

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

## Love God

### At Peace with God

Jesus' disciple, Simon Peter, writes to us in 2 Peter 3:8-15 about the Day of the Lord. He writes to us to be spotless, blameless and at peace with God when that day arrives. Do you have heavy burdens on your heart that is preventing you from having peace with God? Surely you know what a relief it is to just talk to someone about your problems – to get them off your chest. Stephen Ministers are available to be there just for you to let you unload and to help you be at peace with God. Best of all, the caring relationship between you and your Stephen Minister is confidential. That means you can share the burdens on your heart knowing that no one else is going to know. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.  
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### UMW: Circle of Faith

The December meeting will be Tuesday, the 6th. Rather than our usual time of 10:00, we will meet at 11:30 for our Christmas party. Bring your sweet and/or savory finger foods to the Choir Room. Visitors ALWAYS welcome. Questions \* 552-9220

### Christmas by Candlelight Reservations Closed

Reservations for Christmas by Candlelight are no longer being accepted as we have reached the absolute maximum number of guests that can be seated at our tables. Registered guests are reminded to bring a new unwrapped toy or book for Operation Share. These gifts will be blessed as a part of our program for the evening. There will also be three handmade quilts from our church's quilting group which will be available for bidding in three silent auctions. Christmas by Candlelight will be held Friday evening, December 9 from 7:00PM to 8:45PM.

### 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.

### 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...

### Fuquay-Varina Christmas Parade

TODAY at 3:00  
Downtown Fuquay  
Come support the FANFARE Handbell Choir!

### Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 11  
"We Have Our Savior"  
Annual presented by the FVUMC Choirs,  
Orchestra & Praise Team  
9:30 & 11:00am services

### 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 117

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!  
November 30: Little Lent 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.

## Serve God

### Safe Sanctuary Training ~ TODAY!

Anyone working with children or youth are required to complete our Safe Sanctuary certification process and have a background check completed. If you are in need of training or are due for renewal (every 5 years) please plan on attending our Safe Sanctuary Training following the 9:30 & 11:00 service in the conference room.

### With Love From Jesus Team

Our team is scheduled to serve at on Dec 9th from 9am-12:30. 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

### Love Feast Servers Needed!

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 smooresmith@earthlink.net

### Jesus Is Born...Coming Soon!

Join in the action and contact Marisa Highsmith at portcitybell@gmail.com or Jennifer Akins at mamaAkins3@nc.rr.com to become a special guest in the 11:00 SS. Special guests guide special units (Cookery, Science, Storytelling, Music, Games or Art) for 1-3 Sundays. We provide great resources...as we share the greatest story ever shared with our amazing children!  
Come, be part of the action!

### 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.

### Operation Share

Through this awesome program, we adopt over 100 elementary-aged children and their younger siblings via local area school counselors. There are so many children that few items remain! Your support is crucial to meeting these needs in our community.

**Please donate any NEW toy and bring it to the lobby by Wed., December 7th.**

# Announcements

## New Worship Schedule!

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

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

## Save the Date: New Members Class

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

## 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.

## Annual Holiday Luminary Sale

Boy Scout Troop 320 is selling holiday luminary kits to brighten your sidewalks and driveway this Christmas Eve. If you are interested in purchasing luminary kits for \$10.00 each, the sale helps support BSA Troop 320 in its activities. There is a table set up in front of the lobby this morning. Each kit includes 10 candles, plastic candle cups, white bags, assembly instructions and sand. For more information please contact Jim Frink at 623-1188.

## Give the Gift of Knowledge – Today Is United Methodist Student Day

Every year, we hear: “Tuition costs are increasing.” For many United Methodist students, the continuous increase places an enormous financial burden that many cannot assume. However, through United Methodist Student Day offering, we can prepare students to unite faith with knowledge. Please place your extra mile gift in the offering plate today. Be sure to note “Student Day Offering” on the memo line.

Gifts can be given to this special offering online year-round at [www.umcsgiving.org/umsd](http://www.umcsgiving.org/umsd).

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards scholarships and loans to students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities through the UM Student Day offering. In addition, a portion of the offering is returned to our annual conference for merit scholarship awards. Invest in the future of our church through the United Methodist Student Day offering. We can help students unite faith with knowledge. Your Student Day gift impacts students locally and world-wide. Members of our church have been recipients of scholarships funded by this offering

### Sunday, December 4

#### Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
  - 9:30am Contemporary Worship
  - 9:30am Sunday School
  - 10:30am Safe Sanctuary Training
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship
  - 11:00am Sunday School
  - 12:00pm Safe Sanctuary Training
  - 3:00 pm Fuquay-Varina Parade
  - 4:30pm Bible Studies
  - 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
  - 4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
  - 6:15 pm Lifeline
  - 6:30 pm Bible Study
- ### Monday, December 5
- 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
  - 6:30pm BSA High Adventure Patrol
  - 7:00pm BSA Troop #320
  - 7:00pm Divorce Care

### Tuesday, December 6

- 6:30am Men’s Early Group
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Quilting Group
- 11:30am Circle of Faith
- 6:00pm reJoySing
- 7:00pm Church Council
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Meetings

### Wednesday, December 7

- 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
- 5:45 pm Youth Bells
- 6:30 pm Pastor’s Advent Study-Evening
- 6:30pm Lifeline Small Groups
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 7:00 pm Combined Cantata Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 8

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 6:30 pm GED classes
- 7:00 pm METS—Men Eager To Serve
- 7:00 pm Mission Meeting

### Friday, December 9

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
  - 7:00pm Christmas by Candlelight
- ### Saturday, December 10
- 6:30am Men in the Morning (MITM)
  - 9:00am Operation Share
  - 9:00am Cantata Rehearsal
  - 2:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor

### 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
- 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
- 4:30 pm KFC
- 4:15 JuBELLation
- 4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
- 5:00 pm FANFARE
- 6:15 pm Lifeline
- 6:30 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm One Achord

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## Stewardship

**Our Presence:** 11/27/11  
Worship Attendance: 629

**By Our Gifts:** 11/27/11  
Received last week \$25,550.64  
Budget needed weekly \$24,731.65  
Average Received/week \$22,129.67  
Received YTD \$1,062,224.00  
Budget needed YTD \$1,187,119.20  
Difference -\$124,895.20  
New Mortgage Refinanced

\$500,000.00  
Applied to Principal \$20,671.60  
Received YTD \$15,800.00  
New Mortgage Balance (11/20/11) \$463,528.40

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