

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

## Love God

### Blessedness of Answered Prayer

In Psalm 30 we read that God has answered David's prayer and David is giving God thanks and praise for the answered prayer. I especially love that part in verse 5 "...Weeping may ensure for a night, But joy comes in the morning." (NKJV) because it ensures us that God does here and answers prayer.

When we pray, we must pray for the will of God and not our own selfish needs. We must be open and honest with God because God knows our needs and he knows the burdens of our hearts and knows what we are going to say even before we say it. Are you having trouble praying to God? Are you not quite sure how to pray for the needs in your life or the life of another according to the will of God?

Talk to a Stephen Minister today and let us help you discover how to pray and let us come along side of you and also lift up your concerns in prayer. 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](http://www.fvumc.org/StephenMinistry.htm))

### Holy Week Choir

The FVUMC Choirs will be joining forces once again this year to provide special music for all of our Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday (4/1), Holy Thursday (4/5), Good Friday (4/6) and Easter Sunday (4/8). This will be a powerful and moving experience for our congregation and choir members alike! The Holy Week Choir is open to anyone who would like to participate, and is a great short-term opportunity for getting involved! Rehearsals have begun on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm and Thursday nights at 7:00 pm (choose the night that works best for you!) Questions? Contact Jennifer Harrenstein at [jharrenstein@fvumc.org](mailto:jharrenstein@fvumc.org) or 552-4331.

### Living the Vision Saturday, Feb 25th, 9:00 am-noon

The Vision Team and Church Council are co-sponsoring a workshop to explore what it means to be a Christ-centered community that Loves God, Learns God, Serves God, and Shares God at FVUMC. The entire church body is requested to join church leaders as we worship and discuss in small groups and corporately what it means to live out the vision God has given us. Your reservation is requested so that we can plan for enough small group facilitators, coffee and continental breakfast for a donation of \$3. You may sign up by emailing Susan Smith at [smooresmith@earthlink.net](mailto:smooresmith@earthlink.net) or completing the form in The Weekly Times and dropping it in the offering plate.

#### Living the Vision Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

FREE Childcare? Yes or No

Donation: \$3.00

### Men's Ensemble

The Men's Ensemble is a choral group for those on a tight schedule! The group will meet for three rehearsals on Sunday evenings, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, and then sing for worship. This ensemble offers an opportunity to sing with a choir WITHOUT the long term commitment! The group is open to ALL—previous experience is not required!

#### Rehearsals on Sundays

Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26,  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

The Men's Ensemble will sing in worship on Sunday, March 4 at the 11:00 service.

Contact Ted Willis, Assoc. Director of Music Ministries, at [twillis@fvumc.org](mailto:twillis@fvumc.org) 552-4331 x115

## Learn God

### Lenten Class

#### Table of Grace

Lent prepares God's people to celebrate Christ's death and Resurrection, so why shouldn't we focus on the table which reminds us of exactly that? Lent leads up to Easter just as the Last Supper led up to the cross.

#### The Communion Table

God's table—centers, transforms and invites us to participate in Christ's work (his past, present and future work). ....but what does that mean for worship? Does it matter for our ordinary Tuesdays?

***We'll be delving into prayers, practical questions, hymns, and a touch of history, so come sit with us as we take a look at the many facets and deep roots of this rich and vivid tradition. It'll be Communion like you've never seen it before!***

9:30 am room 117/119

Facilitator: Emily Knight [eknight@fvumc.org](mailto:eknight@fvumc.org)  
Starting February 26th thru April 1st.

**Look for additional Lenten opportunities coming soon!**

### Book Club-February

*The Cellist of Sarajevo*  
by Steven Galloway

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, February 24th, contact Suzanne Jones at [dsjones@nc.rr.com](mailto:dsjones@nc.rr.com) or Matilda Storm at [matildastorm@embarqmail.com](mailto:matildastorm@embarqmail.com).

