

First Edition

January/February 2014 / Monthly Newsletter of FUMCFV

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A Note From the Pastor

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice.* Philippians 4:4

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank the congregation for the generous love offering we received at the start of this new year. But not only that, we continually give thanks for all the ways you care for us and support us in our ministry. We rejoice in the opportunities to serve God through this church and with each of you.

Ministry takes all of us working together. During worship, at both services on Sunday January 26th, we will commission and bless the leaders for the upcoming year. As their brothers and sisters in the body of Christ at First UMC, we will pledge our support to them. The following question will be asked of all of us: **Will you do all you can to assist and encourage these leaders in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel and your prayers?**

The work of the church takes all of us, all the parts of the body of Christ working together. We are all an important part of the body of Christ, and God has called all of us to this church to make disciples for Jesus Christ and to share his love with our community. It takes all of us. I am grateful for those who have stepped into leadership positions and for our amazing staff, but I am equally grateful for the whole body of Christ here at First UMC. As we begin this new year, I pray that all of us will faithfully respond to God and serve Jesus Christ and our church in the ways God has uniquely gifted and called each of us.

For you and for our shared life together as brothers and sisters in Christ, I rejoice in the Lord, always, and every day.

Grace and Peace,
Anne

Missions Committee

Each month the Missions Committee will highlight a different ministry that our church supports. Each ministry will be featured in the newsletter and then we will have a mission moment the 2nd Sunday of the month. We are looking forward to sharing with you the wonderful ministries we support and helping them continue their important work.



Spotlight on: Missionaries

A husband and wife from our conference is serving God internationally. They work through the International Institute for Christian Studies (IICS) as lecturers and teachers at a secular university in Asia. While not permitted to profess their faith or the love of Jesus Christ in class, they can form relationships with the students and other professors that they come in contact with.

IICS realizes that the values taught in today's universities will shape the world of tomorrow. They feel that bringing Christ with them behind the university podium can help bring God to international academic life.

If you would like to financially support this couple and the ministries of IICS above and beyond your normal tithing, you can write a check to the church and put IICS in the memo line. The missions committee encourages you to prayerfully support this couple, as well as IICS as a whole, in their courageous evangelism and sharing of the love of Jesus Christ.

Due to where this couple is serving, their names and location need to be kept confidential. If you would like more information on their ministry, please see Matt Jackson.

God Squad

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend our meetings! We meet in the basement for supper, devotion time and games/activities. Feel free to bring a friend to our meetings! Also, "like" our God Squad page on Facebook for updates and pictures. Contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

January 26th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

Lesson: A Fishy Story: Big Fish Swallows Jonah



February 9th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

Lesson: Jesus Heals: Thousands Flee in Panic: Jesus Orders Evil Spirits Out of Man— Into Pigs



February 23rd: God Squad meeting at 5pm

Lesson: Ear Today, Gone Tomorrow: Jesus Re-Attaches Severed Ear





Winter Wonderland

Family Night



Enjoy a fun night with your church family!

When: Friday, February 7th at 6:30pm

Where: Fellowship Hall (supper provided)



Hot chocolate bar: Delicious cocoa with yummy add-ins....marshmallows, candy bars, whipped cream

Cozy winter crafts and activities!



Valentine's Banquet Dinner Viva L'Amour

Saturday,
February 15, 2014
6:00 pm



- ♥ Menu: Iceberg Wedge with homemade French Dressing, Beef Bourguignon or Coq Au Vin, both on wide noodles, Ratatouille vegetable dish, Croissants with butter, Coffee or Tea, French Chocolate Brownies with whipped crème Fraiche
- ♥ Entertainment featuring Gerald Parker's Jazz Orchestra
 - ♥ Children's Cherub & God Squad Choir
 - ♥ Solos by Chancel Choir members
- ♥ Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Service provided by The CREW (youth group) and Missions Ministry. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Music Ministry.

♥ Generous tips for the servers support the Youth Missions Trip to Camp Rockfish.

Name of first guest _____ Coq Au Vin or Beef
 Name of second guest _____ Coq Au Vin or Beef
 Name of third guest _____ Coq Au Vin or Beef
 Name of fourth guest _____ Coq Au Vin or Beef

_____ # of Tickets _____ # of Children needing Child Care

_____ # of Tables to loan the church

Check # _____ Paid in Cash _____



What a wonderful Christmas Season it was! From the Hanging of the Greens Service in November to Epiphany in January, it was a season filled with joyous music! A heartfelt "thank you" to all the talented musicians who shared a gift of music.

Thank you to our youngest Choir members and their families for a joy-filled children's musical "Glory to God in the Highest" on Dec 8.

