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Kids with Purpose 2012 is off to an exciting, amazing start!

Kids with Purpose focuses on showing children (ages 5 – 11) ways they can make a difference in the world through missions in the name of Jesus Christ. In the first three weeks of the program, the children have made fruit cobblers for the Community Dinner held on the 14th of January, chocolate chip cookies for the upcoming University of Mary Washington Campus Christian Community (UMW CCC) table talk event, made Chex mix for College Student Care packages and cereal bags for Micah Ecumenical Ministries to hand out for breakfast. The children wove 107 God's Eyes for UMW Students Helping Honduras mission team to take to the Honduran children they will meet and work with this month. In addition, the children helped stock shelves in the

Food Pantry, made Health and School kits for UMCOR, and are creating beautiful window art for the Cold Night Shelter.

We are a very busy group, but any Wednesday evening after dinner (through March 4) your children are welcome to join us downstairs in the Preschool area (at least that's where we start!).

Registration forms are available on the Children's Directors door. Feel free to contact Carol Knott for more information.

God's Eyes And God's Love to children in Honduras

From Fredericksburg United Methodist Children



Kids with Purpose Winter 2012

MERRY MAKERS' 5th ANNUAL

Valentine's Luncheon

When: Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 12:30
Where: Kobler Hall
What: Luncheon and The Doug Gately Jazz Ensemble
Cost: \$10 check made out to FUMC
Deadline: February 7th

Our chef is Mary Jordan. Music will be led by the director of Jazz Studies at UMW. This jazz ensemble will present a survey of jazz from the early days through swing, bebop, the 50's and 60's to today's fusion, the funky side of jazz. Great Food and Great entertainment! Who could ask for anything more?

Questions? Contact Julie Tubbs at 898-0876. Send checks to Julie at 6301 W. Dranesville Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22407

NEWS FROM THE MERRY MAKERS...

Please put the Merry Makers' schedule for this coming year on your calendar. Check the Yellow Pages for details as these events occur.



- February 14th, Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon
- March 27th, Richmond's Poe Museum and Hollywood Cemetery tours
- April 24th, Ashlawn-Highland Plantation and lunch at Michie Tavern
- May 22nd, Luncheon Cruise on the "Dandy" in Old Town Alexandria



UNITED METHODIST

MEN

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

KOBLER HALL, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

All-you-can-eat buttermilk and blueberry pancakes and sausage! Donations will be gratefully accepted.

In addition to the boy scouts, cub scouts and girl scouts, there will be activities for children, making Mardi Gra masks, live music with Spike Burton and his band and Bob LaChance will be showing everyone how to dance Cajun style.

Come one, come all, and celebrate life and God's love with a fun event.

Interested in helping out? Contact Bob LaChance, rwlachance@verizon.net, or (540) 891-4342.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Every woman of the church is invited to become a member of United Methodist Women because when women come together for missions, amazing things can happen. The theme for 2012 is "Walk with Wholeness." Won't you join us to find your place in United Methodist Women? Please call Carol Kutty at 540-898-0256 or Pat Blosser at 540-373-0593 if you have questions about our supportive community of women.

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of Mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

NOTECARDS ARE AGAIN FOR SALE!

Another way for you to support missions is to purchase and use FUMC note cards. Packages of 10 note cards with envelopes, featuring a pen and ink drawing of our church by Jack Burnette, are on sale for \$5.00 each by United Methodist Women. The cards are located in a basket at the Charlotte Street entrance. Please place cash or a check in the provided envelope (also located in basket). Money from the sale of FUMC note cards is used for ____?____. If you completed the blank with the word "missions," you already have the heart of a United Methodist Woman!



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Fredericksburg District Office has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. This position would be part-time, 20 hours per week (11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday). The qualified candidate would have 5 or more years of office experience, have a high school degree or equivalent, and be proficient in Publisher, Word and Excel.

Responsibilities would include bookkeeping duties as well as clerical duties.

Interested candidates should send a resume to Larry Tubbs, Post Office Box 100, Ladysmith, VA 22501 or fredericksburgdistrict@vaumc.org.

