

# First Edition

*Newsletter for FUMC FV*

*April 2016*

## A Note From the Pastor

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on **May 10-20, 2016**.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. It meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. The theme of the 2016 General Conference is "Therefore Go."

When the 864 delegates arrive for the 2016 United Methodist General Conference, each one of them comes blanketed in prayer, including 2 prayer blankets from our congregation's prayer shawl ministry.

But we also want to blanket the delegates with our actual prayers. The Upper Room is inviting all United Methodists to blanket the entire conference with prayer for 60 days.

The website <http://60daysofprayer.org/> has all the information you need to blanket this important event in prayer.

The goal is to have the entire United Methodist Church membership praying with the elected delegates and praying for God's will to be done, in God's way and in God's time. Will you join me in prayer for our General Conference?

Grace and peace,  
Anne

## Church Events

- April 3 - Superhero Sundaes
- April 3 - God Squad
- April 6 - Love Thy Neighbor
- April 6 - Wednesday Night Dinner
- April 10 - Apparent Project Jewelry Sale
- April 14 - Sister Acts
- April 17 - VBS Decorating Meeting
- April 20 - Wednesday Night Dinner
- April 30 - Annual Spring Clean-up



## South Carolina Mission Trip July 6-10

There is still room if you would like to join us in South Carolina to help those impacted by the flooding last fall. We will need people of all capabilities, from roofing to driving nails to driving cars. If you would like to participate, please contact Matt Jackson at [jacksonm3@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonm3@gmail.com).



## Haitian Bleu Mountain Coffee

The Missions ministry is grateful for your purchases of coffee. Together, we have:

- Raised almost \$700 to package meals for Stop Hunger Now
- Helped plant over 200 trees to aid in Haiti's reforestation efforts
- Invested over \$600 in rural agriculture of Haiti



We are continuously in stock of all roasts, styles, and grinds of this gourmet coffee. We even now stock Decaf K-cups! You can contact any member of the missions team to find out more or purchase yours today.

## Habitat for Humanity Workday



If you would like to participate in building a house for a family right here in town, come out April 23 for our church's workday. You must be 16 and lunch will be provided. You must sign-up at the link below:

<http://fuquayvarina016.habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/>

Together, we can all make housing a reality for our neighbors in need.



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From Palm Sunday to Easter, the Music Ministry enriched each worship experience during Holy Week. Our ever-faithful Chancel Choir presented the cantata There's Room at the Cross: A Story of Compassion on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday's Choir anthem "In Remembrance" focused on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. The service concluded with stripping the church as the haunting spiritual "Were You There" was sung by Henry Scheller.

Grace Notes Handbell Choir, the 8:30 Music Team, Flutist, Katie Nolan and The Women of the Chancel Choir provided meditative and deeply moving music during the Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

The congregation gathered in the dark and mist of night on Easter morning. As the darkness was overcome by dawn representing Jesus' light and life overcoming the darkness of sin and death, the Chancel Choir sang the triumphal proclamation- "Our Savior is Alive!" at the Sunrise Service at FVUMC. Blessings on these faithful servants for waking in the wee hours of the morning and overcoming the challenges of darkness and light rain!

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter! The 8:30 Music Team celebrated Easter in a contemporary style. The celebration continues on April 10 as we Celebrate Jesus with "He Is Risen" and "We Believe."

Again the Chancel Choir opened 11:00 worship with the conclusion of the cantata celebrating the resurrection "Come and See" the empty tomb with the congregation joining in "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" The Chancel Choir also reprised the anthem "Our Savior is Alive" for the congregation.

Trumpet fanfares resounded, proclaiming the majesty and glory of the Risen Christ at 11:00 Easter worship. Thank you to John Enloe, David Markle and Mandy Setzer for a memorable Easter Celebration! We hope this trio is the beginning of more great music to come throughout the year!



Children's Choir has 2 more rehearsals on Sunday, April 3 and 11 at 4:15pm. Grace Notes Handbells will be joining rehearsals as we prepare the anthem Halle, Halle Halle and Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah! for 11:00 worship April 17. This will be the children's choir last time singing in worship for this season. Children's choir will celebrate with an End of Season Ice Cream social at 4:15pm on April 17.

## Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, 4/6 at 11:20am

Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at West Jones Street Park! We will meet at First UMC at 11:20am to load supplies and then head over to the park. We will be serving London broil, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert for lunch.

We are in need of 1 dessert.