Thank you to our student pianists, Ella Heath, Chris Bogardus, Abby Markle, Connor Grummer, Sarah Munzenmier and Ally Weitz for sharing carols throughout the season.

Thank you to Genesis Gemtones with Gerald Parker, Flutist and Grace Notes Handbell Choirs for adding energy and sparkle to the Hanging of the Greens Service and in worship on December 15.

Thank you to the 8:30 Music Team and Chancel Choir for anthems with beautiful, rich harmonies and Jerry Currin, Ed Garrett and David Markle, Faye Cress, Maggie and Stephanie Ashworth for inspiring solos.



Yes, We are on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-United-Methodist-Church-of-Fuquay-Varina>

If you are on Facebook too,
Like us!

Get announcements from our church and the wider UMC as well. If you would like to help out with this ministry by typing up the announcements from time to time please contact Debbie White.

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Prayer Ministry

"I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out -- plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

Jeremiah 29:11 The Message

Most of us are familiar with this passage, maybe we couldn't say where it was in the Bible but we have heard it before. God knows what God is doing. But God also wants a relationship with us and *may* do things differently if we talk to God and listen to God. Take Abraham for example, he bargained with God about trying to save two sinful cities. Abraham went from if there were 50 righteous people within the cities, don't destroy it, all the way down to 10 righteous people with several stops in between. In the end, God was willing to save the cities for 10 righteous people because Abraham had asked for it but, sadly, there were not even that many righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah. We must start the conversation, God is already waiting to hear from us. Maybe if others had joined this conversation God would have saved the cities for just one righteous person living there. Please share you JOYS and concerns with YOUR prayer team. We will lift up with praise and thanksgiving your petitions to God.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Go to God yourselves in prayer and also allow us to go to God in prayer on your behalf. Every request made to us is kept confidential. Only if you request us to put it in the bulletin will you see it there.

"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all."

Dwight L. Moody

If you feel God tugging at your heart to join this team, please speak with Debbie White 919-285-4592

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First United Methodist Church
Fuquay-Varina

2014 APPROVED Budget

Account Name	2013 Annual Budget	2014 Proposal	2014 APPROVED
Income			
Interest Income			
Pledged Contributions	259,822.00		251,812.00
Non-Pledged Contributions	144,929.00		137,562.00
Donations for Facility Use			
Interest Income			
Total General/Budget Income	404,751.00		389,374.00
Total Income	404,751.00	414,353.00	389,374.00
Expense			
Communications-Marketing/Promotional Items	15.00	0.00	0.00
Communication-Website Maintenance	45.00	100.00	50.00
Advertisement/holiday supplies	90.00	0.00	0.00
Communicaston-Whiteboard and supplies		400.00	0.00
Communication-Bulletin Board supplies		100.00	50.00
Total Communications	150.00	600.00	100.00
Worship-Special Events	150.00	150.00	100.00
Worship-Sanctuary Supplies	300.00	300.00	200.00
Worship-Communion	125.00	0.00	0.00
Worship-Altar Supplies	425.00	425.00	300.00
Total Worship	1000.00	875.00	600.00
Adult Education	3000.00	2500.00	2300.00
Children's Education	3503.00	3325.00	2200.00
Total Educaiton	6503.00	5825.00	4500.00
Steph Minister Materials	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total Stephen Ministry	100.00	100.00	100.00
F.A.S.T. Senior Citizens Ministry	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total F.A.S.T.	200.00	200.00	200.00
Children's -Easter Egg Hunt	150.00	150.00	150.00
Children's Church	30.00	30.00	30.00
Children's-Family Movie Night	1500.00	1750.00	1500.00
Children's-Vacation Bible School	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
Children's-Nursery Suplies	150.00	150.00	70.00
Children's-Trunk or Treat	150.00	150.00	150.00
Children's Vol Triaing/Childre's Council	200.00	200.00	100.00
Children's Ministries: Other	200.00	200.00	200.00
Children's-God Squad Ministry	800.00	800.00	800.00
Total Children's Ministries	5680.00	5930.00	5500.00

