



First Edition

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A Note From the Pastor

Matthew 4:18-22 *As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.*

There's a story about a young woman who was filling out an application for college when she came across the question: Are you a leader? She thought she had better be brutally honest, so she answered truthfully, "No." She was convinced that she'd never hear from the school again.

To her surprise, she received a letter back from the school that read: "We have reviewed numerous applications and, to date, there will be some 1,452 new leaders attending school next year. We have decided to accept your application because we felt it was imperative that they have at least one follower."

What good are leaders without followers? In actuality, we need to be both. We are all of us followers of one and only one leader, Jesus Christ. In that sense, we are all followers. But sometimes to faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we are called to step out and lead and other times we are called to ministries of help and support.

In this newsletter, you will see a list of our church leaders for the new year. They cannot do the work on their own. The work of the church, the work of the kingdom of God takes all of us, all our different gifts and talents and service. All of us are called, some to lead, some to support the leaders but all are called to follow Jesus Christ.

May we all use the gifts we have to follow Jesus, in whatever ways he leads us.

Church Events

- Feb 1st – Love Thy Neighbor
- Feb 1st – Wednesday Night Dinner
- Feb 3rd – Family Night
- Feb 9th – Sister Acts
- Feb 12th – Superhero Sundaes
- Feb 12th – God Squad
- Feb 12st – Church Book Group
- Feb 15th – Wednesday Night Dinner
- Feb 25th – CLUE Mystery Dinner

Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, February 1st at 11:20am

Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at First Baptist Church (105 N West St) on Wednesday, 2/1! We will meet at First UMC at 11:20am to load supplies and then head over to First Baptist Church (meet there during the cooler months). Our meal will be Chicken Pot Pie, fresh fruit, biscuits and dessert.

Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, March 1st at 11:20am

Mark your calendars! Our meal for March will be breakfast. We are in need of the following supplies to complete the meal: 5 breakfast meat casseroles, 3 hashbrown casseroles, 3 large bowls of fruit, 2 dozen donuts, 2 sweet casseroles, 2 apple juices and 2 orange juices.

Stop Hunger Now Packaging Event - RESCHEDULED - February 19 (1:30)

If you were disappointed that the event in early January was postponed, well you can still package meals for those in need in our world. Following the chili cook-off on Sunday, February 19, put on your gloves and hairnet to help package 10,000+ meals for Stop Hunger Now. All ages are welcome to participate.

Chili Cook-Off - RESCHEDULED - February 19 (12:00)

Don't worry, you still have a chance to taste the finest chili First Church has to offer. Our cook-off will be immediately following the 11:00 service on February 19. We are still in need of more chefs. If you would like to participate by making a pot of chili, contact Matt Jackson at jacksonm3@gmail.com. There is no set cost, though a love offering benefitting our upcoming build with Habitat for Humanity will be collected.

Haiti Mission Trip Interest

We would love for you to join our team that is traveling to Haiti this summer (July 11th-19th). Please contact Dana Vaughn at djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com to ask any questions you may have about the trip, including cost, plans, safety concerns, etc.

Flower Calendar

Just a reminder that the flower calendar is posted on the wall outside of the Choir Room. If you would like to sign up for a date to provide/purchase flowers for the altar, please feel free to sign up or contact the church office if you have questions.

Thank you

The staff of FUMCFV would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous Love Offering that we received this week. We are truly blessed to work for such a loving and giving congregation.

Call for Records for the Archives

Do you have records for the archives?

Have you led a committee or team at church? Do you have photographs, newsletters, correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes, and other documents from this work? The Records and History Committee would like to help you organize those records!

Whether they are in digital or paper form, we would like to work with you to document the history and work of Foundry. In order to remember our history, we have to document our work today. We preserve important records in the Archives out of a concern for the historical, legal, and fiscal needs of the church.

Please provide a summary of the non-current records that you have and your contact information. We will then schedule a time to meet with you and look at the records. We will review the documents and move the permanently valuable documents to the Archives at church.

Thanks for helping to make history!

Sister Acts Meeting

Sister Acts will be meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7pm at the home of Stephanie Welsh-Ray. We'll be assembling our Valentine's Day outreach gifts so we can't wait to see you! Stephanie's address is 413 E Williams St Apt F, Angier.

What Is The Walk To Emmaus?

"The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers."

In those three days, your faith can be made stronger by discovering how God's grace can be real in your life and how you can live a life of grace and bring grace to others. You will find yourself wanting to do more of God's work in your church. You will have a weekend of peacefulness, singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups; making new friendships with Christians who are on the same road as you.

If you would like to talk to some of us who have been on the Walk, the Emmaus Team members are: Chris and Pastor Anne Ahl, Debbie White, Debbie Webb, Grace Grant, Bob and Helga Borgardus, Danny and Faye Cress, Don and Sue Tripp, Jeanne Elks, David and Sara Markle, and Barbara Hackney. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

At the present time, Pat Callaway will be attending the Men's Walk beginning March 9-12. Future walks are: Women's Walk – May 4-7; Men's Walk – September 21-24 and Women's Walk - October 12-15.

If you would like to come to an informational meeting with the Emmaus team member, please come to our meeting which is held on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm. We meet at the church in the Wesleyan Sunday School Classroom. From 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm we will be glad to answer any questions you may have. We welcome you!