Deadline: January 31, 2012

UMW PROGRAMS & DATES

Schedule of Meetings

- February 2: **UM Day at the General Assembly**
February 2: **Gladys Cocke Circle** will not meet (See February 4)
- February 4
11:30am **General Meeting**, Kobler Hall
Soup Lunch and Fellowship
Program: **Human Trafficking**
Leader: Janine Kutty
- February 6
7:30pm **ACTS Circle**
Kit McFarland's home
- February 9
7:30pm **Mary Ellen Stephenson Circle**
Parlor
Program: *Living Above Worry and Stress*
- February 14
7:00pm **ACTS Circle**, FUMC
- February 16 **Wesleyan Circle** will not meet (See February 4)
- February 20
7:30pm **ACTS Circle**, Kit McFarland's home
- February 23
7:00pm **Mission Team Meeting**, Library
- February 28
7:00pm **ACTS Circle**, FUMC

UNITED METHODIST



UMM OFFICERS

Bob Pickett, President • Bob LaChance, Vice President
Bud Orcutt, Treasurer • Dan Himmel, Devotional Leader

UMM meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 201. Come and be part of this opportunity to give back to our church and our community.

The next meeting of the UMM will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012. We will discuss the pancake supper. All men are invited.

STOP HUNGER NOW

FUMC is participating in our “at home” mission with **STOP HUNGER NOW!** We will package bags of grain on Sunday, February 26th, from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. for third world countries! Join us for fellowship, music and working to feed the hungry! We need to raise \$7500 in order to pay for this local mission. We hope you will prayerfully consider either donating your time, your money OR BOTH! Please sign up and donate online at https://stophungernow.secure.force.com/events/SA_EVENTS_Home?id=7017000000jnlf.

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:45 a.m. services will be held in the Sanctuary that weekend.



WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

DON'T FORGET ... the registration deadline is **January 29** for the first ever Fredericksburg District Youth Council winter retreat March 2-4 at Blackstone UM Assembly Center. The keynote speaker is Jason Stanley and we will rock in worship with the musical talents of The Eleventh Hour. We will explore the question Why? And Super Heroes. To register please complete a youth covenant of conduct form, a parental consent form, and write a check to FUMC for \$120. Cost includes food, lodging, a T-shirt, and “special stuff.”



REBUILDING TOGETHER READIES FOR SPRING

Rebuilding Together Fredericksburg is presently considering a large number of homeowner requests for much-needed repairs, restorations or essential maintenance on their properties this spring. The requests are as varied as they are numerous, and they come from individuals and families who are elderly, disabled or otherwise unable to help themselves.

FUMC's Rebuilding team, coordinated by David Brumbaugh, is preparing to survey a number of homes where work has been requested and in the coming weeks will be selecting one or more projects that church volunteers will have an opportunity to work on. Most of the work will be done in the second half of April, with the goal of having all projects completed by Saturday, April 28th.

Anyone interested in joining this community outreach effort is welcome and encouraged to join the team. Both skilled and unskilled help will be needed. Useful “talents” can range from painting, to carpentry to, plumbing to yard work. But most important is a desire to help a needy family restore their home to one that is comfortable and safe.

Watch the Open Door and the weekend Yellow Pages for more information on FUMC's plans for Rebuilding Together 2012.

For more information, contact Phil Haynes at 540-891-8849 or conradp1@verizon.net.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Wednesday, February 15th
12:30-2:30 PM
PARLOR



Prayer shawls are created with prayer, care and talent and are given to the recipients with love. The prayer shawl group will meet in the Parlor on the third Wednesday in February. Please bring your current project and a snack and join us.

The following note was received from a prayer shawl recipient:

- *Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,
What a wonderful surprise to receive the beautiful prayer shawl. The shawl is very comforting and I use it every day. Thank you for thinking of me and thank you for your ministry. — God's Blessings,*



SPECIAL DATES!

Point of contact:
Marcia Johnson,
 Visitation Coordinator
 wrayjohnsn@aol.com
 or 368-1099

(Dates are birthdays unless otherwise indicated.)

Be a blessing to the following members of our congregation who cannot join us in corporate worship with a card or a note, but especially your prayers on their birthday.