Account Name	2013 Annual Budget	2014 Proposal	2014 APPROVED
Youth-Devotional Materials	150.00	100.00	75.00
Youth-Materials and Supplies	150.00	100.00	75.00
Youth-Pilgrimage	2500.00	3000.00	2500.00
Youth-Training and Scholarship	100.00	50.00	0.00
Youth-Misc Acitivities	350.00	200.00	200.00
Youth-Basement Supplies	500.00	300.00	200.00
Youth Mission Projects	200.00	200.00	200.00
Youth-CHAOS	450.00	350.00	300.00
Youth Volunteer Appreciation	200.00	200.00	0.00
Youth Spring Retreat	500.00	500.00	500.00
Youth Small Group Outings	200.00	300.00	0.00
Youth Confirmation	400.00	600.00	600.00
Youth-Matthew 25 Project		300.00	50.00
Youth-Care Packages		100.00	100.00
Youth-Cookout		200.00	200.00
Youth-Childcare		1000.00	0.00
Youth-Mission Trip		3500.00	3000.00
Total Youth Ministires	5700.00	11000.00	8000.00
O&M SWFCIA	1500.00	2400.00	
O&M Missionary Salary Support	500.00	500.00	
O&M Crisis Ministry/Work Team	500.00	0.00	
O&M Cam Don Lee/MERCI Fund	250.00	0.00	
O&M Adult Mission Trip	600.00	0.00	
O&M Society of Saint Andrews	400.00	400.00	
O&M F-V Food Pantry	400.00	1000.00	
O&M Heifer Project	400.00	2000.00	
O&M Youth Summer Mission Trip	4500.00	0.00	
O&M ZOE	3000.00	2000.00	
O&M Hinton Rural Life Center Contribution	400.00	400.00	
O&M UMCOR Disaster Response	500.00	500.00	
O&M Love Thy Neighbor		1200.00	
O&M Liberia Water for Life Project		1000.00	
O&M Livelihood for Cambodia Women Project		1000.00	
O&M MMIA		1000.00	
Total Outreach Ministires	12950.00	13400.00	6950.00
Handbell Music	387.00	387.00	387.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance	300.00	300.00	300.00
Guest Musician	250.00	500.00	320.00
Cantata/Special Events	537.00	537.00	236.00
New Choral Music	432.00	432.00	432.00
Handbell Festival	350.00	450.00	450.00
Cantata Instrumentations	850.00	850.00	350.00
New Music-Children/Youth	100.00	100.00	75.00
Continuing Ed/Pro Dev	500.00	500.00	450.00
Adult Choir Festivals	50.00	50.00	0.00
Choir Child Care Expenses	200.00	50.00	50.00
Instrumental Ensemble Music	50.00	50.00	0.00
Music Ministry-Other	300.00	300.00	0.00

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Music-8:30 Music Teach including CCLI Song Select	225.00	375.00	450.00
Total Music Ministries	4531.00	6895.00	5514.00
Funeral Meals	800.00	800.00	350.00
Cards and Postage	150.00	150.00	100.00
Other Member Care Expenses	150.00	150.00	50.00
Total Member Care	1100.00	1100.00	500.00
Wednesday Night Supper	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sunday Fellowship Snack	70.00	70.00	0.00
Family Picnic	600.00	700.00	500.00
Christmas Caroling (Seniors)		25.00	25.00
Advent (Hanging of the Greens)		0.00	25.00
Special Events-Requested by Pastor		0.00	25.00
New Member Lunch		0.00	25.00
Total Fellowship & Hospitality	770.00	895.00	700.00
Meals	150.00	150.00	0.00
Decorations	75.00	75.00	25.00
Paper Goods/Utensils	300.00	300.00	275.00
Kitchen expenses-other	475.00	375.00	500.00
Total Kitchen	1000.00	900.00	800.00
Software/Computer Maintenance	1100.00	1100.00	600.00
Copier Lease and Extra Copies	6000.00	5875.00	4750.00
Postage	1000.00	900.00	750.00
Offie Supplies (Paper, copies)	2750.00	2750.00	1700.00
Administration: Other	75.00	75.00	0.00
CCLI (Copyright)	200.00	425.00	425.00
Annual Financial Audit	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Upper Room Devotional Guides	555.00	555.00	575.00
Total Administration	12680.00	12680.00	9800.00
Pest Control	500.00	500.00	500.00
Janitorial Contract	8100.00	8500.00	8500.00
Janitorial Supplies	1400.00	1470.00	1470.00
Lawn Care Expense	7600.00	7600.00	6500.00
Repairs-Heating, Air, Etc	8900.00	8900.00	5337.00
Bus Maintenance	700.00	700.00	800.00
Insurance, Property & Casualty	13900.00	13900.00	13900.00
Gas Utility	6195.00	6195.00	5800.00
Electric Utility	15000.00	15000.00	13500.00
Water & Sewer	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00
Telephones	3150.00	3300.00	3000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	750.00	750.00
Fire Systems Inspections	700.00	700.00	350.00
Basement Repairs/Renovations	1,200.00	323.00	323.00
Matthew 25 Project	1,000.00	520.00	520.00
Total Trustees	70,095.00	69,608.00	62,500.00

