

First Edition

FUMCFV Newsletter

May 2014

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A Note From the Pastor

Is Easter over? No! Easter is a season of 50 days, lasting until Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the church was born. But for Christians, every day should be an Easter celebration and every day, Easter should make a difference in our lives.

Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking on behalf of Memphis garbage workers the night before he was assassinated, declared: "It's all right to talk about streets flowing with milk and honey, but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis."

Easter is the power of God let loose in the world, making all things new. Bishop Will Willimon reminds us that Easter is more than simply "Jesus has been raised from the dead, so now we will get to see our loved ones when we die." Easter is about a whole new world, not some day, but today. Not off in heaven, but here. The new world that began when Jesus rose from the dead. It is not here completely, not fully, but as Easter people we join Christ in making the world around us new, every day, every where we can.

These 50 days and beyond, may Easter make in difference in the way we live.

Ryan Epps Home for Children is a safe haven for orphaned boys and girls in Haiti. We believe that children are the future even in such an impoverished place as Haiti. It is therefore our mission to provide these young ones a place which is nurturing, safe, and welcoming. Here they can be raised with attention to their physical, intellectual and spiritual growth in an atmosphere of Christian love.

Haiti Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that our church has organized a mission team to serve in Haiti this summer. We will be serving at the Ryan Epps Home for Children. Our team will work with the children of the orphanage, do manual labor in the community, prepare meals for the local families and worship alongside those in the community. The dates of our trip are August 5th through August 13th.

Meet the members of our team:

Hayden Campbell

Steve Campbell

Katrin Haege-Gardner

Marilyn Gardner

Marion Haege-Gardner

Laura Garner

Julie Gilbert

Carrie Jackson

Matt Jackson

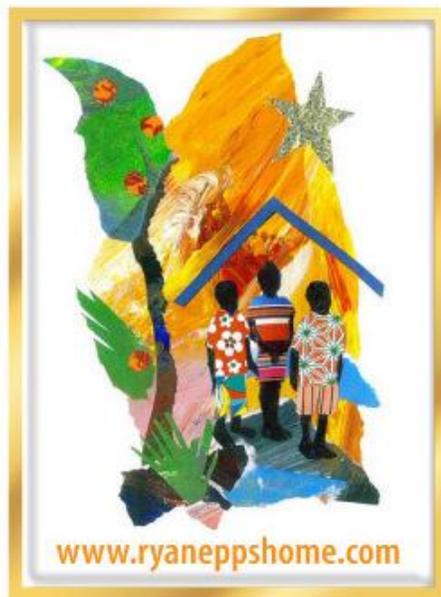
Dana Vaughn

How can you help our team?

*We would appreciate prayers for this trip....doing the work God wants us to accomplish, our safety and our families here back at home.

*If you would like to financially help our team, we have set up an account through Angie to accept donations. The cost per person is \$1500. We will share any donations amongst our team. You can make a check to FUMCFV with Haiti Mission trip in the memo line.

We would like to extend a big thank you to those families that donated Easter baskets for the children in our community! This fundraiser brought joy to many kids here in Fuquay and is also allowing us to serve the kids in Haiti.



Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, May 7th at 11:20am

Our next Love Thy Neighbor meal at West Jones Street Park is on Wednesday, May 7th at 11:20am. This ministry provides a meal the first Wednesday of each month to our neighbors in need. We also enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship together! We will meet at the church and then head over to the park together. Our main meal will be hamburgers and hotdogs.

We are in need of the following items for the meal:

- ~ketchup, mustard, cheese
- ~lettuce, tomato, onion
- ~1 large bowls of coleslaw
- ~3 desserts
- ~4 sodas
- ~1 24-pk water bottles

Please contact Dana Vaughn at djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com if you would be willing to provide any of these items. We are also in need of household supplies (pots, pans, sheets, towels).

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

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.

May 4th: God Squad meeting from 5-6:30pm

Trivia Night: We will be reviewing all of our lessons from the "Scary, Gross and Weird Bible Stories."