## Serve God

### Soup Supper Team Needed For Ash Wednesday- Feb. 22nd!

Many hands are needed to offer this fellowship opportunity!

#### Crock Pot Soup

Sign-up to bring a crock-pot of soup to the kitchen between 5:00-5:30pm

#### Set-Up & Service

Volunteers needed by 5:00pm to organize the soups as they come in. Set up beverages table, make coffee, organize serving line.

#### Clean-up Crew

Volunteers needed by 5:30pm to wash dishes and rinse crock-pots, and wipe tables off.

#### Centrum Reset Crew

Help reset the Centrum after the Worship Service.

Sign up in the church lobby or contact Debbi DeMaris at [ddemaris@fvumc.org](mailto:ddemaris@fvumc.org)

**Service opportunities available for  
Wednesday Luncheons too!**

### Viz Team-Mate Needed

An immediate need for **Power Point Operators during the 9:30 worship services**...one who can commit to doing the **3rd Sunday** every month, and the other to commit to doing **5th Sunday** throughout the year. 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.

### Ushers & Greeters Needed

Just a simple smile, welcome and hello can sometimes make a profound difference in a person's life. The *Usher/Greeter Ministry* is looking for those who can serve with this ministry at least one weekend a month. *Great opportunity for families!* Sign up in the lobby or contact Earl Lee at 552-3445 or the Church office at 552-4331. Guideline discussions and training will be provided on **March 4th at 3:00pm!**

### DR Congo Mission Team

On June 15-30, 2012 there will be a UMC work team traveling to Kasungami, DRC to build a parsonage for Nazareth UMC & the Child Action Initiative (CAI), an UMCOR Advance project. The deadline to sign up is the first team meeting on March 11, 2012 and the total cost per member will be \$3,000. . Please prayerfully consider joining this work team, and contacting Dave Heiser at 919-639-8972 ([heiserdm@cdmsmith.com](mailto:heiserdm@cdmsmith.com)) to ask any questions and to obtain a volunteer application form. A full project description and application forms are on the "Ends of the Earth" Mission bulletin board. Join the team you will be richly blessed!

## Share God

### FV Food Pantry Needs:

#### *Oatmeal & Grits*

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

### Main Street Kitchen (MSK) February 18, 2012

The menu for this month: chicken pot pie, baked apples, fruit, bread and dessert.

Items needed: cans of chunk chicken, large cans of apple slices, Italian dressing, bags of frozen vegetables, large cans of fruit, bisquik, milk.

We are in need of basic staple items for our shelves, donations of large cans of vegetables, fruits, potatoes, sweet potatoes are very much needed to fill our pantry shelves, so please add these items to your shopping list and donate.

If you would like to spend a couple hours once

### Join the Covenant Garden

In the lobby this month, 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. One of the primary goals of this ministry is to involve our children in gardening, so they may experience God's creation, learn where their food comes from, develop a sense of stewardship of the land, and learn that vegetables really do taste good. We also provide fresh, organically grown produce to our garden member families, the Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry, Main Street Kitchen, and our WIHN guests.

Contact the Garden Coordinator,  
Joy Brown at 557-5954



# Announcements



## Urgent Need: Tissue Boxes & Trash Bags

- ♦ EMPTY tissue boxes are needed for Sunday School classes; Please place in box located in the church lobby!
- ♦ The Clothing Closet is in need of kitchen-size & large trash bags. Please bring any donations to the church lobby.

## PrimeTimers Event

Come to hear a speaker from Back In Action Physical Therapy. They will speak on PREVENTING FALLS. This talk will help many people! It will be on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00am** at the Church. Bring your favorite food to share after the talk.