Get A Clue Mystery Dinner
Saturday, February 25th, 6pm

The CREW invites you to take a walk down memory lane and play a real version of the hit board game, Clue! All of your favorite characters will be in attendance: Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, Colonial Mustard and more, as well as a few new faces.

Be entertained by our skit and find the clues to solve the mystery!

Menu:

Roast Beef with Au Jus Gravy

Prosciutto and Mozzarella Chicken Pillows

Balsamic Honey Roasted Vegetables

Seasoned Mashed Potatoes

Key Lime Pie

Tickets are \$25 each. Childcare is included.

Seating is limited, get your tickets before Feb. 20th.

Name: _____

Dinner Choice: Chicken Beef

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Phone: _____

Childcare needed: Yes No _____ of children

Please contact Victoria Benditz at 919-714-2817 or vjbenditz@hotmail.com with any questions.

Children's Events

February 2017

February 3rd: Super "Bible" Bowl Family Night at 6:30pm

You are invited to a fun night with your church family where we will team up and challenge each other on our Bible knowledge. We will also incorporate a little football fun into our Super "Bible" Bowl. Will you be on the winning team? Are you ready to kick a field goal? Supper will be provided!



February 12th: Superhero Sundaes at 3:15pm

All Kindergarten-2nd 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 Abigail: A Portrait of Us; A Portrait for Us! Our meeting will include the lesson, activity and eating ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

February 12th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

All 3rd-5th graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 5-6:45pm for supper, fellowship, games and devotion. Our Character Challenge is "Be Caring!" Bring a friend!

February 26th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

All 3rd-5th graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 5-6:45pm for supper, fellowship, games and devotion. Our Character Challenge is "Be Prayerful!" Bring a friend!



Mark your calendars!

"Treats for Troops" Family Night: 3/3

"Hero Central" Vacation Bible School: 6/11-6/15

The following is the report of the Committee on Lay Leadership for the year 2017,
presented to the First UMC Fuquay Varina Charge Conference on November 21, 2016

Note: New positions/additions are in **ALL CAPS**.

* indicates Church Council Members

Church Council Chair: Angela Cameron*

Recording Secretary: Mandy Setzer*

Lay Leader: Ed Garrett*

Treasurer: Don Truesdell*

Board of Trustees: Co-Chairs, John Kelly*, Karen Davis*

2017: John Kelly Henry Scheller Karen Davis

2018: **JEANNE ELKS** Jeff Breton Lloyd Williams

2019: **RICHARD CLARK JANE RAY JONATHAN MARKLE**

At-Large Council Members

2017: Bill Mountford* Wendy Avery*

2018: Mary Daniels* John Stewart*

2019: **BONNIE CANADAY**

Staff Parish Relations: Chair: Ed Garrett

2017: Sue Tripp Tena Beauchamp Ed Garrett

2018: Susan Brugler Beverly Griffin Michael Cruze

2019: **FRED WALTERS PAT TRUESDELL EMILY HOLLOWAY**

Lay Leadership (formerly Nominations): *Pastor Chair*

2017: Nancy Hartley Jeff Munzenmaier Mandy Setzer

2018: Sara Markle **MOLLIE STEPHENSON** Laurie Gould

2019: **EMILY MCFALLS ELIZABETH PEELE PATRICK BRYANT**

Education:

Children: **MIRIAM PARIGORIS***

Adult: *to be determined*

Finance Committee: Chair Charles Schnitzlein*

Stewardship: Jeff Scherpereel,* Will Ray*

Legacy Partner:

Members at Large:

Class of 2017: Don Truesdell

Class of 2018: Brad Peele

Class of 2019: MAX ASHWORTH

Member Care: Co-Chairs: Barbara Harden*, Barbara Hackney*

Missions Committee: **SARAH WESTON***

Communications: Julie Gilbert*

Records and History: Chair: **STEPHANIE ASHWORTH**

Worship: Chair: Carl Zamzow

Hospitality: Co-Chairs: Melissa Scherpereel*, Teresa Shell*

Kitchen: Co-Chairs: Steve* & Pat Lee*

Librarian: Co-Chairs: Susan Brugler*, Sara Markle*

FAST: Carl Zamzow*

Prayer Ministry: Debbie White*

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: (Need 1 this year) **DAVID MARKLE***

BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Courtney Denning
2/2 Jennifer Haire
2/5 Fran Baggs
2/5 Al Reams
2/8 Sharon Best
2/9 Sarah Williams
2/12 Teresa Currin
2/13 Robert Haire
2/13 James Summey
2/14 Mary Willis
2/15 Lavon Faucett
2/17 Hannah Allen
2/17 Sue Tripp
2/17 Debra Warren
2/18 Emma Rese Vaughn
2/19 Gerald Parker
2/20 Mark Beauchamp
2/21 Melvin Arnold

2/22 Grace Grant
2/23 Dean Fasolt
2/23 Tom Gilbert
2/25 Mandy Ha
2/26 William Vaughn
2/27 Tara Aster
2/27 Steve Campbell
2/27 Linda Vance
2/27 Georgia Walters

ANNIVERSARIES

2/10 Mickey & Wanda Denning
2/16 Charlie & Connie Barnes
2/17 John & Nancy Hartley
2/18 Garlon & Annette Stuart
2/19 Bill & Sharon Best
2/22 Melvin & Frances Arnold
2/27 Charles & Miriam McLaughlin