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." — Matt 5:16

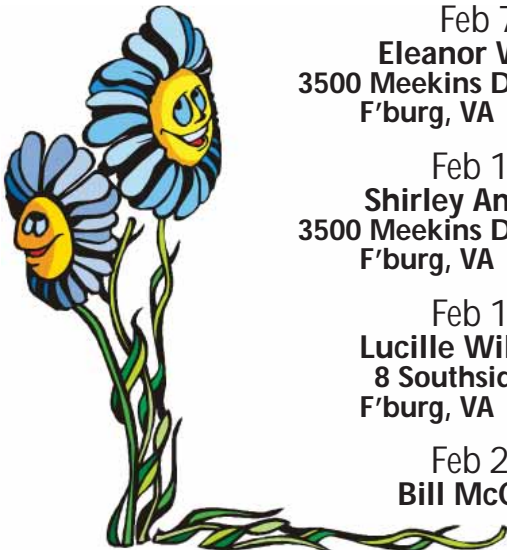
Feb 3
Angie Creswick

Feb 7
Eleanor Ward
 3500 Meekins Dr., Rm. 228
 F'burg, VA 22407

Feb 17
Shirley Amidon
 3500 Meekins Dr., Rm. 333
 F'burg, VA 22407

Feb 17
Lucille Williams
 8 Southside Dr.
 F'burg, VA 22405

Feb 21
Bill McCoy



CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

FUMC Preschool is participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education program, and we would appreciate your help! Through this program, we collect Campbell's UPC codes and beverage caps from participating products to earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise! Last year, we collected over 3,400 points.



Our goal this year is to collect 4,500 points that we can redeem for art supplies, PE equipment, books, games, and more! It's easy to help! Simply save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products and slip them under the door of the Preschool Office (located downstairs from Kobler Hall). If we are able to reach our goal by the end of April, our preschoolers will be treated to an ice-cream party in their classrooms!

Thank you for your support. Together with the Labels for Education program, we can enhance our students' preschool experience!

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2012 Flower Calendar is posted outside of the Sacristy (Room 116). Sign up to have flowers placed on the altar in honor or memory of someone special. We order from Thompson's Florist at a cost of \$50.00 for both arrangements (Thompson's bills you direct afterwards). A Flower Committee member contacts you to determine the message to be printed in the bulletin.

You may take the arrangements home or leave one or both to be used to make floral bouquets for our homebound and hospitalized. This wonderful ministry brings God's love to so many.

When signing up to donate flowers, there is the traditional sign-up calendar, forms and an envelope is provided for the flower calendar information.



ANNUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, the Fredericksburg United Methodist Women will host their 17th Annual Spiritual Growth Retreat in Kobler Hall with fellowship and light breakfast snacks beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The main program will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. led by Rev. Barbara Jacobs:

"The Gift of Sharing" • John 3:16-21.

Lunch will be prepared by Mary Jordan.

The cost is \$15.00 (registration deadline is Feb. 29). Mark your calendar and invite a friend or two. Child care will be provided upon prior request. Sign up sheets will be available in early February. In case of bad weather, we will move it to March 10th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



BIBLE STUDY ...



UMW Women's Bible Study Circle

ACTS – **Actively Caring Through Sharing ...**
“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42 This bi-monthly Bible study is divided into two small discussion groups with different meeting nights. Discussion Group I meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Kit McFarland’s home in downtown Fredericksburg from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Discussion Group II meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Room 219 at FUMC from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is a joint social once a quarter. Both groups focus on the same Bible study giving members the opportunity to choose whichever weeknight best fits their schedules. Contact Jennifer Watson at jenniferwatson22408@gmail.com or call 898-3137 for more information.



Spiritual Formation Discussions

Mondays (1st and 3rd) year-round, except major holidays, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Classroom 210

The Monday Morning Spiritual Growth Study meets each 1st and 3rd Monday throughout the year, except for major holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. Discussions led by Pastor Nancy which are centered around reading selections from *SPIRITUAL CLASSICS*, edited by Richard J. Foster and Emilie Griffin. Because each week’s reading and discussion are self-contained, you can join us any time during the year. While regular attendance is ideal, it’s not required. Child care is available with 24-hours notice. For information about ordering the book, obtaining a reading schedule and/or arranging childcare, call Ann Braz at 710-6588.

WINTER CLASS OPPORTUNITY

Sundays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Jan. 29-Mar. 25)
New Testament Simplified • Parsonage, 403 Hanover St.

This lecture class, led by Rev. Nancy Comher, includes study of the major divisions of the New Testament, the major time periods, the men who wrote the New Testament, the 25 major trips in the New Testament and much more! It will run from Sunday evening, January 29 through Sunday evening, March 25. There is no book for you to purchase, but handouts will be used so a small 3-ring binder would be necessary. Regular attendance is highly recommended. To register, email nancycomher@yahoo.com.

