

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

Love God

The Transformed Life

In the Gospel of Mark, in chapter 9 verses 2-9, we read about the transfiguration of Jesus. In these verses, God speaks from Heaven telling Peter, James and John to listen to Jesus. If we have listened to Jesus and truly believe, we have a transformed life - a life transformed from sin and darkness to a life of light and hope and salvation.

Just because we have a transformed life doesn't mean life is a bed of roses. We still have moments where we struggle with different issues and challenges. Perhaps you are struggling with some issue now. Would you like help dealing with that issue so that you don't have to go through it alone?

A Stephen Minister is a person who can walk along side of you and help you as you struggle with life's challenges. Why not talk to a Stephen Minister and let us help you? Contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

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

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 Sun. 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. 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 552-4331

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

Where there is no vision, the people perish...
Proverbs 29:18a (KJ21)

Thanks be to God, he has given us a vision for FVUMC. Now we need to discern what it means to live out that vision and what practical steps we need to take to do so.

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*. The entire church body is requested to join church leaders as we worship and discuss in small groups and corporately, what it looks like to live out the vision God has given us. Your input is important in this process. A reservation is requested so that we may 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, or completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate.

Living the Vision Registration

Name: _____

FREE Childcare: # of children ____
Ages: _____

Ash Wednesday

Soup Supper: 5:30-6:30pm

Worship Service: 7:00pm

Reflections for the Lenten Season
by our church family will be made available.

Wednesdays of Lent

February 29th-March 28th

Mornings

10:30am Pastor's Lectionary Study

11:30am Light Luncheon

(pre-purchased tickets required)

12:00pm Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Meditations Provided by:

Dr. Rev. Arthur Wall; Rev. Matt Evans

Rev. Jeff Nelson; Rev. Duane Partin

& Rev. Anne Ahl

Evenings

5:45-6:30pm Vegetarian Potluck Dinners

6:30pm Various Lenten Bible Studies

See 'Learn God'

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

Learn God

Lenten Studies

Sunday

Begins February 26th

9:30am *Table of Grace*

Host: Emily Knight Room 117

9:30am *Final Words from the Cross*

Host: Clay SS Room 124

4:45pm *Final Words from the Cross*

Host: L.I.F.E Bible Study Room 123

Monday

Begins February 27th

9:30 am *24 Hours*

Host: W.i.F Room 123

9:30am *Final Words from the Cross*

Host: PinC Room 117

7:00pm *Final Words from the Cross*

Hosts: Craig Judd & Mel Cade Room 123

Wednesday

Begins February 29th

10:30am Pastor's Study

Host: Albert Shuler Room 117

6:30pm Pastor's Study (beg 3/7*)

Host: Albert Shuler Chapel

6:30 pm *Final Words from the Cross*

Host: TBA Room 123

**contact Debbi DeMaris at
ddemaris@fvumc.org or x106 to register!**

March Book Club

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for the Women Worldwide

by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday,

March 16th, contact Suzanne Jones at

dsjones@nc.rr.com or Matilda Storm at

matildastorm@embarqmail.com.

Serve God

Wed. Lunch Team Help!

Lunches are provided following a short meditation services on 2/29 thru 3/28 and your help is needed!

Table Decorations

Set up the day before! Great opportunity for a group to adopt a week and be creative.

Approximately 6-8 tables are used.

Set-up & Service & Clean-up

Volunteers needed by 5:00pm to organize the soups as they come in. Set up beverage table, make coffee, organize serving line. Assist with food preparation as needed. Clean up kitchen, run dishwasher, and wipe tables off

If you or your friends, SS Class, or Small Group would like to assist please sign up in the church lobby or contact Debbi DeMaris at ddemaris@fvumc.org or x106

Home for a Missionary?

With each new year comes new opportunity to serve God in a new way. In April the church will be celebrating an Acts 1:8 weekend. Would you consider opening up your home to a missionary for the weekend? A loving place to lay their head at night is all that is asked of you. Their days will be filled with the works of our Lord. If you are interested in this opportunity to share God's love through your gift of hospitality, please contact Whitne Harris at dwharris@nc.rr.com or call 919-812-7067.

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!**

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.

Share God

FV Food Pantry Needs:

Oatmeal & Grits

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

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: Trash Bags

The Clothing Closet is in need of kitchen-size & large trash bags. Please bring any donations to the church lobby.

Peru Team Meeting

Sunday February 19th at 12:15

Room 123 contact Ed Bethea erbethea@embarqmail.com

Primetimers

Tuesday, February 21: Let's get to know each other better! Several new and old Primetimers will share their life story with us at the Church on at 10:00am. Bring your favorite food we will share together.

Tuesday, March 20: Back in Action Physical Therapy will be speak regarding PREVENTING FALLS. This talk will be helpful to many people. Begins at 10:00am. Questions call Debbie Corr 557-7437.

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 or 919-557-0857

Methodist Home for Children Sunday

Every day, Methodist Home for Children (MHC) transforms the lives of children in need. Creating order where there was chaos, offering hope where there was despair. Through the grace of God and the unwavering generosity of churches and friends, MHC is able to meet the growing needs of children in their care. Your extra mile giving on this special United Methodist Offering Sunday is a critical source of support for the Methodist Home for Children.

Learn more about MHC by visiting their website at www.mhfc.org. Checks may be made out to FVUMC with MHC on the memo line.

DR Congo Mission Team

June 15-30, 2012 Kasungami, DRC to build a parsonage for Nazareth UMC & the Child Action Initiative (CAI)

The deadline March 11, 2012; total cost per member \$3,000. . contacting Dave Heiser at 919-639-8972 (heiserdm@cdmsmith.com) . 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!

ACTS 1:8 Celebration

Save the Date: April 20-22



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
- 12:15pm Peru Team Meeting
- 1:00pm Vision Team
- 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
- 6:15pm Lifeline
- 6:30pm Serving from Heart Study
- 7:00pm Men's Ensemble

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day

- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 9:30am W.i.F Bible Study
- 9:30am Pinc Bible Study
- 6:30pm Bible Study
- 6:30pm Financial Peace

- 7:00pm Divorce Care
 - 7:00pm Lenten Study
 - 7:00pm BSA Troop 320
 - 7:00pm UM Men Meeting
 - 8:30pm Prayer Warriors
- Tuesday, February 21**
- 6:30am Men's Early Group
 - 9:00am ESL Classes
 - 9:30am Quilting Group
 - 10:00am PrimeTimers
 - 6:00pm reJoySing
 - 7:00pm Cub Scouts Meetings
 - 7:00pm Trustees

Wednesday, February 22

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:00am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 4:30pm Kidz NPraise
- 5:30pm Youth Handbell Choir
- 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 6:00pm FVHS Choral Banquet

Saturday, February 25

- 6:30am MITM (Men in the Morning)
- 9:00am **Living the Vision Retreat**
- 3:00pm BSA Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Contemplative Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 3:45pm Alleluia Ringers
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Stewardship

Our Presence: 2/12/2012
Worship Attendance: 669

By Our Gifts: 2/12/2012
Received last week \$24,081.39
Budget needed weekly \$25,036.36
Average Received/week \$22,457.37
Received YTD \$157,201.61
Budget needed YTD \$175,254.52
Difference -\$18,052.91

Mortgage \$447,435.16
Payments \$7,856.48
Mortgage Balance (1/1/12) \$438,058.68

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