

First Edition

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A Note From the Pastor

With the arrival of Ash Wednesday on March 1, Christians all over the world beginning the observance of Lent. Since the 4th Century, Christians have counted back 40 days from Easter, 40 days excluding Sundays, and declared a holy season of preparation, sorrow, reflection, repentance, fasting and acts of mercy. We are called in this season to acknowledge our sin, our brokenness, to confess out loud “all is not right with our souls.”

We are all invited to observe a Holy Lent. Spend the days of Lent reflecting on the things you let get in the way of your relationship with God and asking God to help you grow in love for God and neighbor. Open yourself up the means of grace this Lent: prayer, scripture, worship, communion, confession, service and others.

The good news for us during this season of Lent is that God meets us where we are with grace, far beyond what we deserve. As we journey through Lent to Calvary and to the undeserved grace poured out on the cross, we can walk with confidence and assurance because on the other side of Lent and Good Friday, lies an empty tomb and an Easter Celebration. Lent prepares us to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death, the victory that gives each of us the hope for each day in Lent and every day of our lives.

Grace and peace, Anne

Church Events

- **Mar 1st Wednesday Night Dinner**
- **Mar 1st Ash Wednesday Service**
- **Mar 3rd Treats for Troops Family Night**
- **Mar 8th Girls' Bible Study**
- **Mar 9th UMW Meeting**
- **Mar 12th Superhero Sundae**
- **Mar 12th God Squad**
- **Mar 14th VBS Decorating Meeting**
- **Mar 18th Sister Acts**
- **Mar 22nd Girls' Bible Study**
- **Mar 26th God Squad**

Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Chili Cook-off and Rise Against Hunger meal packing on Feb. 19. We raised over \$300 towards Habitat for Humanity and thank Rick Beech for telling us more about this great organization and how it's extending into southern Wake County. We also packed over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger in less than TWO hours! Their goal is to end hunger by 2030, and with your help and God's glory, we will!

Chili awards go to:

1st place tie: Molly Stephenson & Fred Walters

2nd place: Paul Dettorre

3rd place: Chris Ahl

Love Thy Neighbor:

Wednesday, March 1st at 11:20am Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at First Baptist Church (105 N West St) on Wednesday, 3/1! 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 breakfast for lunch! Please contact Dana Vaughn at djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming meals back at West Jones Street Park: April 5th, May 3rd and June 7th.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer, it is such a simple thing to do that a child is capable. But we adults are often scared of it, especially when it involves praying in front of others. The pressure of being judged. I'm guilty of it myself, I prefer not to pray in front of people. But when I am asked to do so, I manage to come away unscathed. What we need to remember is that we are NOT praying to impress those around us. We ARE praying to be in relationship with our God. Even if the words don't come out quite right, God understands perfectly what we are trying to say. Thank God! All we need to do is be open to talking with our friend. God wants to hear from us both while praying in front of others and while praying alone.

If God is calling you into a deeper prayer life during Lent, perhaps joining our Prayer team is an option for you. No public prayer is required, just an open heart and an ability to keep prayers confidential.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Night Dinner May 3

Mike Dorman cooking

Thursday May 4 National Day of Prayer

Sanctuary will be open 10am - 7pm

Come join us at the foot of the cross.

prayforme@fumcfv.org

Saturday, APRIL 1ST 8:30 - 10 AM
Mason Jar Tavern 305 S. Main St. Fuquay-Varina



**PANCAKE
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All proceeds will go directly to benefit



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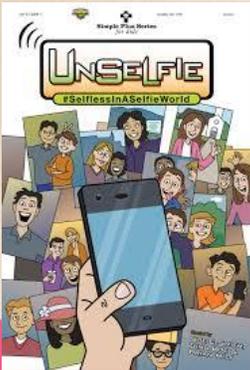
Music Ministry

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Helga Bogardus, Director of Music Ministry
Ellen McCord, Organist



Chancel Choir welcomes you to be a part of a powerful worship experience on Palm Sunday, April 9. **Come to the Cross and Remember**, composed by Raleigh native, Pepper Choplin, takes us through the events of Holy Week remembering what Jesus endured and what it means to us today. Rehearsals for the cantata only are Wednesdays from 7:00-7:40pm. (No rehearsal Wednesday, March 1 due to Ash Wednesday service) Contact Helga for a rehearsal CD.



