

# First Edition

*December 2015*  
*Monthly Newsletter of FUMC FV*



## Mark Your Calendar

- 12/2: Love Thy Neighbor**
- 12/2: Wednesday Night Dinner**
- 12/4: Birthday Party for Jesus**
- 12/6: God Squad**
- 12/10: UMW Meeting**
- 12/13: Church wide caroling**
- 12/17: Sister Acts**
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Services**
- 12/25: Community Christmas Dinner**
- 12/27 One Service at 10:30am**

## A Note about December

December at First Church is always a busy time. We hope you can join us for one or all of our upcoming services and activities. We begin with gathering together with our friends and neighbors from West Jones Street for Love Thy Neighbor on Wednesday, December 2nd. On Friday, December 4th come celebrate with a Birthday Party for Jesus. Join your church family on Sunday afternoon December 6th and watch the Fuquay Varina Christmas Parade from the front lawn of the church. The following Sunday, December 13th, come caroling with us to one of several local assisted living facilities and shut ins. On Thursday, December 24th we will have a 5:30pm Family Christmas Eve Worship service followed by an 11:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service. We will be celebrating Christmas by opening up our fellowship hall for a Community Christmas Dinner from 5:00-6:30 pm on December 25th. Finally, on Sunday, December 27th we will have one service only at 10:30am. There will be no Sunday School on this date. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

**Haiti Mission Trip:  
March 2016**

Our church will be sending a team to Haiti in March. Are you interested in joining the team? We will be visiting orphanages and serving in the village of Cotin. We plan to leave on Saturday, 3/26 and return on Sunday, 4/3. Please contact Dana Vaughn at [djiv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com) or Julie Gilbert at [jdgilbert76@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert76@gmail.com) with any questions. We would love to meet with you to answer any questions!

**Love Thy Neighbor:  
Wednesday, 12/2 at 11:20am**

Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at First Baptist Church, near West Jones Street Park! We will meet at First UMC at 11:20am to load supplies and then head over to the other church.

We are in need of the following supplies to complete the meal:

- 3 breakfast meat casseroles
- 1 crockpot of grits
- 2 quiches
- 3 large bowls of fruit
- 3 juices

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

**Children's Events  
December 2015**

**December 4th: Birthday Party for Jesus at 6:30pm**

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper, cake and activities. This is a special night to spend with your church family as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



**December 6<sup>th</sup>: God Squad meeting at 5pm**

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! We will meet in the basement for supper and our devotion from 5-6:45pm. Our lesson is entitled "Respecting Others: The word is out—RESPECT!"

**December 13th: God Squad going caroling at 3:45pm**

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to get organized for our caroling outing. We will then come back to church for our God Squad Christmas party in the basement, which will conclude at 6:45pm.



**December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Program at 5:30pm**

The Christmas Eve Service begins at 5:30pm and is very kid friendly. The children will meet with Pastor Anne for the Children's Moment and then be dismissed to dress in costume for the program. We invite children of all ages to participate.





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Church Wide **CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Sunday, December 13, 4:00-6:00pm** Spread Christmas Cheer to our homebound and grieving church members, residents at Carillon, Universal Healthcare, and Windsor Point Adult Living centers. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm to join a caroling group and be assigned a caroling destination. After Caroling, return to the fellowship hall for Hot Chocolate!



## The Silence and the Sound

by Heather Sorenson  
Presented by Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Instrumental Ensemble  
Sunday, December 20  
excerpts at 8:30 worship  
Full presentation at 11:00 worship

First UMC is known for it's hospitality. We are looking forward to many guests, grandparents of children's choir, parents and families of Fuquay Varina High School Band joining the Instrumental Ensemble, friends and neighbors coming to experience this musical worship service. The music ministry has opportunities for you to extend a warm welcome to our guests.

Here's how you can help:

- 1-Refreshments between services: set up or clean up, a breakfast casserole, juice, fruit tray
- 2-Greeters to warmly shake hands and welcome with a smile everyone throughout the congregation.

