

Church-wide Opportunity!

Saturday March 26th will be an ACTION-PACKED day in and around FVUMC!

Pine Straw Sales: support our music ministry!

Prayer Labyrinth: help spruce up the area to continue to offer a serene prayer experience for all!

Covenant Community Garden Open House: Get inspired by God's creation and learn how it impacts our community!

UMMEN BBQ: benefits the Merci Disaster Relief Center!

Tickets are on sale in the lobby TODAY!

Additional opportunities are emerging! Stay tuned!



Annual Spring Pine Straw Sale-March 26th

Order your pine straw today and support the FVUMC Music Ministries! Forms are available online at www.fvumc.org or in the church office! Orders due to the Church Office by Sun., Mar. 20th.

Home Delivery is Available!

Pine Straw Cost:

\$4.25 per bale if you pick it up

\$4.75 per bale delivered to your home

Order more than 40 bales-- \$20.00 delivery fee plus \$4.25 per bale

Questions—contact Jennifer Harrenstein at 552-4331 or

jharrenstein@fvumc.org



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 for more information.



Support the MERCI Center!

UMMEN will be selling BBQ and HotDog Tickets for March 26th in the lobby TODAY! All proceeds Helps benefit the Merci Disaster Relief Center.



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 baked goods 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!

Contact Debbi DeMaris at ddemaris@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext 106

New Ministry Team Forming



Do you have a heart for people who are hurting because of the devastation of separation or divorce?

Do you have a passion to help people heal through Christ? If this describes you, please pray about becoming involved in FVUMC's DivorceCare ministry. Contact Thearon Willis for more information or questions at thearonwillis@nc.rr.com.



March Needs!

The F-V Emergency Food Pantry food for March is **Canned Meat & Canned/Dry Milk**. A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations.

Please, no glass containers.

Recycle Shoes For Those In Need



Donate your shoes to someone in desperate need! Any type, any style, and any size. *Share Our Shoes* donates old shoes to those that have none!

A collection box is located in the lobby. Use rubber bands to secure pairs together! For more information contact Shari Judd at 567-0524.

Free Open House @Camp Rockfish



On Sunday, April 17th from 1-7pm, experience Camp Rockfish facilities; meet the staff; and, celebrate an afternoon away. Activities will

include: archery, canoeing, tower climbing, zip line, arts/crafts, nature center and more! Supper will be served for all at 5 pm.

While all activities and supper are FREE, reservations are needed by contacting 910-425-3529 ext. 21 or e-mail Camp Rockfish at

info@camprockfish.org.

Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

March 13, 2011

FVUMC Made The Top Five!

FVUMC was named in the top five churches to receive the Rainbow Covenant Award! F-V UMC has a long history of being a strong supporter of second mile financial gifts and again has been recognized as one of the top five churches in the Raleigh District in making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your continued support in all that we do!

Extravagant Hospitality Opportunity



Sign-ups for Lenten Luncheons Kitchen team are in the Lobby! I am in need of 3 people to come join me in the kitchen!

Coordinator: Debbi DeMaris 552-4331

Kitchen Team

ddemaris@fvumc.org

Wednesdays Vegetarian Potluck Dinners

Eco Justice invites the Congregation to give up Meat for Lent!

In doing so, the group invites you to attend a vegetarian potluck from 6-7:00pm every Wednesday during the Lenten season.

Please bring vegetarian dishes, salads, & desserts.

Eco Justice Group will provide bread, fresh fruit and drinks!

Youth Variety Show—Friday, March 18th

The whole church, family, and friends, are invited to the Youth Variety Show this Friday night in the Centrum! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5, and all monies will go toward the Youth Service Fund of our UMC Conference. Come on out and support our Youth and experience their wonderful talent! Afterward we will have a dessert reception, and we are looking for baked donations to be brought to the church during the day on Friday. Any questions, contact Kevin at kjohnson@fvumc.org or 552-4331 ext 103.

Loose Change Collection!

Since 1999 the KFC kids have sponsored a child through World Vision. One of the ways we raise funds is the "Loose Change Ministry". KFC is collecting loose change every Sunday in March to support our sponsored child, Tanjina Akter. Look for the bucket in the back of the Centrum.

Palm Saturday Service Opportunity

On April 16th, MANY HANDS are needed to make this day a fun learning experience for our children. If you would like to help with Palm Saturday please contact Stephanie Weeks at 552-4331 Ext. 113 or sweeks@fvumc.org.

*Registration will begin at 8:45am and the rotations will begin at 9:00am. Children ages 3 & 4 will learn about the Joys of Spring while children K-5th will experience Jesus' journey to the cross. An Easter egg hunt concludes our morning of fun.

*Beginning today, our hungry bunny will be in the lobby, please feed the bunny with plastic eggs & individually wrapped candy.

