

# First Edition

AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER OF FUMCFV



## A Note from the Pastor

We talk about giving in church because it is part of what we do as disciples of Jesus Christ. However this year for our stewardship emphasis we are going to talk about giving in the context of our earning and saving. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, gave a sermon called "The Use of Money." In it, he said that the important thing isn't money itself but how we use it. Wesley's surprising advice still rings true today: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

Beginning September 13 through October 4, our church will experience an exciting new stewardship program based on this sermon. It is called *Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*, and was developed by popular author and pastor James A. Harnish. The program centers around a book and DVD, in which Harnish describes Wesley's surprising advice and introduces us each week to faithful Christians who, like all of us, struggle with money.

Our sermons in worship will be focused on the book. There will also be an opportunity to watch the DVD and discuss the material during a Sunday School class that Pastor Anne will lead in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Our youth will also be exploring this same material during their Sunday School time.

Join us during the program as we learn about earning, saving, and giving.

Grace and peace  
Anne

## Church Events

- **Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Love Thy Neighbor**
- **Sept 7th Labor Day**  
**office closed**
- **Sept 13th God Squad**
- **Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Forerunners**  
**Luncheon**
- **Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Wed. Night Dinner**
- **Sept 17th Sister Acts**
- **Sept 20th Zoe Interest Meeting**
- **Sept 27th God Squad**



### CALLING ALL COFFEE DRINKERS!!

In just a few weeks, 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.

You can try it for yourself during fellowship time on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, along with Butterbraids from the youth group. Try us out, and if you like what you taste, we'll keep your pantry stocked from month to month for your daily grind.

### RUN AND EAT WINGS FOR F.A.C.E.S. (FORMERLY SWFCA)

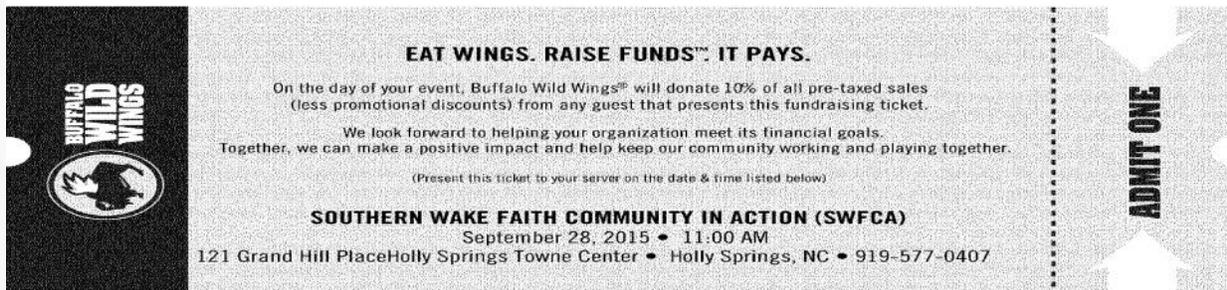
Southern Wake Faith Community in Action (SWFCA) has changed its name to Family And Community Empowerment Services (FACES). With a renewed mission to help those in crisis and need in our community, there are several upcoming events which you can participate in to contribute to their cause:

**Fun Run/Walk                      South Park                      Sunday, September 13 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Join your neighbors to stay fit and raise money for those in crisis and need in Fuquay Varina and the surrounding areas.

**Dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings                      Holly Springs                      Monday, September 28: Lunch and Dinner**

Come with the attached voucher, choose from anything on the menu, and 10% of the cost of your meal will go to F.A.C.E.S. Stay for a while and watch the Packers vs. Chiefs on Monday Night Football.



## Prayer Ministry

"Do not be anxious about anything  
but in every situation by prayer  
and petition with thanksgiving  
present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

While in Haiti I purchased a piece of metal artwork of this scripture. It is amazing what can be done with old, made into new items, oil drums. Our lives can be transformed in similar fashion. We may not know where God is taking us, or what God could do with us at this point in our lives (whatever that point is, younger or older). But! If we listen to God, through prayer God will lead us to places we never imagined! I never imagined I would travel to Haiti in August and not have a problem with the weather! Yes, it was hot and yes, it was humid but with your prayers surrounding me, and the rest of our team, I had no problems! Praise God! And those that did have some issues while there, they felt the love and prayers from our church family and made it back home. *Prayer. It is so simple and yet so amazing.*

May we always be willing to present our requests to God, not just our pleas but our Thanksgivings as well! God, like any parent, wants to hear our hurts and comfort us but God also loves to hear about our joys so that God can rejoice with us!