May 18th: God Squad End of Year Celebration from 5-7pm

This will be a fun night full of games, a cookout and recognizing our 5th graders that are moving up to the CREW.

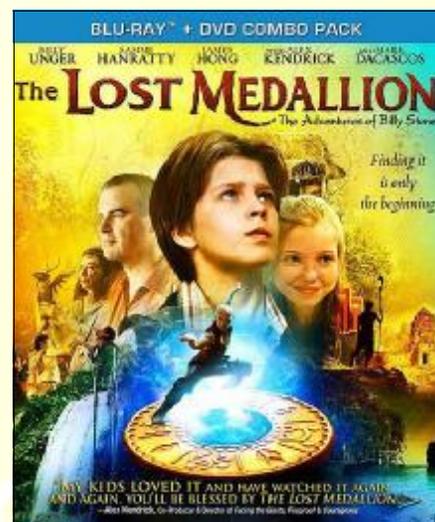


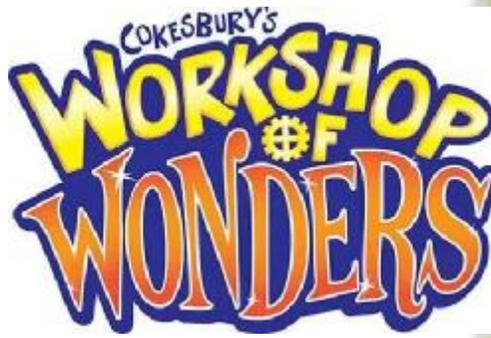
Family Movie Night

When: Friday, May 2nd at 6:30pm

Where: Basement (supper provided)

Join us for supper and then enjoy an adventurous movie with your church family. We will be watching "The Lost Medallion." This is a Christian movie that delivers the message that God makes no one by mistake. It also encourages children to be true to themselves and have courage to face their fears.





You are invited to VBS 2014!

Kickoff: Sunday, 6/15 at 4:30pm

VBS week: Monday, 6/16- Friday, 6/20 from 5:15-8pm

There is a place for everyone at VBS! From our little ones in nursery and the toddler class all the way to rising 6th graders! There is a place for you to serve too.....supper, snacks, Bible stories, music, group leaders, recreation and much more!! Contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@Yahoo.com to learn more.

****I interviewed a few First Church kids about their favorite part of VBS....here's what they said!****

Carter Kincaid: "I like when we go to the chapel and sing songs!"

Dylan Setzer: "My favorite part of VBS is hanging out with friends and the Bible story time!"

Emma Rese Vaughn: "My favorite part of VBS is making the crafts!"

VBS Decorating!!

We love to transform our church into the theme each year for VBS. The kids and adults all love looking at the bright, fun decorations that adorn our hallways, Fellowship Hall and sanctuary. This year we will be transforming our church into different "Workshops of Wonder," where we will learn to imagine and build with God!

Mark your calendars for our final VBS decorating meeting to help build and paint our decorations:

Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm

We are also in need of the following items for our decorations. Please contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com if you can donate any of the following:

Tool boxes, tools, tool belts, paint brushes, paint buckets/cans, paint trays, art easels, beret, paintings or frames, parachute, toy tool benches, blue prints, test tubes, lab coats, element chart, science fair display, ballet/dance costumes, ballet/dance shoes, toy cars, tires, cans of oil, checkered flags, playbills, director's chair, dramatic costumes, tripod, cardboard boxes, a/c tubing, pool noodles

Dear First Church Family,

Sometimes we need a break from our families, friends, iphones, computers, televisions....just a break from life in general. We need this time to sit at the Lord's feet, stare up at him, and listen carefully to his words. "The Walk to Emmaus" gave us the renewal that we needed.

From Thursday night until Sunday afternoon, we were able to take this break. As a result we certainly have gained a more personal relationship with Christ.

The "Walk to Emmaus" has made a difference in our lives by increasing our longings for Christ. We received the blessings of greater health, deeper joy, and the ability to put God first. During our "Walk" we made friendships from all denominations that will surely last a life time.

