

# First Edition

Monthly Newsletter of FUMC FV | *July/August 2015*

## Mark Your Calendar

**7-25**

Pick for a Purpose

**8-4 thru 8-12**

Haiti Mission Trip

**8-5**

Love Thy Neighbor

**8-18**

Handbell's Kickoff

**8-19**

Chancel Choir Kickoff

**8-23**

Sunday School Kickoff

**8-30**

Ministry Fair

**8-30**

God Squad Kickoff

**8-30**

Children's Choir Kickoff

## A Note from the Pastor

Every Member in Ministry – Ministry Fair  
Sunday August 30, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall

Last Sunday, I preached on Psalm 23 which beautifully assures us God provides all that we need. "The Lord is My Shepherd. I have everything I need." God provides all that we need as individuals and as a church. God's gifts and graces are abundant here at First UMC. God has provided what we need for our ministries to thrive and to flourish. Each of us is part of this church because God has called us to be here and each of us has gifts to offer in service to Jesus Christ.

As the summer closes and we look to the fall, be in prayer for our church. Listen for the ways God is calling you to share your gifts and graces within the life of our congregation. We have ministry needs, for ushers and lay readers, for joyful voices in the choir, for teachers to shape the faith of our children and youth, for nursery workers to hold our youngest members, for servants to help with missions and outreach. We have ministry needs, but God provides. The laborers for the vineyard are here. God has provided the workers – you! The question is where is God calling you to serve and to share your gifts?

On August 30th during both worship services and during our Fellowship Time, our church will celebrate our ministries with a fair in the Fellowship Hall, highlighting all the ways God is at work in the life of our church and inviting all the people of our church community to find ways to participate.

God has provided our church with gifted ministers to carry out God's work within the life of our congregation. Where in particular is your ministry here? Let this be an invitation for all of us to find our place in ministry here within the life of our church.

Grace and peace,  
Anne

## Prayer Ministry

Once again our church family is sending a group off to Haiti to help the children of Haiti in whatever way we can! Only God knows what we will be doing. We will go down with a plan, but that plan needs to be flexible to go where the spirit will lead.

The following list includes those going from our church, being led again by Butch Huffman:

Dana Vaughn  
Matt Jackson  
Carrie Jackson  
Marilyn Gardner  
Lloyd Williams  
Debbie White  
Beth Munzenmaier  
Sara Markle  
Abby Bogardus  
David Haire  
Wesley Haire  
Tom Gilbert

Please join your Prayer Team in keeping these mission trippers in your thoughts and prayers between now and after they return! Please also pray for those that this team will meet while they are in Haiti and that all will be spirit filled and led! And one last prayer request, please pray for the families of these team members while they are away serving our Lord!

Their trip is August 4 - August 12.

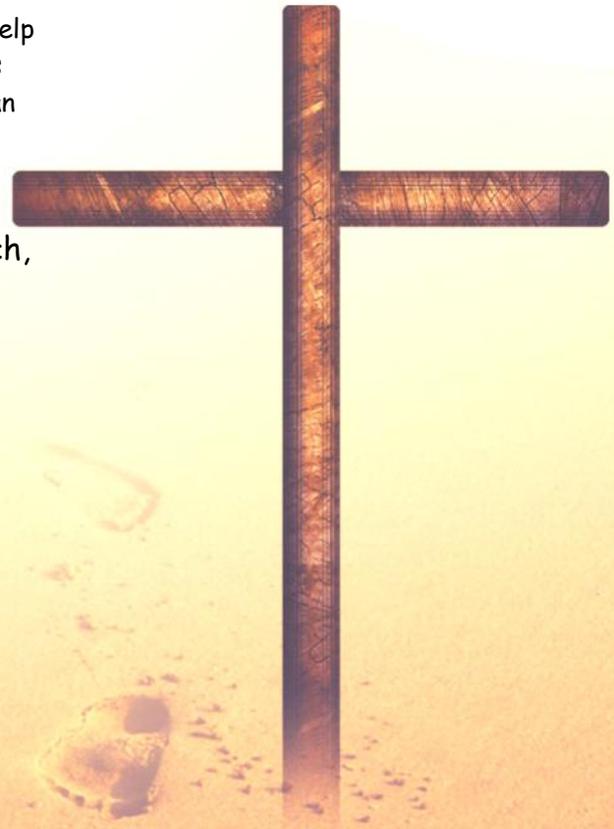
May all our hearts be forever changed by their experiences.

