

# First Edition

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FUMCFV  
MAY 2015

## A Note from the Pastor

Sunday April 26, 2015 we celebrated a great milestone for our congregation when we burned our mortgage note and fully dedicated our buildings to God. The theme for the day was *Igniting Our Future*, because as exciting as it was to mark that milestone, the best is yet to come. It is not an ending but a new beginning. While we will now focus some resources on building maintenance that was deferred, we will have even more flexibility to share the love of Christ and grow God's kingdom. Which is the reason we exist as a church. Our buildings are beautiful, loved and used, but they exist to help us better serve Jesus Christ.

Someone asked me was I afraid that giving would drop now that our mortgage is paid. Absolutely not! We give, not for a mortgage, but because we are disciples who put God first in all things. We give - our money, our presence and our time- not to a building but to the glory of God. We give so that we as the body of Christ can continue to fulfill our mission: *to Glorify Jesus Christ by Feeding, Healing and Strengthening People in Need*

Together, let us look forward to the future with joy, anticipating the ways God's Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and ignite missions and ministries that reach out to people in need from 402 North Main Street to our neighbors in Fuquay-Varina and around the world.

## Church Events

- 5/1 - Family Fun Night
- 5/2 - Parent's Night Out
- 5/6 - Love Thy Neighbor
- 5/6 - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 5/7 - National Day of Prayer
- 5/8 - Haiti BBQ Fundraiser
- 5/13 - VBS Decorating Meeting
- 5/17 - God Squad Cookout
- 5/21 - Sister Acts Meeting

# 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](mailto:djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## May 3<sup>rd</sup>: God Squad meeting from 5-6:45pm

Lesson: "Forgive? Forget It!: Forgiving Others"

## May 17<sup>th</sup>: End of Year Cookout from 5-7pm

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



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## Family Night: Science Night

When: Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Where: Fellowship Hall (supper provided)



Join your church family for a fun night! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper and then begin our science projects. Each project will have an important Christian lesson to go along with it.

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# Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars!



**VBS Decorating Meeting: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**VBS kickoff: Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

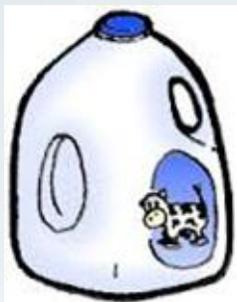
**VBS: Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**



Our VBS decorating committee is collecting milk jugs to make this awesome igloo for our Mt. Everest theme. We need 300 jugs!!

Please save your gallon size milk jugs with the lids.

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



## National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer, when folks from all across our country get together and pray for the needs of this great country, is Thursday May 7! The town is having a Prayer Service at noon at the Town Hall and are accepting donations for Hand of Hope and the FV Food Pantry. We all know what the Food Pantry needs, here's a bit on Hand of Hope.

Hand of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center has a Life Skills Program in which parents take classes to earn "money" to be spent in their Baby Boutique. They always need diapers and wipes as these go very quickly; and smaller, new baby items such as pacifiers, bottles, etc are nice. They also love to get gift cards to be used as incentives for taking a Life Skills Class - especially for the dads. Obviously, monetary donations are appreciated as well.

Your Prayer Team here at First UMC FV will be opening our sanctuary from 10am to 7pm for any who would like to come and pray at the foot of the cross. Come see us before or after the town's service or any other time that day (between 10am-7pm)!

## Prayer Ministry

On Wednesday May 6 (day before National Day of Prayer!), your prayer team will be hosting the Wednesday Night Supper. Mike Dorman will be cooking! Our menu will be BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad and a variety of homemade desserts! Please make plans to join us! Sign up in the pew pad or call the church office anytime before May 6, preferably by Monday May 4 so we have time to plan to cook for you!

## Visitors From the Past Study

Everyone that has participated in these sessions has been amazed with Luella's talent at bringing the visitors to life in easy to understand ways. You truly do feel like you are there with this lady from Biblical times! First Thursday of May we will start the New Testament with Elizabeth. Sessions are at 11 am in the conference room and at 7pm in Sunday school room 29 (sanctuary building upstairs, park on Norwood St).