Words can not express how grateful we are for the love and support shown to us by our church family during this time. The cards and prayers were so meaningful and appreciated. The folks who served in the background were so awesome to give of their time to be with us. The clergy and laity speakers were so interesting and informative.

The purpose of Emmaus is to help renew God's community so that disciples may travel together in the peace and power of the risen Christ. This is an experience that we will always remember.

De Colores,

Mark Beauchamp- Piedmont Emmaus Walk #83

Tena Beauchamp -Heart of Carolina Emmaus Walk #128

Sister Acts is hosting a Be The Match donor drive on May 22nd in the church basement from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. This program provides marrow transplants from volunteer unrelated donors to patients with potentially life-threatening diseases.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 44 and would like to join the registry, please contact Carrie Jackson at [\(919\) 368-2627](tel:9193682627) or carrie.s.jackson@gmail.com.

Even if you cannot join the registry, we'd love your participation in another way. We're also asking for MATCHING funding for the potential donors who join. Sister Acts is challenging our church to match potential bone marrow donations with monetary donations - our goal is to reach \$20 per recruit, but welcome any amount of donation. Just write your check to the church and in the memo line include "Be The Match".

Your gifts could save lives.



The CREW

Matthew Project Update:



We are in need of travel sized shampoos, conditioners, toothpastes and deodorant. We use these to put together hygiene kits to take to the park and they are always a big hit! If you travel for business, grab those hotel samples and bring them in!



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Danny Moody
Organist

The Big Finale

Fellowship Dinner and Handbell Concert

Wednesday, May 21

\$5/person \$20 family maximum

6:00 Barbeque Chicken Dinner, pasta salad, raw vegetables and variety of desserts

6:30 Handbell Concert

Program presented by Genesis Gemtones and Grace Notes Handbell Choirs:

Sunday School ring (sing) a-long

C Jam Mood

Muppet show theme

Canon with special guest Rob Hurlbut, Cellist

Pirates of the Caribbean Theme

Stairway to Heaven

Firework by Katy Perry

Rockin'
Bells

Proceeds to benefit Handbell Program toward continuing education, festivals and equipment needs. Additional donations welcome.

Sunday, May 18 VBS Music Preview 4:15-5:00pm

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30-7:15pm

Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 worship

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VBS

BBQ Fundraiser

UMW is hosting a barbeque fundraiser at the church on May 9th from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Please plan to join us for either lunch or dinner on Friday, May 9th—invite your family and friends, too! We are raising money for our UMW missions programs—local, national and international. We'll have pulled pork bbq (prepared by The Bengal Pig, one of FV Savor's recent winners), complete with potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a roll. Cost per plate is \$9. We have tickets available for purchase between now and May 9th, if you'd like to plan ahead—see either Melissa Scherpereel, Emily McFalls or Ashley Ruffin. If you are interested in volunteering to help (either a two- or four-hour shift), please contact Emily McFalls at 919.434.8722. Please plan to come hungry on May 9th, and help us raise funds to support our UMW missions programs!

FAST

The senior citizens will meet at church Wed. May 14th, at 8:30 A.M. to travel to Raleigh for a tour of the Jim Hunt Library. Afterwards we will have lunch at the Farmers' Market. On Wed. June 18th at 12:00 we will join Four Oaks Bank Forerunners for a catered lunch and speaker. Topic will be Security, Fraud and Phone Scams that target our seniors. This event will be in our Fellowship Hall. Four Oaks Bank is doing a great job reaching out to the Senior Citizens of Fuquay-Varina. Please join us for a good meal, an informative program, and a great time.

Missions

Like our Facebook page! Stay current on the missions of our church as well as service opportunities in the community. Look-up First Church Missions Ministry.

