am-11:30am

*How to Get the Greatest Benefit
from Bible Study*

Pre-register for this event at FVUMC.org, pick up forms in the church office or lobby.

The cost is free, however a donation of \$3.00 would go towards the purchase of additional participant books to add to the Media Library available studies for small groups.

Childcare is available-please pre-register for childcare online or call Debbi DeMaris at 557-4331, ext 106 to reserve your spot!

Serve God

Visual Media Team aka Power Point Operators

An immediate need for **support during the 9:30 worship services**...one who can commit to doing the **3rd Sundays** every month, and the other to commit to doing **5th Sundays** throughout the year. The 9:30 services are somewhat unique from a visual media perspective, therefore, the operators have to attend the Praise Team practices on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm prior to their scheduled Sunday service. If you would like to volunteer, this is a fantastic way to serve God at FVUMC! Contact Ken Tate at 919-656-4480 if you are interested. We'll give you all the training you need to be successful!

Serving In The Nursery

Are You Ready?

Love: Sharing a warm smile and comforting arms.
Learn: Remember what it was like to live in the moment. Serve: Give of your time, and let the Lord do the rest. Share: We are each unique. share your talent & experiences with the children and our staff.

One hour a month - Are you Ready?

If you are serving, Thank You for the gift of your time. If you aren't and you want to learn more about how you can get engaged, contact Toni Drapkin, at tdrapkin@fvumc.org

Share God

FV Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Soup

A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations. No glass containers.

Main Street Kitchen

December 17th

December's Meal: Turkey pot pie, candied sweet potatoes, fruit salad, dessert and bread.

Items needed: large bags of frozen vegetables, large cans of sweet potatoes and fruit, boxes of bisquick, brown sugar, flake coconut, mini marshmallows, large containers of cool whip topping, milk. Due to an abundance of turkey from the Thanksgiving meal, we will be able to provide another meal to our community.

If you would like to spend a couple hours once a month being blessed, please feel free to contact Paula Cade at 919-557-4347.



Announcements



New Worship Schedule!

As voted by our Church Council...our Worship Schedule will be

- ◆ 8:00 Worship
- ◆ 9:30 Worship
- ◆ 11:00 Worship

A Reminder:

Please turn in your Advent Studies Payment Envelopes! You can place your envelope in the offering plate, give it to your study facilitator, or drop it off at the Church office.

Save the Date: New Members Class

Our Connectings Winter Session begins on January 22, 29 February 12, 19, 26, March 4 (6 sessions)
Sunday afternoons 4:30-6:00 pm*Join March 11 at 9:30 and 11:00 services

The Weekly Times

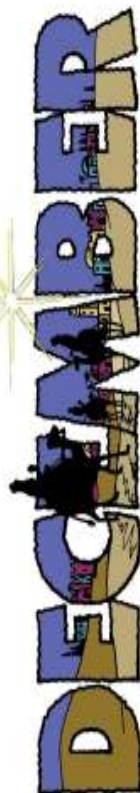
The *Weekly Times* will now be e-mailed to you!
Contact: Terri Pavone at tpavone@fvumc.org to be added to our list!

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Make Great Christmas Gifts!

Need a gift idea for someone special? Consider making a gift bag or basket filled with Equal Exchange products. We have Fair Trade Coffees, Teas, Cocoa, Chocolate Bars, Olive Oil and Coffee mugs available in the church office at excellent prices. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this great cause with your purchases!

Thank You!

A fantastic week with our WIHN (Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network) families. A big THANK YOU for the over whelming donations to the WIHN Welcome bags. You gave enough toiletry items to last more than the next year. Thank you to everyone that helped prepare meals, drove vans, were a evening host or overnight host, set up & took down rooms, grocery shopped and others that helped in many ways. Our Church also hosted the Millbrook UMC WIHN families for Thanksgiving day. The Thanksgiving meal was enjoyed by all. This Church helped many families that needed food, a place to sleep and love & care from others.



Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
- 9:30am Christmas Cantata
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Christmas Cantata
- 11:00am Sunday School
- 12:30pm SPRC Meeting
- 4:30pm Bible Studies
- 4:30 pm KFC Caroling
- 4:15 JuBELLation
- 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm FANFARE
- 6:15 pm Lifeline
- 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, December 12

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 9:30am Bible Studies
- 6:30pm Bible Studies
- 6:30pm GED Classes
- 7:00pm BSA Troop #320

Tuesday, December 13

- 6:30am Men's Early Group
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 3:30 pm First Aid Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Meetings

Wednesday, December 14

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 10:30am Pastor's Advent Study-Morning
- 11:30am Advent Worship Service
- 12:00pm Advent Luncheon
- 6:00pm IT Committee Meeting
- 6:00pm reJoysing
- 6:30 pm Pastor's Advent Study-Evening
- 6:30pm Lifeline Small Groups
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 7:00 pm Worship Choir

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 6:30 pm GED classes
- 7:00 pm Praise Team
- 7:00 pm METS-Men Eager to Serve

Friday, December 16

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool

Saturday, December 17

- 6:30am Men in the Morning (MITM)
- 10:00am MSK-Main Street Kitchen

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 11:00am Sunday School
- 12:30pm SPRC Meeting
- 4:30pm Bible Studies
- 5:00 pm FANFARE
- 6:30 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Moravian Love Feast

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Stewardship

Our Presence: 12/4/11
Worship Attendance: 895

By Our Gifts: 12/4/11
Received last week \$32,523.00
Budget needed weekly \$24,731.65
Average Received/week \$22,341.78
Received YTD \$1,094,747.00
Budget needed YTD \$1,187,119.20
Difference -\$92,372.20
New Mortgage Refinanced

\$500,000.00
Applied to Principal \$20,671.60
Received YTD \$15,885.00
New Mortgage Balance (11/20/11) \$463,443.40

Office Hours
8:30am-5:00pm
Monday-Friday