

Spring 2018 Newsletter

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

RUNNING CLUB



Children and Youth are invited to join our next Wednesday night program, beginning on April 11th. We will be meeting for four consecutive weeks in preparation for the Great Train Race, held on May 6th! We will engage in a short devotional, some stretching and prayer, followed by running and games (length and speed depends on age and ability level). We are in need of adult volunteers to run with the kids and to help cheer! To register, please contact Jillian Murray. Our verse this year is: **"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."** Philippians 3:14

Visit: www.gtrfredericksburg.com for more information on the Great Train Race.

Don't want to run or don't have a child in the race?? That's ok! Consider being an FUMC **Cheer Sponsor!** We are seeking energetic and loud adults to come to the corner of Caroline and Charlotte Streets to cheer on the kids. Pick a time that works for you and sign up today!

KIDS WITH PURPOSE

Kids With Purpose is officially over and was a big success. We had about 35 kids in attendance each week, plus 14 adult volunteers. Each week, the kids learned a different Bible verse and listened to a devotion, and then engaged in hands-on service projects. Some of these included: making cobbles for the Community Dinner, sending care packages to FUMC college students, planting flowers for shut-ins, and making car kits for the Fairy Godmother Project. This is a very fun and meaningful program. Huge thanks to our coordinator, Rachel Burner, who organized and planned each week's projects. Consider getting involved next year if you haven't done so already!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 25 - 29th - Vacation Bible School is around the corner!

This year, we are sticking with our Marketplace format and will be exploring Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. This program is offered to kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. It is a fun, lively and educational week where the kids truly immerse themselves into the culture of the Biblical times. It requires a small army of volunteers to make VBS come to fruition. Right now our immediate needs are in set design, and Marketplace helpers. The curriculum is all given to you, but



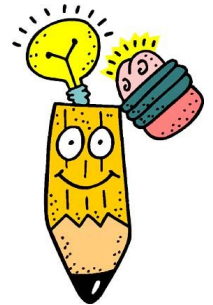
make it your own if you want! We also need adult volunteers to assist in each grade level. This is a great way to get the full VBS experience, as you will be walking through the day's events with the kids. We will be opening VBS registration soon, but contact Jillian Murray at jillianmurray@fumcva.org or Rachel Burner at burnerrachel@yahoo.com for more information or if you have any questions.

ROTATION STATION

Children in grades 2 - 5 get the opportunity to live the stories of the Bible through hands on activities in what we call Rotation Station. We focus on one story or Biblical concept for five weeks. During that time, the children explore different aspects of the story each week as they participate in music, storytelling, science, media, games, art, and cooking. Teachers for the last unit on Daniel are still needed. Materials and curriculum are provided. Workshop leaders plan one lesson and teach it four times to different children. Shepherds commit to five weeks and serve as a helper for the teachers and a friend to the children. The units remaining this school year are:

- "Easter: Peter's Story" - April 8th - April 29
- "Daniel in the Lion's Den" - May 13th - June 10th

We will have a special trivia day on June 17th! Get into the spirit of competition and see how much you can remember from our lessons!



FRIENDLY REMINDER

Children under the age of 12 are not permitted to walk freely through the church without a parent or approved guardian. We do everything we can to maintain the safety and security of the kids, but we need your help! Please walk your child to their Sunday School class or the nursery and make sure that their teacher is present and ready. Inform the teacher or nursery worker if a different person will be picking up. We can add that person to the list of approved caregivers list.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Do you love to sing? Do you want to praise God with music while having fun with your friends and learning about music? Join the FUMC Children's Choirs. Children in elementary school meet from 5:45 - 6:30 on Wednesday evenings in the music room (#117) with director Jennifer Leja. They sing at various services throughout the year. Newcomers are welcome! We also offer an Angel Choir for preschool children. They meet in the preschool music room (adjacent to the nursery) on Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:15. They meet with director Jillian Murray. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