**Children's Choir** is preparing to sing in the Annual Christmas Cantata and for the 5:30pm Family Christmas Eve worship. Due to the FV Christmas Parade and Christmas Caroling rehearsals have been rescheduled

Saturday, December 5 at 2:30pm

Wednesday, December 16, 6:45-7:20pm.

Sunday, December 20 at 4:15pm



## WALK TO EMMAUS

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Let's be honest. Who would not love to have days without family, TV, clocks, computers and telephones? Instead, have seventy-two hours of wonderful meals, lots of time to meet new friends, seeking and singing praises to God's amazing grace.

Two years ago I had the opportunity to attend the Walk to Emmaus. At first I was apprehensive, but it turned out to be one of the greatest experiences of my life.

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. It is a seventy-two hour short course in Christianity.

The Walk is comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship and what it means to be the church.

The speakers were amazing and it was so encouraging to hear how God had worked in the lives of real people through their pain, brokenness and victories.

The Upper Room of the United Methodist Church sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. It is open to all denominations.

I realize how grateful I am to be a part of a loving and caring church. I love my church!

De Colores,  
Mark Beauchamp  
P.S. Walk to Emmaus  
(Without tennis shoes) Give me a  
call: 919-610-5306



**Sunday, December 13, 8:30am Worship Service** join in singing contemporary Christian music "The King is Coming" and "Still Her Little Child" with the **Music Team**.

**At 11:00 Worship, Grace Notes Handbell Choir** will be sharing special music as they provide the accompaniment for the Choir anthem "German Carol Medley" and join with organist, Ellen McCord for a rendition of "How Great Our Joy!"



## **Community Christmas Dinner**

Our church is hosting a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. We will be providing a meal for those in the community between 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

If you would like to donate items for this dinner, sign up sheets are posted on the Mission bulletin board outside the Choir room.

## **CREW Christmas Project**

On our mission trip to Asheville last summer, the CREW toured The Haywood Street Respite Center. This is a place where people recovering from a hospital stay can live for a few weeks so they are not recovering on the street. We are planning a trip to visit them in December and want to bring them supplies. We will be collecting the following to take with us:

Full size shampoo and conditioner

New socks and underwear

Ground, non flavored coffee

Clorox wipes

If you would like to contribute any of these items, please place them under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall by December 27th.



## **Mystery Dinner**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 27th for the CREW's Mystery Dinner. Enjoy a night of fine dining and intrigue as you try and solve the clues that will lead you to a priceless treasure. Tickets go on sale January 3rd and are \$25 each. Price includes childcare.

# Birthdays

12/1	Kay Delle Arnold	12/16	Norma Tesson
12/1	Malcolm Buck	12/16	Timothy Ruffin
12/2	Robby Munzenmaier	12/17	Graham Dianaty
12/3	Linda Skiles	12/18	Elizabeth Iannone
12/3	Joshua Boyette	12/19	Donna Grau
12/5	Mason Vaughn	12/19	Margie Scheller
12/6	Betsy Crabtree	12/20	Richard Knapp
12/6	Linda Cromwell	12/20	Lynda Miller
12/6	Lisa Campbell	12/21	Carrie Jackson
12/7	Leah Boyette	12/22	Regina Zamzow
12/8	Karen Krauss	12/23	Marge Pelton
12/8	Davis Ruffin	12/24	Bryan Daniels
12/11	Nathan White	12/25	Carl Zamzow
12/14	Jared Jessee	12/26	Robert Senter
12/15	Jason Parigoris	12/29	Emily Jessee
12/15	Dominique Babbitt	12/30	Carmen Boyette

# Anniversaries

12/14	Chad & Victoria Benditz
12/16	John & Sally Stewart
12/17	Bob & Doris Thrower
12/17	Mark & Tena Beauchamp
12/20	Dean & Shirley Fasolt
12/20	Bill & Sarah Mountford
12/27	Mike & Linda Whitley
12/28	Chet & Mary Butcher