Children's Choir has begun rehearsals for a musical on Sunday, April 30. "Unselfie" is a new app that only shares pictures if you are serving others. This musical incorporates meaningful scripture to "Share yourself and not your selfie." Children, 4 year olds- 5th graders are welcome to join rehearsals Sunday afternoons at 4:15pm. Contact Helga for a rehearsal CD.



The Music Team welcomes singers and instrumentalists to share a gift of music in a contemporary style at the 8:30 worship service. Contact Helga to join rehearsals

Children's Events

March 2017

March 3rd: "Treats for Troops" Family Night at 6:30pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun night to honor our troops! We will eat supper at 6:30pm and then begin our packaging event. We will be packaging boxes with hygiene and snack items, decorating the boxes and making cards for our troops. Looking forward to seeing your family there!

March 8th: Girls' Bible Study at 7pm

It's not too late to join our next meeting! This group of young girls in 3rd-5th grades are studying the book "Can You Relate?: How to Handle Parents, Friends, Boys and More!" Some of the topics include being an awesome friend, dealing with mean girls, drama/gossip, ideas on how to have a happier home with parents and siblings, connecting with God in ways you love and giving God the respect He deserves. We meet from 7-8:15pm in the basement.

March 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 Mary as a young girl: You Couldn't Tell by Looking at Mary! Our meeting will include the lesson, activity and eating ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

March 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 Self-Controlled!" Bring a friend!

March 14th: VBS Decorating meeting at 7pm

It's that fun time of year where we get to transform our church into a great theme for the kids of our church and community! Join us in the basement for our first decorating meeting where we will begin making props to transform our church into Hero Central. Think big city skyscrapers!

March 22nd: Girls' Bible Study at 7pm

March 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 Bold!" Bring a friend!

Mark your calendars!

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

Contact Dana Vaughn at djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions on these events!

Methodist Home for Children Sunday scheduled for March 19th

Methodist Home for Children (MHC) works to provide safe, stable homes where children can thrive and live fully into their God-given potential. The UMW will be hosting our annual MHC Potato and Salad Bar Luncheon on Sunday, March 19th immediately following the 11AM service. Please join us for a fellowship meal including baked potatoes, variety of salads, chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, and cake for dessert. Donna Tate, Development Officer at MHC, will be the guest speaker for the 8:30 and 11AM services.

Our church has set a goal of raising \$3,000 to support the MHC 1K for 1 Kid fundraising campaign. For additional information please feel free to contact Stacey Kloc (919-606-1418).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The FUMC Trustees
request your help at the
Annual FUMC Spring Cleanup
(weather permitting)
Saturday, April 8, 2017
8 am – 12 noon
(More details to follow)



Sister Acts Announcements

Sister Acts will have a "Sisters and Mistrs Hoopla Social" on Saturday, March 18th at the home of Carrie and Matt Jackson. We will have a brief business meeting but otherwise enjoy fellowship and basketball together!

Sister Acts will be participating for the 7th year in the NCSU Break the Silence 5K Walk/Run benefiting the NC State Counseling Center. This event in memory of Marc Haege-Gardner raises awareness for suicide prevention. Join us for this special event! Here is a link for information - <https://www.ncsubreakthesilence.com/run>.

BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Debbie Webb	3/17	Amy Bryant
3/3	Kevin Gaines	3/17	Julie Gilbert
3/3	Sarah Munzenmaier	3/17	Pat Truesdell
3/3	Don Truesdell	3/22	Shirley Fasolt
3/3	Lloyd Williams	3/22	Alley Mehl
3/4	Bonnie Cannaday	3/23	Julia Austin
3/4	Matilda Storm	3/23	Ken Blue
3/4	Doris Summey	3/24	James Dewar
3/8	Julia Brown	3/25	Murray Jo Buddin
3/8	Mickey Denning	3/26	Steve Lee
3/8	Sue Swygert	3/27	Trishton Holt
3/9	Mandy Setzer	3/29	Charles Hair
3/10	Howard Babbitt	3/29	Kaylee Markle
3/10	Richard Clark	3/30	Mason Welch
3/10	Sarah Weston	3/31	Beth Munzenmaier
3/11	Katie Peele	3/31	Mollie Stephenson
3/11	Ashley Ruffin		
3/12	Abby Markle		
3/13	Annette Stuart		
3/14	Amanda Baxley		

ANNIVERSARIES

3/4	Will & Tricia Buddin
3/12	Rudy & Noralee Seymour
3/18	Bob & Joanie Woodruff
3/23	Michael & Whitney Woodbridge