Main Street Kitchen—March 19, 2011

The menu for the month will be pasta salad with chicken, tossed salad, fruit salad, bread and dessert.

Items needed: pasta noodles (elbow macaroni), cans of chunk chicken, bags of tossed salad/lettuce, bacon bits, croutons, Italian dressing, bags of frozen vegetables, large cans of fruit, containers of cool whip, bag coconut, mini marshmallows.

Thanks to all who have and continue to be a part of this ministry, and if you would like to spend a couple hours once a month being blessed, please feel free to contact Paula Cade at 919-557-4347 with any questions. No long term commitment is required to be a part of this awesome ministry, only a willingness to serve and fellowship a few hours once a month. We can always use a extra set of hands, no experience is necessary. Fun, Fellowship and a wonderful time being the hands and feet of Christ.

Thursday Morning SOWers New Study

Come join us as we will be participating in the study *Unfailing Love: Growing Closer to Jesus Christ* by Rebecca Laird. We explore the life of Jesus and the ways in which Jesus the Christ reaches out to each of us, offering deep spiritual friendship and unfailing love through the Gospel of Luke. This study involves a weekly video segment, discussion time and some outside commitment. **If you are interested please contact one of the facilitators below on or before Mon. March 14th in time to order materials.**

6 weeks beginning March 17th at 6:00am in room 124

Facilitators: Jennifer Harrenstein (jharrenstein@fvumc.org) 552-5269, Stephanie Weeks (sweeks@fvumc.org) 552-7458, or Tanya Dillard (tanyad@nc.rr.com) 557-1343.



Lenten Bible Studies on Wednesdays!

Plan on attending one of our studies! Visit our website www.fvumc.org (under bible study) for descriptions regarding all of the studies being offered. Or visit the Lenten Studies Display in the church lobby! *Childcare is available for our Wednesday evening classes!* Questions? Contact Debbi DeMaris @ 552-4331 ext. 106 or ddemaris@fvumc.org

Evening Studies

Beginning March 13th

7:00 pm

Green Church Caretakers of God's Creation

For children 2nd-5th grades
Facilitators: Jackie Trickel & Richie Hines

Lent Experience for Youth

6th-12th grades

Facilitator: Kevin Johnson

Outlive Your Life: Discover How You Can Make a Difference
(6 week study)

Room 124 Cost \$12.00

Facilitator: Jim Carver

24 Hours : That Changed the World
Room 117

(Opt. Devotional book \$8.00)

Facilitators: Bill & Susanne Young

Faith Seeking Peace

Room 118

Facilitator: Pat Paturzo



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Morning Studies

Beginning March 16th

10:30 am

Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back
Room 117 Cost \$7.00
Facilitator: Pastor Al

11:30 am

Light Luncheon
in the Centrum

12:00 pm

Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Featuring guest speakers!

Sunday School Lenten Studies Begins Today thru April 17

9:30 am

Christianity and the Koran, A Scriptural Comparison Study

Room 109

Facilitator: Greg Buhrman

10:50 am

Lenten Lectionary Study

Room 124

Facilitator: Tammie Quick



10:50 am

God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action

Room 121

Facilitator: Susan Uno

Outlive Your Life: Discover How You Can Make a Difference
(4 week study)

Room 123 Cost \$8.00

Facilitator: Rob Pavone

Something Is Different...Real Cups!

Perhaps you've noticed something different at the weekly Hospitality Table in the narthex. We've begun using real cups and mugs instead of disposable styrofoam cups. Styrofoam virtually never breaks down and takes up a lot of space in our community's landfill. Volunteers are washing our weekly batches of mugs, cups, and spoons in a spirit of hospitality and a witness of stewardship of God's creation. How can you help? If you regularly enjoy the coffee at the Hospitality Table on Sunday mornings, consider bringing your own travel mug. This would free our kitchen's mugs for visitors and guests.



PrimeTimers March Events

March 15th Meet in the choir room at 10:00am for a meeting and then go for lunch at Bellini's Italian Restaurant near Harris Teeter in Fuquay-Varina.

April 19th: Tour and lunch at The Little Herb House in Raleigh. Call Debbie Corr 557-7437 to sign-up for this trip.



March Book Club

The Lost Apostle: Searching for the Truth About Junia by Rena Pederson (Jossey-Bass, 2006)

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, March 18, contact Judy Casper at jacasper@earthlink.net or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.



There is Good News!

Do you need help through the day?

Are the challenges and circumstances too hard for you to face alone? Be of good cheer, there is Good News!

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. -Isaiah 41:10

God provides confidential Stephen Ministers to walk with you in your time of struggle. We are waiting just for you to ask. Call us today!

Susanne Young 552-7503

Polly Sheets 552-5035

Bob Sorrels 552-0505

Thearon Willis 820-1845

Mel Cade 557-4347