Account Name	2013 Annual Budget	2014 Proposal	2014 APPROVED
Safe Sanc-Background Checks	540.00	900.00	900.00
Total Safe Sanctuary	540.00	900.00	900.00
Stewardship Mat/Supp/Postage	50.00	0.00	0.00
Financial Administrator	14,700.00	17,940.00	17,940.00
Total Finance/Stewardship	14,750.00	17,940.00	17,940.00
Pastor's Salary	56,317.00	56,317.00	56,317.00
Comprehensive	1,421.00	1,421.00	1,421.00
Pension	9,523.00	8,386.00	8,386.00
Life Insurance	225.00	225.00	225.00
Housing	14,751.00	14,751.00	14,751.00
Utilities	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Travel	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Pastor Resources-Cont Ed	500.00	500.00	500.00
Staff Salaries	79,326.00	79,326.00	79,326.00
Payroll Taxes	6,068.00	6,068.00	6,068.00
Pulpit Supplies	400.00	400.00	400.00
Misc Personnel Expenses	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total Personnel	176,331.00	175,194.00	174,894.00
Conference Apportionments	50,065.00	51,284.00	51,284.00
Total Conference/District	50,065.00	51,284.00	51,284.00
Mortgage Payment	40,606.00	40,606.00	40,606.00
Debt Retirement	40,606.00	40,606.00	40,606.00
Total Expense	404,751.00	414,353.00	389,374.00

Note: Mortgage is a five yar loan and will mature February 8, 2015

United Methodist Women

UMW has had a very busy and productive Fall/Christmas Season and we **THANK YOU** for all your support. We like to think that we bring opportunities for Mission to our entire congregation and hope that you enjoy being a part of, and hearing about these mission opportunities for giving and service. We try to seek areas that help and empower women as well as help their children and we feel really great about the groups we are serving with your support!

Speaking of support, we certainly hope we can count on you to help support **The Methodist Home for Children and our Sharing Sunday** which will be held February 9th here at First Church! The UMW at our church has a long history of supporting MHC and their wonderful programs. We have literature that will be available during fellowship time as well as bulletin inserts that will help you to learn more about the MHC and all they do for our community. We will have our annual Potato Bar luncheon (with kid friendly food) directly after the 11:00 service where we will take up a love offering for the meal. Sharing Sunday is typically held in February across our State, but we hosted in

April last year which might be why it seems to be coming around again so soon. We try and raise \$1k for 1 kid and last year reached our goal of \$3000! We are delighted that Bruce Stanley will be joining us again for both of our services and hope you will support us during the service and at our lunch! <http://www.mhfc.org/support/our-events/mhc-sunday-2/>

We were very happy to partner with the **Mothers and Their Children (MATCH) program** at the Women's Prison in Raleigh during the holiday season! We talked with the administrators at the program to determine their needs, and they asked us to provide boxes of non-perishable food items they could provide to families, near and far, who truly need food to meet the needs of their families. Many of the families who bring the children to see their mothers for their big holiday gathering forgo other things to be able to make the trip to visit, so some families are in need of food. So, we collected food and provided ten families with decorated boxes nicely filled with cereal, pasta, soup, fruit, vegetables, crackers, oatmeal, peanut butter and several other things. Thank you so much to those who contributed! We were glad to make a difference for these families and to fill a need that would have otherwise not been met for them. We plan to continue to partner with this program, with a concerted effort to do things that really meet the needs of the mothers and children that participate in this program. Look for more ways to get involved throughout the year! To learn more about this program, please visit www.mothersandtheirchildren.org.

Last but certainly not least, our **"Giving Tree" to help the Children of Haiti** was more successful than we had imagined! We sponsored over 30 months of books, supplies, clothing and food thanks to all of YOU! Helen Little is in Haiti right now putting our money to work and will be sending me details that I cannot wait to share with you during an upcoming worship. This is such a wonderful group of people (The Ryan Epps Home for Children, Helen Little, Valerie and Al Carpenter) that we are partnering with and we are planning to continue this with a Christmas in July campaign for these kids as well as a Mission Trip opportunity that Dana Vaughn is currently spearheading for us. Stay tuned for more on this exciting outreach!