SWEET MONDAY

Sweet Monday, a fellowship for Christian women, will meet on Feb. 20 in the home of Anna Billingsley, 661 Lancaster St. We will welcome Sandy Ryder, a cupcake entrepreneur, whose topic will be Sweet(s) Success. She plans to bring samples! Come with a friend, neighbor or co-worker for inspiration and refreshment.

Sweet Monday is no-frills, no-obligations. And there’s never a need to RSVP. We will continue to meet the THIRD Monday of each month. If you have any questions, call (760-9766) or email (anna_billingsley@yahoo.com).

FUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

FUMC Preschool registration is available for church members, Preschool alumni families, and siblings of our current students on January 30. Registration opens to the general public on February 6. Call the Preschool Office (540-899-3172) to schedule a tour of our program and see the Preschool in action!



UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2012 • “20 Years of Faith and Justice”

Cost to register is \$30. Your registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, and transportation to and from the Assembly building. The day will feature discussion and speakers, such as Bishop Charlene Kammerer and the Rev. Jim Winkler, General Board of Church and Society. Register online at www.vaumc.org or by mail (Jennifer Kennedy, 12945 Crescent Park Drive #303, Midlothian, VA 23114).

THANK YOU from CCC



Thirteen University of Mary Washington students from the Campus Christian Community spent a portion of their winter break on a mission trip to Honduras as part of the nation-wide Students Helping Honduras program started by former UMW student Shin Fujiyama. FUMC has been a long-time supporter of this mission effort by supporting student volunteers as they join students from all over the United States in projects like Villa Soleada children's Home, building and renovating elementary schools, and other projects now underway.



The CCC Mission Team also thanks Carol Knott and the Kids With Purpose at FUMC . . . The children participating in KWP made over 100 "God's Eyes" for the CCC students to take to the children of Honduras. What an exciting opportunity to live the mission of FUMC—to FISH in our own community and abroad!

Through the support of this important campus ministry, students have an opportunity to experience mission and take an important step toward becoming a generation of Christian leaders. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause. To learn more about the Campus Christian Community, visit www.campuschristiancommunity.com or contact Fanya Morton at 371-0208 or morton_family@cox.net.



MICAH SOCK DRIVE

Having cold, wet feet day after day and no dry fresh socks to change into is one of the many debilitating results of chronic homelessness. For those who depend on foot transportation, clean socks are critical to maintaining good foot hygiene. FUMC is collecting white tube socks to be passed out at the Micah Cold Weather Shelter. Consider picking up an extra package of socks when shopping and drop them in the Micah box in Mission Control.

MICAH SLEEPING BAGS

For \$25, Micah Ministries can purchase a tent or a sleeping bag for someone who has no place to live this winter. Tents and sleeping bags provide essential warmth and refuge during the harsh cold weather months. For more than 200 people in our community, this is the only way that many can survive a winter night when the shelter is not open. Micah seeks to raise \$10,000 this year to buy enough tents and sleeping bags for our street population. Mail donations to P.O. Box 3277, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 or placed in your church offering plate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012

We are looking for energetic individuals to make VBS 2012 a reality! Every year, FUMC reaches hundreds of children as we step into the Bible to "live" the Word during our annual Market-place VBS. This year's theme takes us to ancient Babylon. This won't become a reality without directors. Consider if God is calling you to share your faith with our children in this way. You will have tons of support and help. If you have questions or would consider this opportunity, call Shannon Bolick at 834-2264. Directors may choose the date for VBS, but now is the time to schedule our program.

OPEN DOOR NEWSLETTER

New to the church? To subscribe to The Open Door Newsletter electronically, email to opendoor-request@fumcva.org and type "Subscribe" in the subject line. Or send a message to Di Thompson at thompsongroup1@verizon.net to help you with your subscription.

Subscribing to the church-wide email will also allow you to receive important church messages.

To receive the newsletter through the U.S. Mail, notify Michelle Cooper at 373-9021, x23.

Thank you for helping us to go green and use less paper!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT FUMC ...

We encourage anyone who would like to sing in one of our choirs or who plays an instrument of any kind and would like to use their talent to serve in their faithwalk to contact anyone in the Music Department. Come and make music with our choirs!

