

## August Book Club

*The Other Wes Moore - One Name, Two Fates*  
by Wes Moore (Spiegel and Grau, 2010)

Two hauntingly similar boys take starkly different paths in this searing tale of the ghetto. The result is a moving exploration of roads not taken. To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, August 19th, contact Suzanne Jones at dsjones@nc.rr.com or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.



## Stephen Ministry is...

- ◆ An interdenominational, structured Christian care-giving ministry
- ◆ A ministry that provides one-to-one caring relationships with specially-trained church members
- ◆ A ministry that provides Christian love and spiritual care to those who are hurting or in crisis
- ◆ A ministry that provides ongoing care for your continuing needs long after the onset of a crisis
- ◆ A confidential ministry keeping the identity of those receiving care private



Are you hurting or in a crisis? Can you use this ministry in your life? Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.

Susanne Young 552-7503 Polly Sheets 552-5035  
Bob Sorrels 552-0505 Thearon Willis 820-1845

## Children in Worship Bags

The bags have MOVED and are now available on the Bible cart inside the Centrum doors. These are for children who are attending worship; there are crayons, a clipboard, and a folder full of Bible coloring pages or activities for your child to use. Once your child has completed a page he/she may take it home with them. Place the other items back in the bag and return to the cart on your way out of the Centrum.

## Habitat for Humanity Dates

If you are looking to get involved in local mission work, volunteers are needed for Habitat for Humanity. Our church has reserved at the Mullins Drive Site in Cary:

Saturday July 30th: **5 spots open**

If you would like to volunteer please email Jamey Koenig at jwk3991@yahoo.com.



## A Ministry Celebration & Our Tomato Sandwich Social!

Stephanie Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry at FVUMC for the past 3 years has resigned effective July 10, 2011 to return to a full time teaching position at Willow Springs Elementary. To thank her and celebrate her ministry with us, a church-wide covered dish luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 31st following the 10:50 service. The entire congregation is invited to come, bring a favorite dish, and join others in thanking Stephanie and wishing her well in her new position, especially if you have had children who have benefited from her ministry here. In addition, we will be able to contribute towards a Love Gift for Stephanie from now until July 31st as a show of our appreciation of her Spirit-filled gifts to us of time, talents, and love for the children of FVUMC! Contributions will be received in the office, in the Offering plates, or at the Luncheon. For questions or willingness to help with this special time contact Linda Bridgers at 567-8908.



~\*~\*~**AND**~\*~\*~

Covenant Community Garden will be celebrating its ministry at our annual Tomato Sandwich Social with the congregation at the same date and time.



Share in the bounty of our community garden and learn more about what goes on weekly in growing organic produce that is shared with the Fuquay-Varina Emergency Food Pantry! You don't want to miss some delicious tomatoes!

**Mark your calendars for this combined celebration meal on July 31st at noon!**

## Senior Celebration: A Luau!

**Save the date for August 27th!**

Invitations will be sent soon to our Senior Adults 60+! Interested in hosting a table, contact Debbi DeMaris at ddemaris@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext 106. More details to come!



## Food of the Month for July: Peanut Butter & Jelly

For the F-V Emergency Food Pantry. A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations. *Please, no glass containers.*

## Fuquay-Varina UMC

*Loves God, Learns God, Serves God and Shares God*

# Weekly Times

July 24, 2011

## Leap of Faith

We are pleased to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. **As of last Sunday, we received \$83,466.46 toward our Mortgage debt which leaves a balance owed of \$685,053.35.** You will be able to follow up on our progress weekly as the updated information will be printed in the back of the bulletin. We ask for your continued prayers and commitment as we take this "Leap of Faith" to pay off our Mortgage debt by 9/1/2011. To ensure your contribution is coded correctly to the Mortgage debt, please note on the memo line of your check, Leap of Faith, Mortgage Debt, or Building. Again, thank you for your prayers and commitment.

## Tagé on Steel in Concert

**TODAY at 4:00 pm**

Back for a third year in a row, FVUMC will host Tagé on Steel from the Washington DC area! This group of steel drum musicians will wow and impress you as they offer selections of both sacred and secular tunes on a wide range of steel drum instruments. *Admission is free and open to the public, and childcare*



## WIHN Arrives TODAY!

Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network guests will be arriving July 24th to make their home here at FVUMC through July 31st. Please prayerfully consider how you, your family or your small group can help to extend radical hospitality to these families in transition.



## Summer Church Office Hours

Beginning Friday, July 8th through August 19th, the Church Office will close at 12 noon on Fridays!



## Church-Wide Wednesdays

**The Experience:** Our Children, Youth & Adult Ministries have teamed up to bring disciples of all ages from our youngest to our senior adults for 3 evenings of Fellowship, Mission and Prayer.

The evening activities will begin at 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday, August 3rd with an evening of Fellowship! Kevin Johnson will be our Emcee for the "All Church Family Game Night".

*Childcare is available*

**The Meal:** No worries about dinner, we will have a wonderful meal prepared for you at a reasonable price! Meals will be served from 5:45-6:30pm. Don't forget to pre-purchase your ticket! Cost will be \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child (12 years & under and seniors 65+). You can purchase your ticket(s) in the Church Lobby on Sundays or in the Church Office during the week.