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



The FUMC Trustees  
request your help at the  
Annual Church Spring Cleanup  
(weather permitting)  
Saturday, April 30, 2016  
8 am - 12 noon



### Sister Acts April Meeting

Sister Acts will meet on Thursday, April 14th to celebrate our expectant Moms - Carrie Jackson, Tiffany Warren, and Emily Derringer! We will shower them with gifts at the home of Elizabeth Peele at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there!

# Children's Events

## April 2016

### April 3rd: Superhero Sundaes at 3:15pm

All Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 3:15-4:15pm as we explore the Superheroes of the Bible. We will learn about Superhero Elijah and how he blew smoke all over the prophets of Baal! Our meeting will include the lesson, activity and eating ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

### April 3rd: God Squad meeting at 5pm

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 5-6:45pm for supper, fellowship, games and devotion. Our lesson is entitled "The Ch\_rch Needs U!" Bring a friend!

### April 17th: God Squad special outing

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! We will be taking the God Squad kids out for a fun afternoon. We enjoy our lessons each meeting but also look forward to a special outing each year! Stay tuned for details.....

### April 20<sup>th</sup>: VBS Decorating Meeting at 7pm

Join us for our second meeting to help create decorations for VBS. We will meet in the basement. Be sure to wear old clothing!

### Mark your calendars!

Family Night: 5/6

"Surf Shack" Vacation Bible School: 6/12-6/16

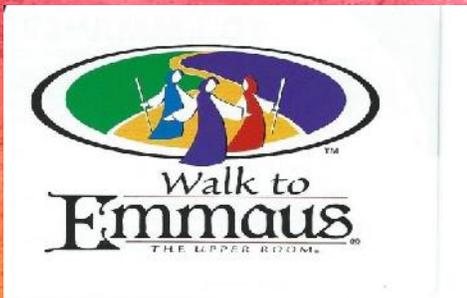


## ***Prayer Ministry***

Early May is a busy time for your prayer ministry team! On Wednesday May 4 we will be hosting the Wednesday Night Supper with Mike Dorman cooking! As always, dinner starts at 6pm, \$5 per person with a \$20 per family maximum. We all love Mike's cooking so we know it will be good! Please RSVP in the pew pads on May 1 or call the church office.

The very next day we will have our church's doors open to any and all who would like to pray at the foot of the cross. Thursday May 5th is the National Day of Prayer. Please join us as we pray for our nation, state and individuals. Our doors will be open from 10am to 7pm. At noon, the town of Fuquay-Varina will have a prayer service on the lawn of the Town Hall. They are asking for donations to the F-V Food Pantry and/ or Hands of Hope.

Our team is always open to new teammates! Please email for more information. [prayforme@fumcfv.org](mailto:prayforme@fumcfv.org)



**The Emmaus Reunion Group of FUMC welcomes our new pilgrim, Barbara Harden. She began her journey on Thursday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Short Journey. On Monday when she returned, she told our group that when she got up to start her day everything looked so different. She said it was a spirit-filled four days and there were no words to explain what this time meant to her. We are glad to have her.**

**If you are interested in the Walk, come to our meeting on the first Monday night at the church at 7:00 pm. We will answer any questions you might have regarding what happens on the weekend.**

**We are so blessed to have two walks coming in October. God is good!**

**Men's Walk #131      October 6-9, 2016**

**Women's Walk #132      October 20-23, 2016**

**Won't you consider one of these upcoming walks? As of this date, we do have a potential member who is very much interested in going on the Men's Walk in October. Mark Beauchamp will be glad to talk to you about the Men's Walk. For the Women's Walk, contact Barbara Hackney or Debbie White.**

# BIRTHDAYS

4/3	Robert Shell	4/21	Blake Babbitt
4/4	Phyllis Dewar	4/22	Mildred Webb
4/4	Edward Ashworth Jr	4/23	Paige Wallace
4/5	Whitney Woodbridge	4/24	Diana Schnitzlein
4/7	Brent Hair	4/25	Grace Englander
4/9	Dickie Johnson	4/25	Bob Woodruff
4/10	Nancy Fish	4/26	Elise Gaines
4/10	Metra Ashworth	4/27	Jeff Munzenmaier
4/10	Debbie White	4/28	Carter Gilbert
4/11	Evan Setzer	4/28	Joe Ashworth
4/11	Nancy Broadwell	4/30	Lydia Walters
4/12	Sara Markle		
4/14	John Cioffi		
4/16	John Kelly		
4/17	Fred Walters		
4/20	Portia Newman		

# 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