If you would like to join the Prayer Team here at First Church, there is always room for more team members!

Any prayer requests, send to [prayforme@fumcfv.org](mailto:prayforme@fumcfv.org)

Debbie White

Prayer Team coordinator



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

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, food and worship with our local neighbors. We will serve at West Jones Street Park at 11:30am. If you would like to help load supplies, please meet at the church at 11:20am. We will be serving fried chicken and sides for lunch at the park. Our items needed to complete the meal are: 3 large pasta salads, 4 large pans of mac n cheese, 4 desserts, 4 sodas and 1 24-pk of water.

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



# Music Ministry

Helga Bogardus, Director of Music Ministry  
Ellen McCord, Organist  
music@fumcfv.org

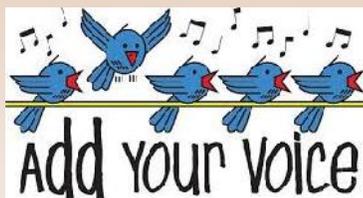
It's time to get back in the swing for Fall Music Ministries! The Music Ministry welcomes your God given talent as we share the joy of worshipping our AWESOME GOD! There is something for every age and ability level. All groups will begin weekly rehearsals in August.



Chancel Choir Prepares an anthem and service music for Sunday worship. The Annual Christmas Cantata is a highlight of the Fall season! Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm beginning August 19.

Grace Notes Intermediate Handbell ensemble for those with music reading skills and previous experience ringing handbells. Grace Notes develop new skills and repertoire by attending area handbell festivals with nationally known handbell composers as well as participating in worship once a month. Weekly rehearsals Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm beginning August 18.

Genesis Gemtones Is a group designed as an introduction to music reading skills and handbell ringing technique. Gemtones welcomes 4th graders - adult. Rehearsals will be determined based on participation.



Music Team For something totally different...the Music Team offers music with Spirit-filled energy in a variety of styles including Contemporary Christian, Bluegrass, and Gospel! The Team sings at the 8:30 worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month. Vocalists, guitarists (A bass guitar player is on our wishlist!), tambourine players are welcome to join rehearsal on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00pm.

Children's Choir This is a child's first experience participating in worship. Children learn basic Christian principles through music and singing.

Cherub Choir is structured for 4 year olds through 2nd grade  
God Squad Choir for 3rd- 6th grade.

Both Choirs rehearse weekly on Sundays, 4:15-5:00pm beginning Aug 30\*.

\*No rehearsal September 6 due to Labor Day holiday.



Instrument of Praise This is an opportunity to use the talent and skills playing an instrument, whether currently or years ago, to glorify God in worship. Instrumentalists with at least 1 year of playing experience are encouraged to join together at an interest meeting on Sunday, September 20 at 5:30pm.

# Pick for a Purpose!



Partake in a true summer tradition...  
blueberry picking!

Join Alliance Medical Ministry at  
*Bella Blues Blueberry Farm*  
Sat., July 25th  
8 to 11 am  
8581 Swift Creek Road, Smithfield

For every pound you pick (\$3/pound),  
Bella Blues will donate a pound to Alliance's patients!



[www.alliancemedicalministry.org](http://www.alliancemedicalministry.org)

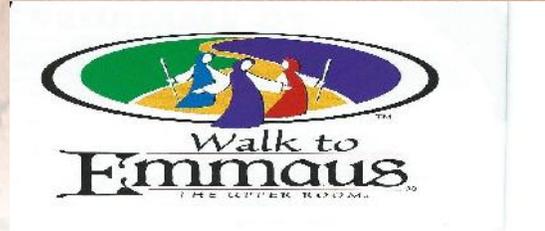
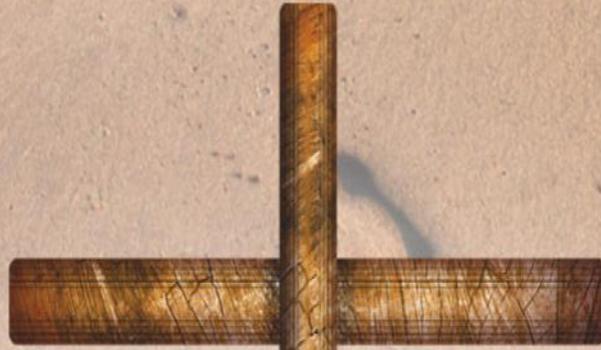


**STOP HUNGER NOW**

## DO YOU DRINK COFFEE?

Starting in September, you can support missions in Haiti and around the world, just by brewing yourself a cup of delicious morning joe. We are partnering with Singing Rooster, a non-profit coffee importer/roaster who works to pay Haitian coffee farmers above Fair Trade prices for the product, allowing them to invest in their communities. We also will be able to support Stop Hunger Now, a charity we have worked with in the past that is striving to end hunger throughout the world, with 100% of our proceeds.