CHOIR SCHEDULE and CONTACT INFORMATION

ADULT SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsal time: Wednesday, 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., Choir Room
Bill McCoy, Organist & Choir Director
(540-220-3210 or wfmccoy@wildblue.net)

FAMILY CHOIR

Rehearsal time: Sundays, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., once per month
Contact Brian Lamb for more information
(540-373-9021, x24, or lamb.brian@verizon.net)

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH CHOIRS

Rehearsal time: Youth Choir, Sunday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Junior Choir, Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:05 p.m.
Treble Choir, Wednesday, 5:55 to 6:30 p.m.
Angel Choir, Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Brian Lamb, Director
(540-373-9021, x24, or lamb.brian@verizon.net)

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE TEAM

Rehearsal time: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Rm. 115
Contact Spike Burton (540-226-7346 or spike@tacomusic.com)

PILGRIM RINGERS BELL CHOIR

Rehearsal time: 10:45 to 11:15 a.m., Sunday
Contact Mona Lamb (540-786-1740 or mamalamb49@verizon.net)

CHAPEL RINGERS

Rehearsal time: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday
Director, Brian Lamb (540-287-9288 or lamb.brian@verizon.net)

WESLEY RINGERS

Rehearsal time: 10:45 to 11:00 a.m., Sunday
Director, Brian Lamb (540-287-9288 or lamb.brian@verizon.net)

EQUIPMENT REQUEST FORMS

Make sure you notify Angie Creswick at acreswick@fumcva.org if your Sunday School class needs to use a TV/DVD player on a Sunday morning with at least one week's notice, and information on how many weeks and a contact name and telephone number. We have 4 TV/DVD's and 8 adult Sunday School classes that meet at 9:45 a.m., So, please be patient if your group needs to share equipment sometimes.

More Music Opportunities ...

There are various choir and mission opportunities for our youth to participate in outside of our church walls. If any interest you, please feel free to contact Brian Lamb at lamb.brian@verizon.net.

Fredericksburg District Choir — This group is in the formative stages if you are interested in participating in the choir please contact the Fredericksburg District office.

Maranatha Touring Choir — Maranatha Touring Choir is an Interdenominational Christian Choir composed of young musicians from eighth grade through college from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and its surrounding communities. The purpose of the choir is to inspire people for Jesus Christ by sharing God's Word through musical presentations. This is accomplished through a strong spiritual emphasis. Each year the choir performs two programs, a musical drama and a concert program. The concert programs represent a wide variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary, and have included specially commissioned works. Visit www.maranathanotes.org for more information. Their choir season begins in January.

Maranatha Second Generation — Maranatha 2nd Generation Choir (M2G) is the second-born of three choirs of Maranatha Ministries. Comprised of 4th through 8th graders drawn from many churches in the Fredericksburg area and surrounding counties, we present anthem concerts and musical dramas at churches, public events, shelters and retirement homes and perform in a weekend spring mini-tour to another city in Virginia or a nearby state. Choir members may also wish to participate in the 2G Sharps Handbell Choir, performing introductions to most M2G concerts. M2G is open to young people who support the choir's mission, regardless of their individual beliefs, as long as they conduct themselves appropriately. The choir year runs from September to June. This choir is under the direction of Brian Lamb and it's not too late to join!

S.W.I.M. = Saturday Worshipers in Mission

Join us on the second Saturday each month for a hands-on mission experience for all ages! We are making 150 lunches for the homeless at the Micah Center on the second Saturday of the month following the 5:30 p.m. worship service. There are lots of ways to help. Bake cookies to include in the lunches, volunteer to shop (we have a list) or to deliver the sandwiches to Micah. Donate snacks for the lunch bags -- peanut butter crackers (6 pack of sandwich crackers), granola bars and apple sauce cups (individual serving sizes). Decorating the lunch bags is an especially good project for kids, scouts, etc. If you have questions or if you want to volunteer, please contact Dorothy Burton at 540-226-8363 or dorothysburton@yahoo.com. Go Fish - and take a SWIM!



Most people know hunger exists, but they perceive it as a fact instead of a face. When Congress calls for cuts in government spending, voters often ask why the government should feed hungry people in the United States. Can't churches and food banks do the job?