*ALL ages are invited!*

## Save the Date: A Special Opportunity!

**Saturday, Sept 10th, from 8:00am-12:30pm**

Fuquay-Varina UMC is pleased and privileged to host Dr. John Ed Mathison, who retired in June 2008, after 36 years as senior minister of Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, Frazer grew from 400 members to more than 8,800 and had the largest Sunday School attendance for United Methodist churches in America. Dr. Mathison will be here to teach from his book, *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. FVUMC is inviting UMC churches across our conference as well as other churches in our community to participate. This is an opportunity you don't want to miss so get it on your calendar now and look for further announcements about how to get the book and register to be blessed by John Ed.



## UMMen's Retreat

What: 2011 Men's Summit - "C'mon and Be a Man About It"

When: Friday August 12th - Sunday August 14th

Where: Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center

Who: Any Man willing to explore what it means to be a Man.

How much: \$100 (2 nights lodging and 4 meals, dinner Friday and lunch Sunday not included)

**Reserve your spot TODAY**, please see Matt Harrenstein or email him at [mjharrenstein@gmail.com](mailto:mjharrenstein@gmail.com)

**A \$50 deposit by August 1st.**



## Visiting Fuquay-Varina UMC?

Come visit our Director of Adult Ministries, Debbi DeMaris in the lobby to know more about our church. You will find a table with goodies waiting just for you. It's a perfect time to ask questions about our church family, membership, and information about our wonderful programs and outreach opportunities!

## Sign up for Fall Disciple Studies!



This year the DISCIPLE program begins the week of August 21st. Prayerfully consider participating in Disciple studies this fall.

Disciple studies are an opportunity to read, reflect and grow in Christ. Details in the lobby or contact Debbi DeMaris at [ddemaris@fvumc.org](mailto:ddemaris@fvumc.org).

### **Disciple Testimony:**

Disciple I Bible Study was my first in depth study in the Word. What began as a seemingly overwhelming commitment soon became an anticipated daily walk with God. Our group was small but dedicated. Each member had differing faith backgrounds which made our discussions and study both enjoyable and enlightening. I would encourage those looking for a starting point with the Bible to consider Disciple I. ~Jon Patterson

## Upper Room Bible Study

The Upper Room Bible Study class is for the beginning novice Bible study student as well as the more experienced students of God's Word. We will focus on the Upper Room Scripture selection and commentary for each Sunday this is an easy way to meet new people and get a feel for a short term Bible Study for the future.

Facilitator: Craig Judd Room 117 at 9:30

## New Study at 10:50 on August 7th

Please consider joining us as we begin Mickey Effirds study of the *Book of Psalms*. This summary study examines the 10 types of Psalms, why they were written, and how they were used. If you have never taken a Mickey Efirid study before then you are in for a treat. We would love to have you join us! For more information please contact Barbara Patterson at 567-0511 or [jmpatterso@aol.com](mailto:jmpatterso@aol.com).  
Day by Day Sunday School Class Room 122 (8 weeks)

## Summer College-Age & Twenties

This Sunday continues the College-Age and Twenties class in Room 125 at 10:50 am.

Contact Kevin at [kjohnson@fvumc.org](mailto:kjohnson@fvumc.org) or 285-8029 with any questions.

## Prayer Requests: 2 Options to Share!

Prayer Requests are important to our church family. We now have a link on our web site( [www.fvumc.org](http://www.fvumc.org)) to receive prayer requests or you may call the church office (919-552-4331) and leave a message. The prayer requests (concerns), as well as, answered prayers shared (celebrations) will be forwarded to our prayer team as we join with one another in prayer.

## Beginner Handbell & Music Theory Class

Ever thought you might like to try ringing handbells? Here's your chance! Come for a 5-week Beginner Handbell Class on **SUNDAYS, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, beginning July 31 through August 28**. The class is open to adults and youth interested in learning the basics of handbell ringing and music theory. No performances will be associated with this class... this is simply an opportunity to come and learn! To sign up and reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at 552-4331 ext. 105 or [jharrenstein@fvumc.org](mailto:jharrenstein@fvumc.org).

## School Supplies Needed

Thank YOU for ALL of the supplies that have already been brought in, those supplies have already been picked up and distributed. The need continues to be great so please continue filling our lobby shelves (many times over) through the rest of July and part of August. The school supplies will continue to be distributed by our friends at Southern Regional Center as well as to local English as a Second Language high school students. All school supplies are welcomed, especially new or gently used (good condition) book bags. . \*\*If anyone has a graphing calculator they are no longer using it would be a HUGE help to the high school students.

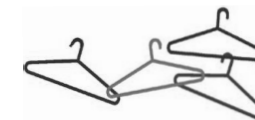
## Clothing Closet

**Donations:** Drop off in the shed in the gravel parking lot

**Help is Needed:** Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday to set up for Saturday morning. (8/4 Thurs. 6 pm & 8/5 Fri. 8:30am)

**Bakers Needed:** Please consider donating muffins for Saturday's Hospitality Table.

**The Giveaway:** Saturday 8/6/11 from 8:00am to noon!  
Please contact Tara Critcher at 744-1520



8:15 – one nursery for ages 3 and under  
9:30 – three nurseries (infant, movers, toddlers)  
10:50 – two nurseries (infant and toddler)