

First Edition

April 2015

Monthly Newsletter of FUMCFV

A Note from the Pastor

First Church is Igniting Our Future!

We are celebrating an exciting milestone in the life of our church on April 26th. That Sunday we will celebrate the last payment on our mortgage with worship services, burning of the bank note, and an old-fashioned homecoming luncheon on the grounds. The church is providing a pig-pickin' and everyone is invited to bring sides and desserts to share.

The end of our mortgage payment ignites the future of this church. It opens doors to possibilities and projects as we continue to be a relevant presence in this community. First United Methodist Church of Fuquay-Varina is a special place where the bond of Christian fellowship is ours to experience. Come rejoice with us on this special day.

To help make the day even more delightful, the planning team would like to find ten people to commit to bringing a freezer of homemade ice cream and another three people to bring buckets of fried chicken. If you can help with these needs, please contact Julia McCombs at jmccombs@cainc.com.

Mark your calendars and make sure you are here for this special service of worship and joy-filled celebration for this community of faith!



Mark Your Calendar

- 4/1
Love Thy Neighbor
- 4/2
Maundy Thursday Service
- 4/3
Good Friday Service
- 4/5
Easter Services
Sunrise
8:30 am
11:00 am
- 4/5
Fellowship Breakfast 9:30am
- 4/12
God Squad

Parent's Night Out
Saturday, May 2nd
6pm-8:30pm



Drop your kids off at church and enjoy a nice evening out having dinner or relaxing at home. Fill out the form below to reserve your spot today!

Space is limited

Parents:

Child 1:

Child 2:

Child 3:

Email:

Cost is \$10 per child.

All proceeds will go to benefit David and Wesley Haire's mission trip to Haiti this summer.

Dinner and snacks will be provided.

Contact Victoria Benditz with any questions. 919-714-2817



Haiti Mission Team: August 2015

Our church has a team returning to Haiti this summer. We are looking forward to serving and loving our neighbors that are just a short plane ride away! God has a special plan for this team and those we get to serve while in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti, our team and our families.

Thank you for supporting our Easter basket fundraiser! We were able to provide over 50 Easter baskets to children in need here in our own community. The money raised will go to help feed the children in Haiti. God is good!



We are currently collecting new or used pillowcases for our Rice and Beans Ministry in Haiti. We use the pillowcases to package/carry two hand-sewn bags full of rice and beans. There is a bin by the Missions bulletin board (outside of the choir room) for your donations!

Mark your calendars! Our next big fundraiser is on Friday, May 8th. The Bengal Pig will be cooking bbq and the fixins' for lunch and supper. Tickets will be on sale soon!



Contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, April 1st at 11:20am

Our next Love Thy Neighbor meal at West Jones Street Park will be on Wednesday, April 1st 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 be serving breakfast for lunch at the park.

Please contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com if you can provide any of these items.

Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, May 6th at 11:20am

Plan ahead in your shopping! We will be serving sloppy joes and sides for lunch at the park. Our items needed to complete the meal are: 5 crockpots of sloppy joes, 3 large pasta salads, 4 bags of chips, 4 desserts, 4 sodas and 1 24-pk of water.