God also gave us the ability to pray for one another. This ability helped all of us while we were in Haiti. Your presence was felt there, even if you were not physically with us. **Please allow your Prayer Team to pray for you, to rejoice with you.** We may not be able to physically be by your side but we can, and will be, in spirit and prayer. All requests are kept confidential and only put in the bulletin if specifically asked to do so. *Your trust in us is very important.*

There is always room for more pray-ers on our Prayer Team. Please speak to me if God is nudging you to join us!

May God's grace and peace be with you always,

Debbie White

Prayer Ministry Coordinator

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Mike Dorman     Nancy Hartley     Steve Lee     Stephanie Ashworth

Your Prayer Team!



Take Steps to Cure Cancer

## Carnation Sale

Sister Acts is walking in “Light the Night” on October 10<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of North Carolina. We’re walking to honor several family and friends fighting this disease – Kevin Gaines, Paige Wallace, and Michelle Accetta.

You can honor your friends and family who have been affected by cancer by donating a carnation in their honor or memory. Proceeds will go toward the Sister Acts team in this walk.

Carnations will be arranged on the altar Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The names will be listed in a special bulletin insert that day and you will take your carnation(s) home after the service.

Carnations are \$3.00 each. Please complete the form below and drop in the collection plate with your donation – checks can be made to FUMC Fuquay-Varina including “Carnation” in the memo field.

Your Name: Number of Carnations:

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In Honor Of:

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And/Or In Memory Of:

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**THANK YOU!**

# Love Thy Neighbor

**Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, 10/7 at 11:20am**

Plan ahead! We will be serving meat and veggies at the park. We will need the following items to complete the meal: 1 24-pk water bottles, 4 sodas and 4 desserts.

**Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, 11/4 at 11:20am**

Plan ahead! We will be serving baked spaghetti and garlic bread at the park. We will need the following items to complete the meal: 5 pans of baked spaghetti, 3 large salads, 1 24-pk water bottles, 4 sodas and 4 desserts.

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

## SWFCA/ FACES

SWFCA, Southern Wake Faith Communities in Action, is in the process of changing their name to FACES, Family And Community Empowerment Services! It is easier to say and remember. Same great organization doing the same awesome work that God puts in its path. FACES is also going through changes with our Executive Director. Phil Britt is stepping down as his family is moving to Wilmington, NC. One of the volunteers will be acting Executive Director for the month of September, after which we hope to have a permanent Executive Director in place. If you are interested in this position, please speak with Stephanie Ashworth, [ssashworth@msn.com](mailto:ssashworth@msn.com), Board of Directors - Chair.

There are several events in the upcoming months that will help FACES continue it's mission in Southern Wake and adjacent areas. We are looking to expand the Executive Director position to a full time position. For that, we need more money. It really is a full time job that gets paid part time, currently.

Trinity Episcopal Church and Abiding Presence Lutheran Church are sponsoring a Fun Walk/Run-a-Thon on **Sunday, September 13th**, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at South Park, next to the Community Center, 820 S Main St, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526. Registration for participants will begin at 12:30 p.m.

<http://www.doveandcross.org/2015/08/gods-work-our-hands-sunday-september-13th/> go here to print off your sponsorship form or just show up on Sunday September 13th to walk/ run.

We (First UMC) are sponsoring Buffalo Wild Wings Nights for Monday night football. On **September 28, October 12 and November 2**, eat out, enjoy some fellowship and help us help others! 10% of purchase with coupon (see bulletin inserts for these) will be donated to the cause we choose. At least one of these will be FACES.

On **Saturday October 31** First Baptist Church of FV is hosting a Golf Tournament at Knight's Play Golf Center. Registration begins at 7am, tee-off at 8am. Cost is \$60 which includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart and lunch. Mulligans are \$10 each. Do-overs, wouldn't it be great if we could buy do-overs, mulligans, for other things too! Please call 919-552-3139 to register.

Then on **Tuesday November 24**, First UMC will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving service! The offering that night always goes to SWFCA/ FACES.

If you would like to make a donation to SWFCA/ FACES, you can do so at any time. Funds are greatly needed for us to continue helping our neighbors in need.

Please make your check out to the church with SWFCA/ FACES in the memo line.

Any questions see Debbie White or Stephanie Ashworth.

