

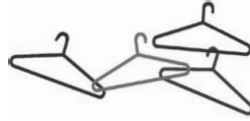
## Clothing Closet

**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

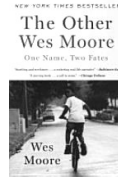


## August Book Club

*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.



## A Stephen Minister is...

- ♦ A congregation member with gifts for care giving who was carefully selected to serve in this role
- ♦ A lay person who has received 50 hours of specialized training in providing one-to-one distinctively Christian care and who receives regular continuing education
- ♦ A lay person who participates in monthly supervision meetings under the guidance of trained Stephen Leaders
- ♦ A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- ♦ A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages
- ♦ A dedicated Christian who meets with their care receiver regularly and dependably for as long as there is a need
- ♦ Committed to preserving the confidential nature of the caring relationship



Do you need a Stephen Minister 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

## JOIN US TODAY AT NOON!

### 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, we will celebrate with a church-wide covered dish luncheon. 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 until TODAY 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!



### 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 August: Mac & Cheese/Rice

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 31, 2011

## Leap of Faith

We are pleased to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. **As of last Sunday, we received \$199,594.35 toward our Mortgage debt which leaves a balance owed of \$586, 795.84!** 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.

## Church—Wide Wednesdays: August 3rd

**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.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child (12 years & under and seniors 65+).

**Menu: Taco Family Night!**

**Don't forget to pre-purchase your ticket TODAY!**

**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.

Activities will begin at 6:30-8:00pm

**Theme: All Church Family Game Night! Childcare is available!**



## Stop Hunger Now

On August 10th "The Experience" will bring "Stop Hunger Now" to the church Centrum where we will assemble 20,000 meals. Donations of \$.25 per packaged meal are being collected in the Church lobby and Church office. Checks are to be written to F-VUMC, in the memo line please specify "Stop Hunger Now".



## Women Opportunities!

### Joyce Meyer Live! Raleigh

Hear the teaching of Joyce Meyer at the RBC Center August 19 (evening) 20 (morning/afternoon) Free of charge. If you would like to attend with a group from FVUMC, please contact Cathy Vogt, [jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com](mailto:jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com) or [919-607-2150](tel:919-607-2150)

### Fall Women's Retreat

At Teen Valley Ranch in the beautiful NC Mountains! Thurs. evening, Sept 29 thru Sat. 12noon, Oct. 1. Cost is \$125 for lodging, food, and activities.

Registration forms are in the lobby or the church office. Contact Cathy Vogt at [jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com](mailto:jakenmorgan@embarqmail.com) or [919-607-2150](tel:919-607-2150).



## 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)

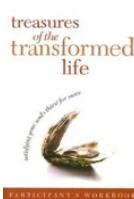
Reserve your spot TODAY, please see Matt Harrenstein or email him at [mjharrenstein@gmail.com](mailto:mjharrenstein@gmail.com)

A \$50 deposit is due by August 1st.

## 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.



## Summer Church Office Hours

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



## 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:

One of the biggest blessings from Disciple for me was the regular fellowship during my work week. When I signed up, I did not know anyone in the group. But the format gave us plenty of opportunities to share our questions and thoughts about what we'd studied, and that sharing was so affirming to my faith. It was a joy to be together and learn in this way and something I looked forward to each week.

~Janice Fain

## New Sunday School Offerings

### 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.

## FVUMC heads to Honduras!

Follow the Honduras Team as they travel to Central America from July 31st to August 13th. <http://www.acts1eight1966.blogspot.com/>



## 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)) for 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 by an email to our congregation as we join with one another in prayer.

## 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.

## Understanding Our Vision Statement

### Two Meetings Scheduled

Our recently adopted vision statement that Fuquay-Varina United Methodist is a "Christ-centered community that loves God, learns God, serves God, and shares God" is a vision that was crafted through a lengthy process of prayer, study, dialog, and discernment. Although simple in its construction, the statement has far reaching implications for future decision making in our church. Two initial meetings with the Visioning Team have been scheduled to offer the congregation an opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Vision and the process through which it was developed. **The meetings are scheduled for Sunday, August 14 from 6-8 PM and Thursday, August 25 from 7-9 PM.** The meetings will be identical in content. Every one in the congregation is invited to attend. Please pray about making your attendance at one of these meetings a priority.

## Columbarium Proposal Meeting

Please watch the bulletin for an upcoming meeting on the proposed Columbarium sometime in Sept.

If you have planned; considered cremation or have an interest in a Columbarium, or have questions, please contact David Jenkins at (919) 810-9975 (e-mail [David\\_Jenkins@NCSSU.edu](mailto:David_Jenkins@NCSSU.edu)) or Jim Dewey at (919) 577-0197 (e-mail [jdeweysr@aol.com](mailto:jdeweysr@aol.com)).