Throughout July and August, look for an insert in your bulletin that is a survey for what kind of coffee you typically enjoy (dark, light) and also if you enjoy your coffee whole bean or ground. We are targeting a price of \$10/12 oz., which is a deal compared to many other gourmet coffee roasters (\$12.59/12 oz. for Larry's Beans) and helps to support two great charities. These will also make great gifts come Christmas-time.



## 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.

**Save the date!**

**Kickoff on Sunday, 8/30**

### A Journey with Christ

The Gospel of Luke relates the story of two disciples of Jesus walking on the road to Emmaus sharing their hearts’ deepest concerns about the death of Jesus. Then Jesus appears before them and shares Holy Communion with them. Afterwards, the two disciple rushed back to Jerusalem to share the good news with others. *(Luke 24:13-35)*

On this walk, you will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worship, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. You will experience God’s grace through prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace- filled service and leadership in your church.

When you return from your walk, you will find our Emmaus Reunion Group members waiting to embrace you and be there as you embark on your spiritual journey.

Our Reunion Group meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Wesleyan Sunday School Class. We invite anyone who has been on this walk to attend these meetings.

If you have questions about attending A Walk to Emmaus, please call the Church office and you will be given the names to contact for information. The next walk is: For Men – February, 2016 and For Women – March, 2016.

The Emmaus Reunion Group Members

# Birthdays

7/1	Matt Jackson	7/26	Pat Kellam
7/1	Gavin Setzer	7/28	Marla Bowman
7/2	Chris Phillips	7/29	Danny Cress
7/2	Ella Heath	7/29	Noah Heath
7/3	Bob Thrower	7/30	David Haire
7/3	Thomas Jackson	7/31	John Grau
7/5	Jimmy Ashworth	7/31	Weezie Gaines
7/5	Dana Vaughn	7/31	Eddie McFalls
7/6	W.D. Ashworth	7/31	Chris Cameron
7/6	Barbara Phillips	8/2	Karen Garrett
7/6	Charles Heath	8/2	Josh Gaines
7/8	Gary Williams	8/3	Bob Bogardus
7/10	Jeff Breton	8/3	Steve Campbell
7/10	Claire Ashworth	8/5	Anna Akins
7/11	Steve Ashworth	8/7	Emily Holloway
7/14	Michael Whitley	8/8	Barbara Hackney
7/14	Bryant Welch	8/8	Rudy Seymour
7/15	Kitty Tutor	8/9	Emily McFalls
7/15	Will Buddin	8/13	Vernelle Blue
7/16	Ken Pelton	8/16	Nancy Hartley
7/16	Beverly Griffin	8/20	Tami Ashworth
7/16	Ryan Benditz	8/22	Phylis Braswell
7/18	Brodie Gould	8/24	Brad Peele
7/20	Beck Roberts	8/24	Rebecca Welch
7/20	Owen Hartley	8/26	Carol Hartley
7/21	Sadie Skiles	8/27	Shirley Fields
7/22	Dylan Hughes	8/28	Laeron Roberts
7/23	Bill Best	8/28	Angela Cameron
7/23	Ruth Heath	8/29	Jean Borland
7/24	Rick Root	8/30	Mike Austin
7/25	Teresa Shell	8/30	Mona Fortunes
7/26	Frances Senter	8/30	Marilyn Gardner

# Anniversaries

7/6	Ed & Karen Garrett	8/12	Don & Sue Tripp
7/14	Matt & Carrie Jackson	8/14	Jay & Carole Root
7/15	Carl & Regina Zamzow	8/16	Stuart & Jeanne Gruggel
7/19	Jonathan & Amanda Markle	8/16	Charles & Diana Schnitzlein
7/20	Bob & Helga Bogardus	8/17	Jeff & Melissa Scherpereel
7/23	Ed & Kim Reams	8/17	Bryant & Rebecca Welch
7/24	Ken & Vernelle Blue	8/18	Jared & Emily Jessee
8/11	Michael & Carol Hartley	8/18	Jerry & Dana Vaughn