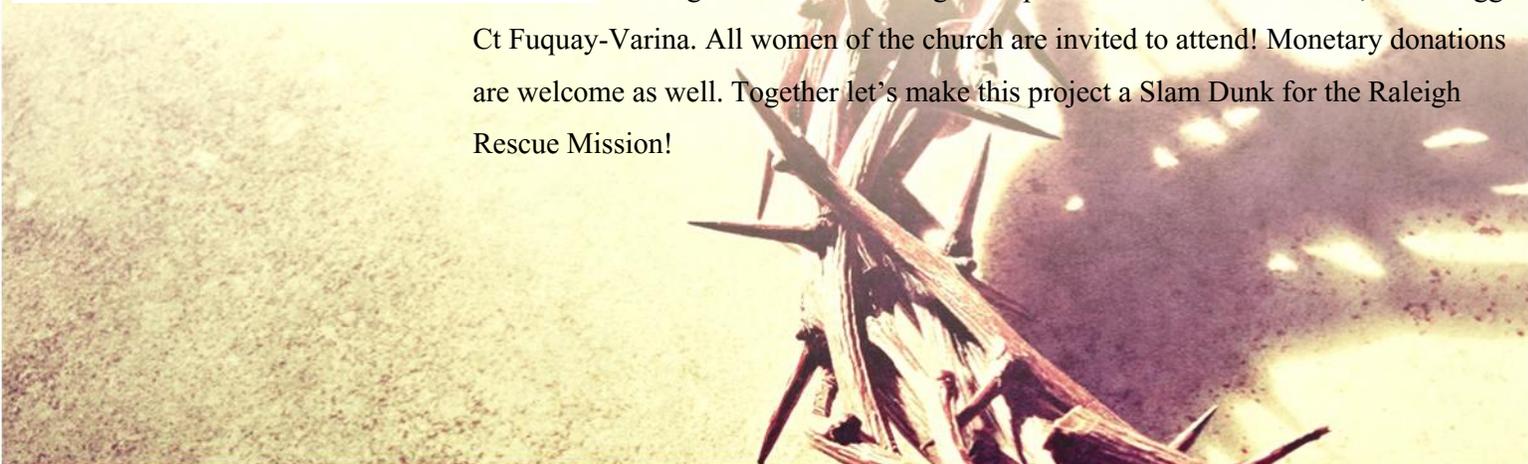
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For Sister Acts, “Bracketology” brings on a different meaning this basketball tournament season – we’re collecting new bras, underwear, feminine hygiene products, and wipes for homeless women through the Raleigh Rescue Mission. These items are often forgotten when donations are made – they’re overlooked or deemed too pricey even though they are some of the most basic needs.

We will be collecting donations through April 16th. You may drop them off under the basketball goals on the Fellowship Hall stage or at our “Championship Night” on April 16th. The Sister Acts basketball themed meeting will be held that night at 7pm at Tricia Buddin’s home, 5200 Sugg

Ct Fuquay-Varina. All women of the church are invited to attend! Monetary donations are welcome as well. Together let’s make this project a Slam Dunk for the Raleigh Rescue Mission!





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Organist

Big, end of the program year events are planned for the Music Ministry.
The month begins with Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, the Chancel Choir will reflect on the significance of the Last Supper in the anthem "Communion Meditation."

Good Friday, April 3, several groups will offer meditative music for this reverent service.
"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" rung by the Grace Notes Handbell Choir
"This Man" by the 8:30 Music Team
"Hear the Nails" by mixed vocal quartet

Easter Sunday, April 5 8:30am leads the celebration with "Easter Song" and "Glorious Day"
11:00am Chancel Choir will celebrate with the anthem
"Praise the Risen Lord/ Crown Him with Many Crowns"



Thank you to the Children and their families for a year of faithful service. The Children's Choir sang "Little Donkey" on Palm Sunday, March 29. They celebrated the end of this program year with an Ice Cream social that afternoon. The children offered joy-filled music throughout the year. Thank you to their families, parents, grandparents and neighbors for consistent attendance at weekly rehearsals as well as flexibility and attention on the days children shared their songs in worship. Thank you to Karen and Ed Garrett for their leadership. It has been a joy and honor to pass along

the songs of our faith. Children are encouraged to continue singing in preparation for Vacation Bible School in June.

The Music Ministry is pulling out all the stops in the Ignite the Future Celebration on Sunday, April 26. Chancel Choir, Grace Notes Handbell Choir, Brass ensemble, Piano and Ms Ellen McCord on organ will join together for the celebratory anthem "All Ye Who Hear!" as well as special instrumental music throughout the service.

Choirfest Friday, May 1, 7:00pm at St Bernadette's Catholic Church. Chancel Choir will again be participating in this fundraising concert to benefit South Wake Faith Communities in Action (SWFCA). This year the event has been moved to Friday night to make it more accessible to everyone. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend for one or more of these worthwhile reasons:

- 1) support SWFCA
- 2) support First UMC Chancel Choir
- 3) to experience the unity of Christians in our Community
- 4) to be inspired by a variety of sacred music.

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.

April 12th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

Lesson: "Surviving the Storm"

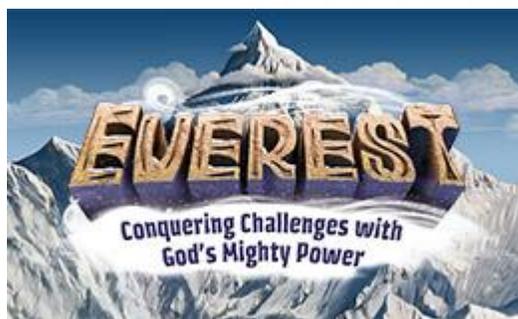
The kids will learn that Jesus is in the middle of the storms with us. He's right there, lending us a helping hand and lifting us up when we are down!

