

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

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Poinsettias Are given by -

Bob & Bev Anderson
in Loving Memory
of Stella Anderson and Leona Young

Joseph Gray
in Honor of Bernard & Virginia McLeod and
Emery & Betty Smith

Jane Gue
in Loving Memory of Florence Class,
Donald Gue and Barron Gue

Rob & Krista Hurlbut
in Loving Memory of E. Alberta Torrey

Cynthia, Jacob Tricia & Scott
in Loving Memory of Mark Johnson

Chris & Sara Kempin
in Loving Memory of Pat & Bob Voorhees

Bernard and Virginia McLeod
in Honor of our Church Staff

Shirley Miller and family
in Loving Memory of Keith R. Miller Sr.

The Morse Family
in Loving Memory of Joyce Krapf

Bob Roach
in Honor of Peggy Roach

Jim & Debbie Semple
in Loving Memory
of Ed Schmelzer and Jim Semple Sr.

Bob & Polly Sheets
in Loving Memory of our parents

Philip & Ethan Teague
in Loving Memory of our Papa

Betty Tilley
in Loving Memory
of deceased loved ones

Edythe Taylor
in Loving Memory
Of Don Taylor and their parents

Bob Marley Sunday School Class
In Honor of its teachers,
Bob Sheets, Mike Allen, & Darrell Sapp

Bill & Tara Colagiovanni
In Loving Memory
Of Barbara Bettman

Craig & Shari Judd
In Loving Memory
Of our grandparents,
Donald Howard and James Judd

Pat Sawyer
In Loving Memory
Of James B. Sawyer and her parents

Love God

Praise & Worship

The FVUMC Music Ministries needs you! As the New Year begins, this is the perfect time to consider how God might be calling you to use the gifts and talents He has blessed you with! Do you have a gift to share? Keep in mind that God can take the smallest offering and turn it into something HUGE! Check out the church website at <http://www.fvumc.org/Music.htm> to find out more descriptions and schedules. Most rehearsals begin the first week in January! *Get involved today!*

Merry Christmas

On behalf of everyone in Stephen Ministry, we want to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas. May your day be blessed and your homes filled with loved ones.

Let us remember that this is the day that God sent salvation to the world in the form of a baby and let us celebrate with joy the birth of Christ on this most blessed day. Let us give thanks to God that he loves us so much that he freely offers salvation and the forgiveness of sins to the entire world. Let us rejoice in the salvation that Christ has brought to our lives and give him thanks and praise.

Why not talk to a Stephen Minister? We are there just for you to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christ-Centered caring. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.

Susanne Young 552-7503
Polly Sheets 552-5035
Bob Sorrels 552-0505
Thearon Willis 552-7577
(www.fvumc.org/StephenMinistry.htm)

Learn God

Financial Peace

What would your life look like if you had NO DEBT and were really IN CONTROL of your money? Most people struggle to make ends meet. They just have too much month left at the end of the money. If you have made mistakes and feel like your money vanishes each month, you are not alone. In fact, 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of income. Financial Peace University is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth. You'll meet with your class each week to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money!

We are offering TWO
Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes:

Monday Evenings

Preview date January 23, 2012
@ 6:30pm in the Centrum
Class begins February 6th!

Wednesday Evenings

Preview date January 25, 2012
@ 6:30 pm in room 117 (limited class size of 30)
Class begins February 8th!

Childcare is available upon pre-registration!
To sign up for the Preview go to the January Registration table or contact Church office at 552-4331.

Dr. Mickey Eford Event January 7, 2012 9:30-11:30am

*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!

New Study Opportunities

From Sunday School Classes to Small Groups...there is something for all!

From the study of the Old Testament to the Passion Narratives....from *A Life Giving Thanks* to *Crazy Love* to *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?* There is something for you!

Check out Class Descriptions and Study Opportunities on Sunday in the lobby at the Welcome Center.

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.

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?

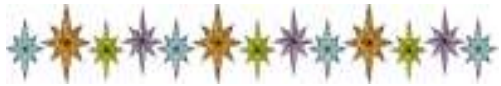
If you are serving, Thank You for the gift of your time. If you aren't and you want to learn more about how you can get engaged, contact Toni Drapkin, at tdrapkin@fvumc.org

Share God

FV Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Soup

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



Announcements



Christmas Cantata Music Offer!

We Have Our Savior, the 2011 Christmas Cantata featuring FVUMC's Worship Choir, Praise Choir, Orchestra, & Praise Team has been recorded on CD and available for \$10 in the church office.

Save the Date: New Members Class

Our Connectings Winter Session begins in January!
Dates: 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

GED Classes

GED classes for our community are being offered at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church at 1300 Sunset Lake Road in Fuquay-Varina on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:00pm beginning January 10th.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Training will be held on January 29th following the 9:30 service and the 11:00 service!

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate

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 purchase

A Concert Benefit

A concert to benefit John Silveira will be held Friday, January 6, 2012 from 6:30p-8:30p at STARS Theater and Arts Center in downtown Fuquay-Varina. John has been courageously battling Leukemia and Lymphoma for several years. Long Time Gone - a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young cover band consisting of several FVUMC praise team members - will perform. Donations will be accepted at the door by Banded Brothers. 100% of donations will go toward the Silveira family. Banded Brothers will match all donations up to \$500.00. Please make checks out to Banded Brothers with General Donation on the memo line. Come on out for food, fellowship, and great music!

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!



Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

11:00am Family Worship
(No Sunday School or Childcare)

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

9:30am Walk the Walk
6:30 pm Bible Studies

Thursday, December 29

7:00pm METS-Men Eager to Serve

Friday, December 30

No planned activities

Saturday, December 31

6:30am MITM Meeting
8:00pm Monte De Olivas Watch Service

Sunday, January 1

New Years Day

8:00am Contemplative Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed
9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
9:30am Walk the Walk

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Stewardship

Our Presence: 12/18/11
Worship Attendance: 688

By Our Gifts: 12/18/11
Received last week \$36,657.50
Budget needed weekly \$24,731.65
Average Received/week \$22,765.55
Received YTD \$1,161,043.30
Budget needed YTD \$1,261,314.15
Difference -\$100,270.85
New Mortgage Refinanced \$500,000.00
Applied to Principal \$20,671.60
Received YTD \$22,705.00
New Mortgage Balance (12/04/11) \$456,623.40

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