

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. For those of you that have recently been through our Connectings classes 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
Beginning June 5th

Audio & Visual Media Operator Training

A training session for the FVUMC Centrum Audio and Visual Media Systems will be held on **Wed., May 25 at 7:00 pm**. This training session is open to anyone in the church or community who may require use of the FVUMC audio and visual media systems. A FVUMC-trained operator is required for any event making use of these systems. This session will include Level 1 Audio Basics, as well as updated information on our visual media operating system. All FVUMC operators are cross-trained in both Level 1 Audio Basics and Visual Media Operation. This session will cover the essentials needed for most meeting set-ups and simple sound operations. For questions or additional information, contact Jennifer Harrenstein, Director of Music Ministries, at jharrenstein@fvumc.org or 552 – 4331 ext. 105.

Summer College-Age & Twenties Ministry

All college students back from school and other twenty-somethings in the church! Kevin Johnson is going to be hosting a time to get together and plan a college and young adult ministry. Call or text Kevin at 285-8029 or drop him an email at kjohnson@fvumc.org to let him know you're interested. We will get together on Wednesday May 25 at 6:30 to begin planning for the summer. *More details to follow.*

Mission News

A women's trip to Costa Rica is being planned for November. 12 -20, 2011. We will be working at an adolescent mothers home and putting on VBS for the local church kids. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th at 12 Noon in room 117/119 by Ann Ledford (Trip Leader 773-0334)



Annual Conference Briefing Session

TODAY from 3:00-5:00pm

You may gather at the Methodist Building (Dixon Chapel) or you may choose to watch the live webcast of the session from a place and computer of your own choosing. A number of significant matters will be covered in this two-hour session! Sign in at: <http://nccumc.org/ac-briefing-session-may-22/>

Position Available

Our Seeds of Faith Preschool has an immediate job opening for a part-time (15-20hrs/week) office assistant. Job requirements include: knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, basic accounting, administrative skills, and assisting the director as needed. Church member preferred. Please send resume by June 10th to FVUMC/Attn: Seeds of Faith Preschool or to fvumcpre@yahoo.com.

Charge Conference ***New Date***

A Charge Conference is being called for **Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00pm** in Rooms 117/119 to elect our New Building Committee. The Church Council, Vision Team Members, and Facilities Team Members should make plans to attend! Our church members are asked to be in prayer for discernment and guidance as we prepare to move forward.

UM Conference Disaster Response

A special offering will be taken this week and next for NC tornado victims. One hundred percent of the offering will be used for relief and support. At least 22 people were killed and more than 130 injured within the bounds of the NC Conference on Saturday, 4/16. An operations/call center at the MERCI Center is set up for volunteers to contact @ 888-440-9167.



May's Food of the Month

Canned & Dried Fruit

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

Something Is Different...Real Cups!

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.



Fuquay-Varina UMC

Weekly Times

May 22, 2011

Leap of Faith

In following up on our Ministry Moment last week, we are pleased to give Thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

Last Sunday, we received \$4,797.50 toward our Mortgage debt which leaves a balance owed of \$776,982.69. 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 September 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.

VBS Volunteer Lunch/Training-TODAY

Join the VBS leadership team in the Centrum immediately following the 10:50 service. We will go over general information and then move to the adult wing for lunch as well as some area specific training. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School but haven't signed up yet join us today and we can find a spot for you!



Bells & Brass Concert TODAY@5:00



An annual tradition at FVUMC, this year's handbell program will feature familiar hymn tunes like "Morning Has Broken" and "When the Saints Go Marching In", songs made popular in the secular world

like "Chariots of Fire" and "The Prayer" (original artists Andrea Bocelli and Celine Deon) as well as songs new to all. The program will be presented by FANFARE and The Alleluia Ringers handbell choirs, in conjunction with Souly Brass. You'll hear beautiful bells and chimes, mallets and other percussive techniques, and Boomwhackers! (What's a Boomwhacker you ask? Come see for yourself!) *Admission is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided at no cost!*

Hear the Good News!

....Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen —Mathew 28:20

Jesus is always present in our lives! We are never alone? Wherever we go, Jesus is with us! He is always waiting patiently for us to acknowledge Him. He uses His creation around us to show us His presence as He did with Jonah and the big fish, in King David's many tribulations, and in Ruth and Naomi! Think of the countless Bible stories of God's presence in people's lives. Think about His presence in yours! Stephen Ministers are waiting to walk with you during those times that are so dark and lonely. Why don't you give us a call? Stephen Ministers care about you!

We are available at anytime.

Susanne Young 552-7503 Polly Sheets 552-5035
Bob Sorrels 552-0505 Thearon Willis 820-1845
Mel Cade 557-4347



June Book Club

The Help by Kathryn Stockett
(Amy Einhorn Books/Putnam, 2009)

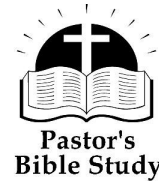
What perfect timing for this optimistic, uplifting debut novel set during the nascent civil rights movement in Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver. Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is just home from college in 1962, and, anxious to become a writer, is advised to hone her chops by writing about what disturbs you. The budding social activist begins to collect the stories of the black women on whom the country club sets relies and mistrusts enlisting the help of Aibileen, a maid who's raised 17 children, and Aibileen's best friend Minny, who's found herself unemployed more than a few times after mouthing off to her white employers. The book Skeeter puts together based on their stories is scathing and shocking, bringing pride and hope to the black community, while giving Skeeter the courage to break down her personal boundaries and pursue her dreams. Assured and layered, full of heart and history, this one has bestseller written all over it.

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday, June 17th, contact Judy Casper at jacasper@earthlink.net or Matilda Storm at matildastorm@embarqmail.com.



A Journey Through the Bible Now Two Sessions!

Wednesday Mornings at 10:30-11:30am
And Wednesday Evenings at 6:30-7:30pm
All are welcome! Come join the lecture and discussions in Room 117/119! *Don't forget to bring your Bible!*



VBS Registration Begins!

VBS 2011 Registration begins **TODAY** for church members, stop by the table in the lobby to pick up your form or print one from our website at www.wemakedisciples.org
(Community registration will begin Sun. 6/5)



Help is Needed!

The Sunday Morning Hospitality Team is seeking a new team member for 4th Sunday Set Up. Contact Donna Gray at 557-5545 for details on how to join the Hospitality Ministry.

A Final Resting Place

Are you planning on cremation for your end of life? Where will your cremated remains be placed? Would you be interested in the development of a Memorial Garden with a Columbarium on our church property? The thought is that the cost of construction and maintenance would be covered by the purchase of niches for inurnment of cremated remains. If you have planned; considered cremation and have an interest in a Columbarium, or have questions, please contact David Jenkins at (919) 810-9975 or Jim Dewey at (919) 577-0197.



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!

Women's Retreat—June 25th Mind, Body, Heart, Soul

Stop by the table in the lobby today to find out more about the Women's Retreat held here at FVUMC on June 25th. Come and renew your spirit and spend time with your sisters in Christ. Invite friends, family and neighbors to join you For an inspiring worship filled day. Reservations taken today for \$10.00 (includes lunch). Our Mission focus: Love packages to encourage area women. *Encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.* -1 Thessalonians 2:12



Let the Little Children Come to Me!

Just as Jesus said "let the little children come to me" we too love the opportunity to spend time with God's littlest blessings. On Sunday mornings we have nursery available at all three services.



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

For more information on our nurseries please contact Toni Drapkin, Nursery Coordinator, at tdrapkin@fvumc.org or visit our website at www.WeMakeDisciples.org. Stop by any Sunday to chat with our nursery staff or to find out more!

PrimeTimers' Upcoming Events

May 24th: 8:45 am Bentonville Battleground!
We'll have lunch on the way home.

June 21st: for a cook-out and memory sharing of our Fathers' or other important men in our lives. Call Debbie Corr 557-7437 or Fran Sykes 552-9220 to sign up for these these trips and if you need a ride to & from the Church.



Senior Recognition

Kevin needs to know if you have a senior in high school to be recognized in the senior recognition Service on Sunday June 5. Please let him know by calling the church office or emailing him at kjohnson@fvumc.org. Also, be looking for information and opportunities for seniors during this time leading up to their graduation!