Food provided by all the charities in America amounts to just six percent of the food people receive from federal food programs — such as school lunches and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called food stamps).

Bread for the World is working to protect this funding from being cut. We want to ensure children and families are able to eat ... SNAP currently serves more than 44 million Americans—that's one out of seven people. Yet why does the problem of hunger in the United States seem so invisible? The best thing we can do for hungry people is to work for justice on their behalf. When we turn our faith into action, God uses our voices. Will you... join in this work? This world is full of people ... trying to put food on their tables and make a better future for their families. They are our neighbors—not just facts and numbers. And they desperately need our help.

Thank you for supporting the life-changing mission of Bread for the World. Together, let's work for a world free of hunger.

Wesley Heritage Travel Opportunity Coming Up Next May!

An exciting and educational nine-day travel opportunity is now available to FUMC members. Pastors Larry and Amy Lenow, working with Educational OpportunitiesTours, will lead a May 15-23, 2012, tour. This is a rare opportunity to explore John Wesley's ministry through visits to such places as Bristol, Bath, the Cotswolds, Stratford and Oxford as well as other locations associated with Wesley. Look for the information brochure in the rack in the Gathering Space and online at www.fumcva.org.



Food Pantry Needs

by Doug Holbrook, Outreach Coordinator

Please consider volunteering to help in the Outreach Pantry. Contact Doug Holbrook at 710-1671 if you can help with this ministry. We always need hot and cold cereals, pasta and pasta sauces, peanut butter, jelly (grape/strawberry), powdered milk, rice, soups, bread, canned fruits, canned meats and meat. Monetary donations may also be made by writing "Outreach" in the memo section of your check. Please check expiration dates. We cannot give out expired items, nor can we give out medicines.

Please consider giving additional food staples or financial assistance during this time of need to this important ministry in our church.



*Meals on Wheels
is in need of
drivers!*

*Do you have some spare time
in your week to serve in this
important ministry?*

*Please contact
Mel Wright
at 371-1517 or
fredped@cox.net
if you can volunteer
to become a driver.*

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS offer yummy meals at an affordable price with lots of current and new friends in attendance. Grocery shopping and food preparation depend on guest reservations, so be sure to sign up by **MONDAY** of each week on the bulletin board outside of the church workroom or by contacting Lisa Earnesty at earnesty@verizon.net.

If you would like to have your name placed on the standing list of weekly diners, please contact Lisa Earnesty. No previous lists will be honored. This assumes that you plan to attend each week unless you call the church of-fice by Monday.

All offers of help with set-up and clean-up will be gratefully accepted!

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Lasagna • Garlic Bread • Caesar Salad
Fruit • Dessert

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Stuffed Pork Chops • Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Beans • Salad • Fruit • Dessert

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Meatloaf • Baked Potato • Cheesy Broccoli
Casserole • Salad • Fruit • Dessert



FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Orange Chicken • Sweet and Sour Pork • Won Ton Soup
Egg Rolls • Salad • Fruit • No dessert for Lent

FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Tomato Basil Soup • Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Corn Chowder • Salad • Fruit Salad • No dessert for Lent

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

*No reservation - \$1 extra per person!
Tickets will be sold for take-out meals.*

Cost: \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children age 3-10, 3 and under are free, \$20.00 maximum for families (2 adults plus children ages 12 and under)

SO MANY WAYS TO SERVE OUR UMW STUDENTS...

We are excited to reach out to University of Mary Washington students and we NEED YOUR HELP! There are many ways to serve in this dynamic ministry:

1. Become a church van driver to provide transportation so that students may worship with us (5:30 p.m Saturday OR 9:45 a.m. Sunday services) — you could commit to drive just one or two times per month on a rotating basis.
2. Sponsor a UMW student for the year—become their family while there are away from their own.
3. Support the Campus Christian Community on campus; their primary mission is to nurture the faith development of students through worship, study, fellowship and service.

For more information about any of these opportunities to serve and be blessed, contact Fayna Morton at 371-0208 or morton_family@cox.net.

DRIVERS NEEDED to provide transportation for UMW Students to attend 9:45 Service, 1st and 3rd Sundays and to Open Door service every Saturday using the FUMC Van or small bus.

If you are interested, you will need to complete some paperwork so that you can be an "approved driver". If you can help in this effort please call Fanya Morton, 371-0208 or email morton_family@cox.net OR drop this off at the information desk following service.