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**Football season is here!** Show your pride by displaying your team colors with hearty, vibrant mums! The **Annual Mum Sale** benefits the First UMC Music Ministry. Orders will be taken through Wednesday, September 23 with delivery on Friday, September 25. Mums come in 3 sizes. The 12 and 14 inch pots respectively make a bold statement with a profusion of blooms in your entryway or as the focal point of your garden. The 8 inch pots at \$5/each are perfect for planting or table decoration.

Here is a helpful buying guide for your favorite team colors.

PURPLE and YELLOW Mums ECU, Holly Springs HS

WHITE Mums (add your favorite color blue flag or bow!) UNC and Duke

BURGUNDY Mums (That's as close to red as we can get) NC State Middle Creek HS

BURGUNDY and YELLOW mums Virginia Tech, Washington REDSKINS

Orange mums F-V High School, Campbell University, Clemson University, Syracuse

**Saturday, October 10.** Donations of Household items, furniture, puzzles, books, CDs, DVDs, kitchen gadgets, sports equipment, home decor, baby equipment, toys, electronics, tools etc are welcome to benefit the Music Ministry. Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 4-Friday, October 9. You can also support the music ministry by donating your time and energy to set up and price items on Friday, October 9 from 9am- 5pm.



**Handbells Ringers needed!** First UMC offers 2 handbell choirs: Grace Notes for those with music reading experience and Genesis Gemtones for those learning to read music and handbell technique. Several positions are available in both choirs. Please contact Helga [music@fumcfv.org](mailto:music@fumcfv.org) about joining one of our handbell groups.

MUM SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

**Deadline for orders will be Wednesday,  
September 23, 2015**



The choir is taking orders for mums again this year. Colors available are indicated below. Sizes and prices are as follows. 8" - \$5.00, 12" - \$10.00, 14" - \$15.00. Please indicate how many of each size and color you would like. Orders must be placed by September 23rd. You may use this form or call the church office @ 567-8384. Please include your check with your order and make payable to FUMC. Mums may be picked up on Friday, September 25th before noon. All proceeds will benefit the music program. Thank you for supporting the music ministry of our church!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Color</u>	<u>8 inch</u>	<u>12 inch</u>	<u>14 inch</u>
Purple			
Yellow			
White			
Burgandy			
Orange			

*Walk for SWFCA/*

*F.A.C.E.S - 2015*

Sponsored by

**Trinity Episcopal Church and  
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church**



The 2nd annual

Walk/Run-A-thon

September 13, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

at South Park, Fuquay-Varina.

# 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.

## Meet our Leaders!

**It is such a blessing to have such wonderful leaders who are devoted to loving and encouraging the kids.**

Welcome back Chad Benditz, Jeff Munzenmaier, Elizabeth Peele and Craig Setzer. We are excited to have Rebecca and Bryant Welch join our leadership team this year.

## Mark your calendars!

September 13th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

September 27<sup>th</sup>: God Squad meeting at 5pm

# Birthdays

9/4	Foy Cotton	9/20	Chip Webb
9/4	Connie Barnes	9/20	Ree Smith
9/5	June Smith	9/21	Doris Thrower
9/5	Lisa Ashworth	9/21	Mack Cruze
9/6	Frances Arnold	9/22	Charles Barnes
9/6	Susan Brugler	9/22	Chet Butcher
9/6	Izzy McFalls	9/23	Jay Root
9/7	Richard Terrell	9/26	Keith McCombs
9/7	Melissa Scherpereel	9/27	Bill Kiser
9/8	Don Tripp	9/27	Sarah Mountford
9/8	Terry Hackney	9/28	John Enloe
9/8	Elizabeth Peele	9/28	Anne Ahl
9/11	Barbara Bailey	9/28	Michael Cruze
9/11	Tiffany Warren	9/29	Tammie Stagnitta
9/11	Kayla Boyette	9/30	Max Ashworth Sr.
9/12	Tina Andrews	9/30	Jean Seabrooke
9/13	Charles Parker	9/30	Ed Garrett
9/14	Brenda Monroe		
9/14	Mary Babbitt		
9/15	Linda Whitley		
9/15	Maggie Ashworth		
9/16	Donna Wagner		

# Anniversaries

9/5	Ken & Marge Pelton
9/7	Danny & Faye Cress
9/9	Jeff & Beth Munzenmaier
9/14	Edward & Metra Ashworth
9/15	Roger & Missy White
9/18	Chris & Anne Ahl
9/18	Steve & Debbie White
9/25	Jim & Mona Fortunes
9/25	Mike & Beth Austin
9/25	Michael Dorman & Tina Andrews