## Hospitality Opportunity

The Board of Directors of The Ekklesia Project ([www.ekklesiaproject.org](http://www.ekklesiaproject.org)) will hold their winter meeting at FVUMC the weekend of February 17-19. (EP developed The Congregational Formation Initiative, and FVUMC was one of 6 churches nationwide who participated) These EP members will be FVUMC guests, and host families are needed to provide accommodations on Fri. & Sat. (2/17 & 2/18). *If you would like more information or are willing to provide accommodations to our Ekklesia Project friends, please contact Tammie Quick ([tlquick@gmail.com](mailto:tlquick@gmail.com)) or call her at 557-2131.*

## Mission Team Meetings

**Sunday February 19th at 12:15**

**Peru** Room 123

contact Ed Bethea [erbethea@embarqmail.com](mailto:erbethea@embarqmail.com)

**Costa Rica** Room 117

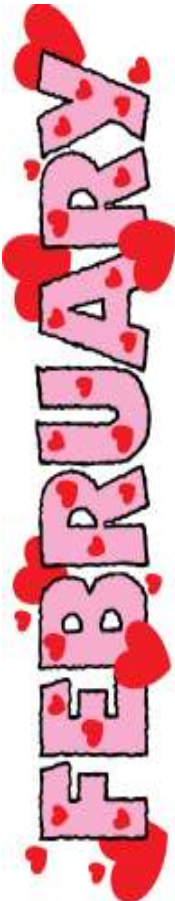
contact Rob Pavone [rpavone@nc.rr.com](mailto:rpavone@nc.rr.com)

## Altar Flowers

Please use the sign-up board in the lobby to honor someone you love by sponsoring Altar Flowers for the morning worship services. Contact the church office for more information.

## TVR Family Retreat

Bring the whole family and see why FVUMC kids and parents love TVR! FVUMC Family Retreat Weekend at TVR Fri. March 16- Sun. March 18, 2012 Contact Mark and Vicki Bethea for more information [Vbethea6@nc.rr.com](mailto:Vbethea6@nc.rr.com) or 919-557-0857



### Sunday, February 12

*Boy Scout Sunday*

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 3:45pm Alleluia Ringers
- 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
- 4:30pm KFC
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 4:30pm JuBELLation
- 4:30pm Bible Studies
- 4:30pm Connectings (New Member Class)
- 4:45pm L.I.F.E Bible Study
- 5:15pm FANFARE
- 6:00pm SPRC Meeting
- 6:15pm Lifeline
- 7:00pm Men's Ensemble

### Monday, February 13

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 9:30am W.i.F Bible Study
- 9:30am Pinc Bible Study
- 10:00am ACW Pastoral Meeting
- 6:30pm Bible Study
- 6:30pm Financial Peace
- 7:00pm Divorce Care
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 320

### Tuesday, February 14

- 6:30am Men's Early Group
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Quilting Group
- 6:00pm reJoySing
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Meetings
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee

### Wednesday, February 15

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 3:00pm Peru Covenant Meeting
- 4:30pm Kidz NPraise
- 5:30pm Youth Handbell Choir
- 6:30pm Youth Life Groups
- 6:15pm Instruments of Praise
- 6:30 Financial Peace Class
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Lifeline Life Groups
- 7:15 pm Worship Choir

### Thursday, February 16

- 6:00am SOWers Bible Study
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:30pm Preschool Registration (community)
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 7:00pm Praise Team
- 7:00pm METS-Men Eager to Serve

### Friday, February 17

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool

### Saturday, February 18

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

### Sunday, February 19

*Methodist Home for Children Sunday*

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 Costa Rica Team Meeting
- 12:15 Peru Team Meeting
- 3:45pm Alleluia Ringers
- 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
- 4:30pm KFC
- 4:30pm Confirmation
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## Stewardship

**Our Presence:** 2/5/2012  
Worship Attendance: 701

**By Our Gifts:** 2/5/2012  
Received last week \$32,145.01  
Budget needed weekly \$25,036.36  
Average Received/week \$22,186.70  
Received YTD \$133,120.22  
Budget needed YTD \$150,218.16  
Difference -\$17,097.94

Mortgage \$447,435.16  
Payments \$9,246.48  
Mortgage Balance (1/1/12) \$438,188.68

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