YES! I can commit to driving the FUMC Van or Bus. Please call me to discuss needs and availability.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Civil War Program Coming to FUMC!

SAVE THE DATE: On *Saturday, March 24, 2012*, a Civil War Sesquicentennial program featuring a period performance will be presented from 2 to 3 p.m. at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. The program is part of a day-long Civil War Sesquicentennial series and commemorates the history of The Methodist Episcopal Church and nearby St. Mary Catholic Church during the bombardment and aftermath of The Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information about the event, contact Becky Guy, 540-479-3448, or Margaret Mock, 540-371-3740.



Fredericksburg District Office

Mail and contact information for the District Office:

Mailing Address:

Fredericksburg District Office
Post Office Box 100 • Ladysmith, VA 22501

Physical Address (in Wright's Chapel UMC):

8063 Ladysmith Road • Ladysmith, VA 22501

DIRECTIONS:

Wright's Chapel is located on Rt. 639, between Rt. 1 and I-95. Take I-95 to the Ladysmith Exit (#110) onto Rt. 639 West. Go about ½ mile. The church is on the right. The District Office will use the doors closest to the road.

Phone: TBA

Email:

Ted Smith: fredburgds@gmail.com
Lynn Manley: fredericksburgdistrict@vaumc.org

HELP NEEDED AT 9:45 SERVICE...

COMMUNION SERVERS

The 9:45 congregation needs additional Communion Servers. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry opportunity, please contact Carole DuBois (phone 540-361-1589 or CMTduBois@hotmail.com).

ALTAR ASSISTANCE

The 9:45 congregation needs individuals to set-up and take down the altar and take the Communion elements to the sacristy. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry opportunity, please contact one of the pastors.

MISSION TRIP

Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA is teaming up with Northridge UMC, Northridge, CA, on a mission trip to Costa Rica scheduled for February 18-26, 2012 (www.costaricamission-projects.com).

This is a construction team traveling for the purpose of constructing a Parsonage in La Bonita de Changüena. A church and Sunday school building have already been built on the site.

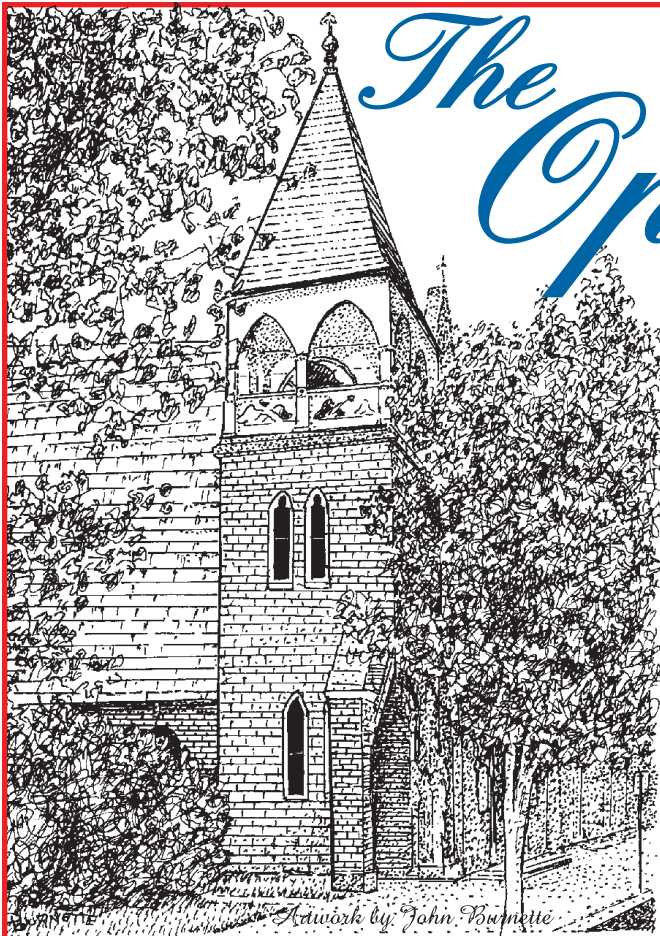


The estimated cost of the trip at this time is \$1,600.00 to \$1,800.00 per person. If you are interested in this mission trip, or would like more information, please contact Gary Gross at (540) 786-8060 or garlind68@comcast.net.



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