May's schedule is the following:

**May 7** Elizabeth - please plan to come and pray in the sanctuary as well, it's National Day of Prayer! Sanctuary will be open 10am - 7pm.

**May 14** we will NOT be meeting

**May 21** Mary of Magdala

**May 28** Martha of Bethany

Everyone is welcome! Come to one or all, each is an individual study.

## 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.

Team Members: Abigail Bogardus, Marilyn Gardner, Tom Gilbert, David Haire, Wesley Haire, Carrie Jackson, Matt Jackson, Sara Markle, Beth Munzenmaier, Dana Vaughn, Debbie White and Lloyd Williams

Thanks to Victoria Benditz and everyone that is participating in her Faith and Fitness Challenge! We appreciate your support of our trip.



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!

Contact Dana Vaughn at [djiv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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

Join us at West Jones Street Park as we fellowship and worship together with our neighbors in need!

We will be serving grilled chicken and vegetables for the main meal. Our items needed to complete the meal are: 2 desserts.

Please contact Dana Vaughn at [djiv\\_vaughn@Yahoo.com](mailto:djiv_vaughn@Yahoo.com) if you can provide any of these items.

### **Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, June 3rd 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, 2 bags of chips, 4 desserts, 4 sodas and 1 24-pk of water.

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**Igniting the Future** on April 26 was a memorable, joyful celebration at First UMC! Thank you to all the musicians who gave us a foretaste of heavenly praise around the throne! Chancel Choir; Grace Notes Handbell Choir; guest brass ensemble, Dave Krauss, Chuck Powell, Scott and Gage Fringer; piano; Sarah (Bogardus) Haynes and Stephanie Ashworth; organ Ellen McCord AND Congregation! GLORIOUS!

**Children, parents and all adult volunteers!** Be fully engaged in this year's VBS! Come preview the music and moves for VBS on Sunday, May 3 and May 31, 4:15-5:00pm



Calling all Instrumentalists! Whether you played years ago or currently are a band student, David Markle is preparing an Ensemble to share 2 hymns in worship on Sunday, June 7 Rehearsals are Sunday, May 3 and May 31 at 5:15pm For more information contact David at [d1mfvfd@gmail.com](mailto:d1mfvfd@gmail.com)

**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.



# The Bengal Pig

First UMC Haiti Mission Team

## BBQ FUNRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

11:00AM-7:00PM

\*Tickets available in advance at First United Methodist Church. Stop by or contact the office at 567-8384.

Or

Purchase a plate the day of.....look for us in front of the church!

\$9 per plate

Includes BBQ, 2 vegetables, coleslaw, roll and a drink

All proceeds will support our mission in Haiti: rice and beans ministry, orphanage projects, community outreach



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# Birthdays

5/1	Miriam Parigoris	5/18	William Akins
5/2	Michael Hartley	5/18	Rob Englander
5/3	Emily Allen	5/19	Stephenie Chastain
5/3	Anna Garrett	5/20	Caroline Campbell
5/3	Andrew Parigoris	5/23	Harrison Ashworth
5/4	Fischer Welch	5/24	Lizzie Akins
5/5	Zoe Ashworth	5/25	Shireen Mehl
5/6	Jane Ray	5/25	Barbara Ha
5/7	Betty Ashworth	5/26	Jim Fortunes
5/7	Shirley Forsman	5/26	Evelyn Sturtevant
5/8	Steve Davis	5/27	Chris Ahl
5/12	Judy Lucas	5/27	Miriam McLaughlin
5/12	Joanie Woodruff	5/28	Chad Benditz
5/13	Betty Andrews	5/28	Karen Davis
5/13	Dick Owens	5/30	Ed Fuller
5/14	Dominick Cruze	5/30	Gabriella Cruze
5/15	Chris Bogardus	5/30	Joseph Shewmon
5/15	John Wallace		
5/16	Cameron Hair		
5/18	Bob Hartig		

# Anniversaries

5/2	Jim & Fran Baggs
5/5	Chip & Debbie Webb
5/14	Patrick & Amy Bryant
5/18	Karl & Shireen Mehl
5/23	Robert & Jennifer Haire
5/24	Bill & Margaret Kiser