



First Church

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APRIL 2017

A Note From the Pastor

Holy Week

Sunday April 9 8:30 and 11:00 am Palm/Passion Sunday
Cantata *"Come to the Cross and Remember"*

Thursday, April 13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion

Friday, April 14 7:00 pm Holy Friday Tennebrae
Service

Sunday April 16 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service
First UMC Courtyard

***8:30am and 11:00am** Easter Celebration

9:30am Breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall

* Bring flowers for our flowered cross outside the sanctuary

Church Events

- Apr 5th - Love Thy Neighbor
- Apr 5th - Wednesday Night Dinner
- Apr 5th - Girls' Bible Study
- Apr 7th - "Light of the World" Family Night
- Apr 8th - Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 9th - Cantata and Waving of the Palms
- Apr 9th - Superhero Sundaes
- Apr 9th - God Squad
- Apr 18th - VBS Decorating Meeting
- Apr 19th - Girls' Bible Study
- Apr 20th - Sister Acts
- Apr 23rd - God Squad



Come to the Cross and Remember

by native Raleigh composer, Pepper Choplin

presented by First UMC Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 9, 8:30am worship, excerpts, 11:00 full presentation

Experience this unique worship experience of powerful music and the symbols of Holy Week.

Music Enhancing Holy Week Worship:

Palm Sunday, April 9 "The Holy City" trumpet trio with Mandy Setzer, John Enloe and David Markle

Maundy Thursday, April 13 "Awake, Alone in Gethsemane" offered by Chancel Choir incorporates Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. The service will conclude with a haunting rendition of "Were You There" on bell tree by Will Reams.

Good Friday, April 14 "What Wondrous Love" by Grace Notes Handbell Choir; "Lord, Is It I?" duet with Debbie White and Sarah Weston; "Mercy (O Sacred Head)" by Music Team.

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30 Easter Hymns with trumpet, John Enloe. Praising the Risen Lord in a contemporary style with the Music Team.

11:00 Easter Hymns with trumpet, John Enloe Opens with Chancel Choir singing the glorious "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah and Choir Anthem: He Is Risen.

[Grace Notes Handbell Choir](#) has been invited to join a mass ringing of the National Anthem at the Durham Bulls Game on Saturday, June 3rd, 6:30pm. Check out this video; [Star Spangled Banner on handbells Durham bulls athletic park May 31 2014](#)

Children's Events

April 2017

April 5th: 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.

April 7th: "Light of the World" Family Night at 6:30pm

Join us for a fun night with your church family! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for supper and then have a glow in the dark Easter egg scavenger hunt. Bring a flashlight!

April 8th: "Countdown to Easter" Event and Egg Hunt at 2pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our "Countdown to Easter" activity where the families will learn about the days leading up to Easter, starting with Palm Sunday. We will then have an Easter egg hunt. Bring your basket!

April 9th: Waving of the Palms at 10:45am

All kids are invited to participate during our 11:00am Worship service on Palm Sunday! Meet Mrs. Dana on the front steps of the church at 10:45am to line up and receive your palm branch.

April 9th: 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 Miriam—A prophet of all the Hebrew women! Our meeting will include the lesson, activity and eating ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

April 9th: 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 Obedient!" Bring a friend!

April 18th: 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 sanctuary building (upstairs) for our second decorating meeting where we will be making props to transform our church into Hero Central. Think big city skyscrapers!

April 19th: Girls' Bible Study at 7pm

April 23rd: 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 Diligent!" Bring a friend!

April 26th: Girls' Bible Study at 7pm

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!

Prayer Ministry of First Church

Welcome to April! We pray you are well. The Prayer Team here at First Church is coming up to a busy time of year for us. If you would like to help out at one of our events and/ or join our team, please speak to me.

On the 3rd Sunday in Lent the Upper Room's Thought for the Day was "I can be honest in my prayers." In today's society, honesty is often hard to come by. How many of us are truly honest with anyone? Even ourselves sometimes. Even with all this dishonesty going around, whether it's big stuff or little stuff, God already knows the truth of it all. It is safe to be honest with God for God will forgive us if only we ask for forgiveness.