Come out to the Fuquay Varina Mobile Market on Tuesday, May 6! Join with the Interfaith Food Shuttle and the Kraft Family YMCA to bring fresh produce, breads, and other foods to those who need it in our community. Set-up begins at 4:00 pm at Lincoln Heights Elementary School. Food distribution and clean-up runs until 6. All are welcome to distribute food, deliver, or help recipients to their cars. For more information, contact Matt Jackson at (919) 710-6179.

ChoirFest brings together choirs from around Fuquay Varina to enjoy the expression of their faith through music. This event also helps to support SWFCA in its vital ministry to those in our community who are struggling to meet the every-day challenges of life. This year the concert will be held at Piney Grove Baptist Church which is located at 3217 Piney Grove Wilbon Rd. in Fuquay Varina. The concert will be held on Sunday May 4, 2014 from 3:00-5:00pm.

Prayer Ministry

"I'm absolutely convinced that nothing -- nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable -- absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." Romans 8:38-39 The Message

The Trinity loves us more than we can ever imagine! Nothing, not anything, can separate us from God's love except for our own rejection of God's love. Think of a time that you felt incredibly loved and multiply that by infinity! That is the kind of love God envelopes us in! God loves us so much God showed us how we should live our lives through the life of Jesus. One very important part of Jesus' life here on Earth was prayer. If He wasn't in front of crowds teaching or healing, He would likely be found somewhere quiet in prayer. And even though the Jews of His time knew how to pray there was something different about how Jesus prayed, so much so that His disciples asked Jesus to teach them how they should pray. Prayer was not new, but the way Jesus spoke to His Father, and our's, was new. Thanks to Jesus we can talk to the Trinity! We don't need a priest to intercede for us! Now, think about someone you love, really, really love. Think about not hearing from them for a while. Now you're wishing you could talk to them, and finally you do hear from them again! Are you angry because you had not heard from them in such a long time? Not likely. More likely you are overjoyed to hear from them! This is how God feels as well when we pray. No matter how long or short the time has been since we last talked (prayed) to God, God is always overjoyed to hear from us!

If, when you do talk to God, you hear a request to join others in praying for others we would love to have you join the Prayer Ministry Team here at First UMC FV!

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NIV

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Facebook

If you are a user of Facebook and you haven't "liked" the church, First United Methodist Church of Fuquay Varina, please do! If you can't find us by searching on Facebook there is a link on the church's web site, www.fumcfv.org.

Over the summer we are going to have a little fun! I will be taking pictures around the church to see if you know where they are. Some will be easy, some maybe more challenging! "Like" the church and find out how well you know your church!

If you would like to help out with the page please speak to Debbie White.

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Birthdays

5/2	Michael Hartley	5/18	Rob Englander
5/2	Peyton Whitley	5/18	Bob Hartig
5/3	Emily Allen	5/19	Stephenie Chastain
5/3	Anna Garrett	5/19	Garrett Ives
5/4	Fisher Welch	5/20	Caroline Campbell
5/5	Zoe Ashworth	5/23	Harrison Ashworth
5/6	Ulee Parker	5/24	Lizzie Akins
5/7	Betty Ashworth	5/25	Barbara Ha
5/7	Shirley Forsman	5/25	Shireen Mehl
5/8	Steve Davis	5/26	Jim Fortunes
5/8	Deborah Stephenson	5/26	Christian Melvin
5/12	Judy Lucas	5/26	Evelyn Sturtevant
5/13	Betty Andrews	5/27	Chris Ahl
5/13	Dick Owens	5/27	Miriam McLaughlin
5/14	Dominick Cruze	5/28	Chad Benditz
5/15	Christopher Bogardus	5/28	Karen Davis
5/15	Liz Heldreth	5/29	Sandra Williams
5/16	Cameron Hair	5/30	Gabriella Cruze
5/18	William Akins	5/30	Ed Fuller

Anniversaries

5/5	Warren & Susan Jones
5/5	Chip & Debbie Webb
5/7	Chris & Barbara Phillips
5/14	Patrick & Amy Bryant
5/18	Karl & Shireen Mehl
5/23	Robert & Jennifer Haire
5/24	Bill & Margaret Kiser