Come join us for our next meeting on Thursday February 13th at 7:00 pm at Daniels on Main St. here in Fuquay as we come together for food and fellowship. We will send more information about reservations soon, but even if you forget to "sign-up" know that we will have room for you! Thanks for ALL you do in support of UMW & our programs - Melissa Scherpereel
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Thank You

On behalf of Anna and the entire Garrett family, we would like to give our thanks to the wonderful people of First United Methodist of Fuquay Varina for your support, your prayers and your love throughout Anna's surgeries and recuperation. This was a very difficult 14 months, with three major surgeries and multiple stays in the hospital – but that burden was made so much easier thanks to all of you. We want to especially thank our friends in the Choir and the Music Team, to our Prayer Team, to our Pastor and to our Youth leaders for such amazing support. To all the members of our Church family, we thank you for your prayers and your kind words throughout this time. We have been truly humbled and blessed by the outpouring of your support. Anna is doing much better now, and finally has her chance to move forward in good health. We are grateful for that, and we will never forget how blessed we are to be part of such an amazing Church family.

Ed, Karen, Will and Anna Garrett



Soup-er Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl Sunday, the CREW will be collecting food donations to keep in our basement to hand out to people who come to our church who need help. Be sure and get your empty bag to fill with food on Sunday, January 19th. Attached will be a list of what is most needed.

**Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday,
February 5th at 11:20am**

Our next Love Thy Neighbor meal at West Jones Street Park is on Wednesday, February 5th at 11:20am. We will meet at the church and then head over to the park together. If the weather is too cold, we will send the bus over to the neighborhood and bring everyone back to eat at church.

Our menu for the day is:

- ~4 pans baked ziti (one meatless)
- ~2 large salads and dressings
- ~bread
- ~4 desserts

~1 24-pack of water bottles

Please contact Dana Vaughn at djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com if you would be willing to provide any of these items.

Also, please contact Dana if you can share a devotion or help set up at 10:30am.

January Birthday's

1/1	Gilbert, Tyler	1/13	Sturtevant, William
1/1	Grant, Krystle	1/14	Grey, Mark
1/2	Padgett, Dean	1/16	Crabtree, James
1/3	Ashworth, Cynthia	1/16	Harden, Barbara
1/3	Rose, Ellen	1/17	England, Foy
1/4	Gibbs, Chris	1/21	Jones, Dot
1/4	Mehl, Karl	1/23	Reams, Will
1/4	Setzer, Craig	1/24	Boyette, Josh
1/5	Johnson, Jeremy	1/24	Whitley, Heather
1/5	Stewart, Susan	1/25	Cole, Ruth
1/6	Boyette, Olivia	1/25	Grant, Jhaylan
1/6	Reams, Kim	1/25	Peele, Layton
1/6	Reynolds, Margaret	1/26	Bryant, Abigail
1/8	Baxley, Hannah	1/27	Cameron, Catherine
1/8	Medlin, Savonne	1/28	Hartley, Tucker
1/8	Mehl, Christian	1/28	Parsons, Barbara
1/9	Buck, Hannah	1/28	Peele, Natalie
1/9	McFalls, Samuel	1/29	Wallace, Budd
1/9	Willis, Madison	1/30	Bogardus, Helga
1/11	Ahl, Kathleen	1/31	Cameron, Chris
1/12	McFalls, Thomas	1/31	Marsh, Ben
1/13	Scherpereel, Jeff		

January Anniversaries

1/2	Brad & Elizabeth Peele
1/13	Gerald & Chris Gibbs
1/20	Max & Betty Ashworth
1/25	Laeron & Becky Roberts

February Birthday's

2/2	Denning, Courtney	2/21	Arnold, Melvin
2/2	Haire, Jennifer	2/22	Biermann, Thomas
2/4	Stahl, Jim	2/22	Grant, Grace
2/5	Baggs, Fran	2/23	Fasolt, Dean
2/5	Benninghoff, Scott	2/23	Gilbert, Tom
2/5	Reams, Al	2/23	Heldreth, Bill
2/8	Best, Sharon	2/24	Avery, Gabrielle
2/13	Haire, Robert	2/25	Ha, Mandy
2/13	Summey, James	2/26	Vaughn, William
2/14	Warren, Don	2/27	Campbell, Steve
2/14	Willis, Mary	2/27	Vance, Linda
2/15	Faucett, Lavone		
2/16	Ivey, David		
2/17	Allen, Hannah		
2/17	Marsh, Mike		
2/17	Stagnitta, Antonio		
2/17	Tripp, Sue		
2/17	Warren, Debra		
2/18	Vaughn, Emma Rese		
2/19	Parker, Gerald		
2/20	Beauchamp, Mark		

February Anniversaries



2/7	Scott & Stephenie Chastain
2/10	Mickey & Wanda Denning
2/16	Charlie & Connie Barnes
2/17	John & Nancy Hartley
2/18	Garlon & Annette Stuart
2/19	Bill & Sharon Best
2/22	Melvin & Frances Arnold