

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## New Sunday School Bible Study

*Everything is Possible with God* by Rick Warren  
Would you like your faith to be stronger? Like exercise strengthens and develops a muscle, this six-session video study with participant's guide from Pastor Rick Warren helps you recognize, understand, and cooperate in the predictable patterns and processes God uses to strengthen your faith and develop your character. 6 weeks beginning March 27th  
Hosted by the C.L.A.Y. Adult Sunday School  
Facilitator: Eric Coats  
9:30 am Class room 124



## 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](mailto:ddemaris@fvumc.org) or 552-4331 ext 106

## TVR summer Camp-July 11th-16th

We will be taking a group of campers to Teen Valley Ranch this Summer! Cost is \$299 per camper plus a \$75 transportation fee. (sibling discount is available)

Information packets are available in the church lobby today in box #41. To reserve a space you need to pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit and complete a registration form (along with a copy of your insurance card) by April 1<sup>st</sup> (or until spaces are filled) If you have questions you may email Sandra Bass [basshouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:basshouse@embarqmail.com).



## 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.

## PrimeTimers' Upcoming Events

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



## 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 Reminder

Please throw your plastic, paper, aluminum, glass and chipboard into any blue bin located in each classroom and throughout the building!



Fuquay-Varina UMC

# Weekly Times

March 20, 2011

## Church-wide Opportunity: MARCH 26th

Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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!

## 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!

## 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 from Bangladesh! Sunday Collection update: March 6th - 3 ¼ pounds equaling \$49.44; March 13th - 13 pounds equaling \$192.00. 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](mailto: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.

\*Hotdog Lunches will be sold to support our Youth going to Tennessee on behalf of ASP (Appalachian Service Project). \$5 for hotdog, chips & drink, \$3 for hotdog alone.

\*The hungry bunny will be in the lobby, please feed the bunny with plastic eggs & individually wrapped candy.



## 2011 RIDE FOR LIFE - Needs Volunteers



The Spiritual Spinners will be hosting the Ride for Life on May 14th to help those facing challenging medical conditions and life situations.

To make this year's ride another huge success, we need you! Please consider volunteering to help at the rest stops, bake goodies (muffins, cookies, brownies, etc.), offer vehicle support, set-up, clean up, or cheer us on!

If interested, please contact Kathy Wall at [kwall@nc.rr.com](mailto:kwall@nc.rr.com)

## 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](mailto:info@camprockfish.org).

## Youth Handbell Choir

Hey Youth! Are you wanting to find a way to share your musical gifts with the family here at FVUMC?

**Youth Handbell Choir** rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00. No experience is necessary to become part of this ensemble! If interested, please contact Felicia Wermke, Associate Director of Music Ministries at [FWermke@fvumc.org](mailto:FWermke@fvumc.org)



## Wednesday Mornings in Lent



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:  
Chicken Salad on Croissant  
in the Centrum

12:00 pm  
Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
Featuring guest speaker:  
Rev. Bill Young

## Safe Sanctuaries Training

*Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Who:** Anyone who is volunteering or would like to volunteer with children or youth, once you have been trained it is good for 5 years.

**When:** Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:30 or 10:50 service

**Where:** Conference room

**What:** The purpose of this training is to make FVUMC a safe place for all children, staff and volunteers. Denise Frie will be going over our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures, taking pictures for ID badges, and collecting paperwork to run a background check.



## Looking for Bolivia Team Members!

Have you ever considered a mission trip abroad?

A team from FVUMC will be traveling back to Montero, Bolivia for the 10th year, June 10-19. It's a very hands-on experience, building much needed homes for families in a rural village. We need a few more members to complete our team - come join us!! For more info contact David Bell at [davidbell27526@aol.com](mailto:davidbell27526@aol.com)



## Hear the Good News!

Are you afraid? Perhaps even terrified by the world's catastrophes. What do you do when you feel so helpless in the circumstances you cannot control? Hear the Good News and be not afraid, God is our refuge and strength, God's city cannot be destroyed, He is here, among us, He is not defeated, He is our fortress! Be still and know that HE is our God and nothing can separate us from Him! (Psalm 46) Would you like to talk with a Stephen Minister?

There is one, just for you!

Susanne Young 552-7503

Bob Sorrels 552-0505

Polly Sheets 552-5035

Thearon Willis 820-1845

Mel Cade 557-4347



## 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.



## April Book Club

*This Must Be the Place* by Kate Racculia  
(Henry Holt & Co. 2010)

The Darby-Jones boardinghouse in Ruby Falls, New York, is home to Mona Jones and her daughter, Oneida, two loners and self-declared outcasts who have formed a perfectly insular family unit: the two of them and the four eclectic boarders living in their house. But their small, quiet life is upended when Arthur Rook shows up in the middle of a nervous breakdown, devastated by the death of his wife, carrying a pink shoe box containing all his wife's mementos and keepsakes, and holding a postcard from sixteen years ago, addressed to Mona but never sent. Slowly the contents of the box begin to fit together to tell a story. *To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, April 15th contact Judy Casper at [jacasper@earthlink.net](mailto:jacasper@earthlink.net) or Matilda Storm at [matildastorm@embarqmail.com](mailto:matildastorm@embarqmail.com).*



## New Ministry Team Forming DIVORCE Care

You do not need to be a counselor, teacher or have a degree. You do need to have a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, have a heart for people in separation/divorce and be led by God to help. We will provide you with the training you need. You will not do this ministry alone, but will be part of a team. We will give you continued support. DivorceCare is a 13 week program, so you would not need to make a long term commitment. Contact Thearon Willis for more information or questions at [thearonwillis@nc.rr.com](mailto:thearonwillis@nc.rr.com).

**Practicing Radical Hospitality**  
*Join in & Wear your Name Tag!*

