


## 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 **TODAY!**  
Hosted by the C.L.A.Y. Adult Sunday School  
Facilitator: Eric Coats  
9:30 am Class room 124



## 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.

## 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



## 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).

## 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

## Divorce Hurts.

### Find Help at DivorceCare.

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It's a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. There is a DivorceCare group meeting every Monday evening at 7:00pm in room 127, beginning May 2, 2011. You can visit the FVUMC website for more information or Contact Thearon Willis at [thearonwillis@nc.rr.com](mailto:thearonwillis@nc.rr.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.



## 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.*

## 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).



Fuquay-Varina UMC

# Weekly Times

March 27, 2011

## 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!

## Safe Sanctuaries Training Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Next Week)

**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

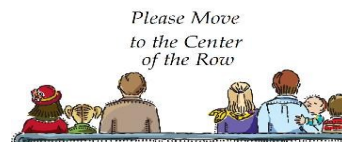
**What:** The purpose of this training is to make FVUMC a safe place for all children, staff and volunteers. Denise Frie will be going over our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures, taking pictures for ID badges, and collecting paperwork to run a background check.



## Loose Change Collection: Final Sunday!

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, March 13th: 13 pounds. March 20th: 8.2 pounds.  
Look for the bucket in the back of the Centrum!

## Make room for all God's Children...



Help us be more hospitable to all our worshipers and guests; Please move toward the center of each seating section.

## Palm Saturday Event-April 16th

All Children from 3 years to 5th grade are invited! 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.

For more information, contact Stephanie Weeks at 552-4331 Ext. 113 or [sweeks@fvumc.org](mailto:sweeks@fvumc.org)

## 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)

## 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 Polly Sheets 552-5035  
Bob Sorrels 552-0505 Thearon Willis 820-1845  
Mel Cade 557-4347

## PrimeTimers' Upcoming Events

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



## Wednesday Mornings in Lent



10:30 am

*Hard to Dance with  
the Devil on Your Back*  
Room 117  
Facilitator: Pastor Al

11:30 am

Light Luncheon:  
Beefy Chili  
in the Centrum

12:00 pm

Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
Featuring guest speaker:  
Stephen Woods

## Help Create The Cross for Easter Sunday!



Fresh cut flowers can be brought to the church on Friday evening (4/20) or Saturday (4/21) morning. Come Saturday (4/21) afternoon to create the flower cross in the lobby.  
*Sign up in the lobby for this service opportunity!*

## Transformation Stations

### Exploring Jesus' Passion

On Monday, April 18th from 8:00am to 8:00pm, come and journey to the cross with Christ during Holy Week. Experience His last days on earth through seven interactive worship stations set up in the Centrum. You may come as an individual or bring your family. The stations are appropriate for all ages and can be a very moving, prayerful time. Give yourself one hour to complete Jesus' last week. This is a self guided process with instructions as you come in the Centrum. The Centrum is open to experience the Passion and be transformed.



## Holy Week Events

**Maunder Thursday Worship** on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 pm  
A commemorative Worship Service of the sacrament of Holy Communion and foot washing. Childcare available.

**Tenebrae Worship Service** on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm  
A somber Worship Service of darkening to prepare us for the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Childcare available.

### Sunrise Easter Sunday Service

6:30am at First United Methodist Church at 402 N. Main Street

### Easter Services with Holy Communion

8:15am led by 8@8

9:30am & 10:50am led by our combined choirs and orchestra



## 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!