Admitting the truth is sometimes hard, especially to those closest to us. We fear we will let them down or disappoint them. Truth is not always pretty but it is always the best path. Truth can hurt others or ourselves. It's no wonder we do not like speaking it. To begin a path towards honesty in your life, start with telling God. God already knows anyway so you will not be telling God anything God does not know. But it will help you to be more truthful with yourself if you are truthful with God. As honesty finds its way into your prayer life, it, too, will find its way into your every day life.

Upcoming Events:

May 3 - Prayer Ministry is hosting the Wednesday Night Supper.

Menu: Chicken and Ribs, potato salad, baked beans and homemade desserts

Chef: our own Mike Dorman

Time: 6pm

Many hands make light work of clean up if you are able to stay and help out.

May 4 - National Day of Prayer

Our team will have the sanctuary open for anyone to come and pray at the cross. If you would be willing to come sit for an hour with me in the sanctuary, it would be a great help as our numbers are small and many work during the day.

Time: 10 am to 7 pm

There will be 2 of us present throughout the day, so that no one will be alone.

Also at noon the Town of Fuquay-Varina will have a prayer service on the grounds of the Town Hall. Go early or bring your own chair.

In prayer is a safe place to begin your journey to honesty in life. God does not judge you or your actions.

If you are in need of prayer, we are here for you. All prayer requests are kept confidential and are only put into the bulletin if we are requested to do so. Your trust in us is important. We are always happy to hear praises too! If you have a praise or concern, please let us know.

There are prayer cards in the pews that can be placed in the offering or in the brown baskets by either of the doors to the sanctuary. You can email us or speak to a member of our team.

If God is nudging you to join our Team, there is always room for you!

God's Grace and Peace,

Debbie White

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United Methodist Women

The April meeting of the UMW scheduled for April 13, 2017 has been cancelled. We hope to see all the women of the church at our meeting scheduled for May 9th.

Thank you to all who assisted with the Methodist Home for Children last Sunday. It was a blessed event with a great speaker, as well as wonderful fellowship during our Potato and Salad Bar luncheon. We reached our \$3K donation goal!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are currently in search of individuals who are interested in teaching or subbing in when the regular Children's Sunday School teachers are away. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact Miriam Parigoris at Parigorisfamily@hotmail.com if you are interested.



Sister Acts

Sister Acts will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 7pm at the home of Elizabeth Peele. We will be communicating needs for the April Showers Mission Project in the coming weeks.

FACES - Family And Community Empowerment Services

Plans are in the works for our annual Musicfest!

Date: Friday May 5

Time: 7pm

Location: Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church 100 Judd Parkway, F-V, NC

Local musicians coming together to raise funds to support local people!

The concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

Come and enjoy hearing from a variety of ensembles!

FACES is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested in getting more involved with this local organization, please see me.

Debbie White

First UMC F-V's representative to FACES

BIRTHDAYS

4/3	Robert Shell	4/17	Fred Walters
4/4	Edward Ashworth Jr.	4/24	Diana Schnitzlein
4/4	Phyllis Dewar	4/25	Grace Englander
4/5	Whitney Woodbridge	4/25	Bob Woodruff
4/7	Brent Hair	4/26	Elise Gaines
4/9	Dickie Johnson	4/27	Jeff Munzenmaier
4/10	Metra Ashworth	4/28	Joe Ashworth
4/10	Dennis Keith	4/28	Carter Gilbert
4/10	Debbie White	4/30	Lydia Walters
4/11	Evan Setzer		
4/12	Sara Markle		
4/13	Katie Nolan		
4/14	John Cioffi		
4/14	Adrienne Root		
4/14	Sarah Weston		
4/16	John Kelly		

ANNIVERSARIES

4/2	Keith & Julia McCombs
4/24	Steve & Lisa Campbell
4/25	Eddie & Emily McFalls