April 26th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

Lesson: "What's Your Problem?"

The kids will learn that conflict is a part of life even among Christians. The Bible teaches how we should face conflict, resolve it and get on with the work of God.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars!

VBS Decorating Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 7pm

VBS kickoff: Sunday, June 14th

VBS: Monday, June 15th – Friday, June 19th





Our VBS decorating committee is collecting milk jugs to make this awesome igloo for our Mt. Everest theme. We need 400 jugs!!

Please save your gallon size milk jugs with the lids.

Donations can be placed in the bin on the Fellowship Hall stage.

RICE, RICE BABY

Thank you for your continued support for the Fuquay Varina Emergency Food Pantry. In four weeks, our congregation gathered over 3,356 pounds of rice for those in need in our immediate community! Our congregation heard the call of the needy and responded.

As for the competition, UNC won with 1,578 pounds with NC State in a close second with 1,225 pounds. It was great to see UNC, State, and even Duke fans gathering to load the church bus with over 1 ton of rice on the closing day.

Hunger will not go away in April though. We hope to continue supporting those in our community by bringing canned soup to the fellowship hall April 19.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

If you or a family member know of some way that members of First Church can make an impact in our community, nation, or world, please contact Matt Jackson at jacksonm3@gmail.com or (919) 285-6606.

INTERFAITH FOOD SHUTTLE MOBILE MARKET

The Interfaith Food Shuttle opens a mobile market the first Tuesday afternoon of every month. At this market, those in need in our community have access to fresh produce as well as other healthy items that they might not be able to obtain on a tight budget. In the spring, summer, and fall, the market is open at Lincoln Heights Elementary School. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact Matt Jackson at jacksonm3@gmail.com or (919) 285-6606.





Faith & Fitness Challenge

Philippians, 4:13

For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.

**Help the Haiti Mission Team.
Improve your fitness.**

Join Victoria Benditz as she leads 8, 1-hour fitness sessions.

COST

\$60 for ALL 8 sessions | \$45 for 6 sessions | \$30 for 4 sessions

Childcare included.

BENEFITS

Haiti Mission Trip: Money raised will support the missions during the week including the rice and beans ministry, construction projects, and bedding for an orphanage.

You: Try something new. Have fun.

Total fitness: core, upper body, lower body.

Learn fitness techniques: strengthen, build endurance, stretch.

WHO'S INVITED

For adults: all fitness levels welcome.

Bring your friends and family.

DATES

Tuesday, April 21 (7-8 PM) | Saturday, April 25 (8-9 AM)

Tuesday, April 28 (7-8 PM) | Saturday, May 2 (8-9 AM)

Tuesday, May 5 (7-8 PM) | Saturday, May 9 (8-9 AM)

Tuesday, May 12 (7-8 PM) | Saturday, May 16 (8-9 AM)

LOCATION

Church parking lot.

DETAILS

Exercise equipment will be provided.

Facebook group access to share tips, healthy recipes, and successes.



Birthdays

4/3	Robert Shell	4/16	John Kelly
4/4	Phyllis Dewar	4/19	Beverly Olsen
4/4	Edward Ashworth Jr.	4/20	Portia Newman
4/5	Haley Akins	4/20	Matthew Skiles
4/5	Hunter Akins	4/21	Billy Sturtevant
4/7	Brent Hair	4/22	Mildred Webb
4/9	Dickie Johnson	4/22	Caitlyn Ashworth
4/10	Dennis Keith	4/22	Reagan Willis
4/10	Metra Ashworth	4/23	Paige Wallace
4/10	Debbie White	4/24	Diana Schnitzlein
4/11	Nancy Broadwell	4/25	Bob Woodruff
4/11	Evan Setzer	4/25	Grace Englander
4/12	Peggy Robinson	4/26	Elise Gaines
4/12	Drusilla Williams	4/27	Jeff Munzenmaier
4/12	Sara Markle	4/27	Carter Kincaid
4/14	Adrienne Root	4/28	Joe Ashworth
4/15	Edwin Parker	4/28	Carter Gilbert

Anniversaries

4/2	Keith & Julia McCombs
4/8	Bill & Kristie Akins
4/24	Steve & Lisa Campbell
4/25	Eddie & Emily McFalls
4/28	Don & Tiffany Warren

