



# OPEN DOOR

A FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE

## WORSHIP

Saturdays  
5:00 PM

Sundays  
8:30 AM  
9:45 AM  
11:00 AM

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children & Youth  
Sundays 9:45 AM

Adults  
9:45 AM  
11:00 AM

## CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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## Welcome to the Open Door

Fredericksburg UMC

**Making the Church Vision – Our Vision**

**Seek** others in our community, **Serve** their needs

**Grow** the love of Christ, **Connect** with each other

Easter is one of my favorite times of year. Spring is in the air. Temperatures are rising, flowers and trees are budding, and baseball returns all around the same time.

Easter comes around with awful regularity- once a year. The danger for us when it comes to this high holy day for the church is that we just go through the motions. I mean we have all heard the story, often many times. He is risen. He is risen indeed. The message of Easter has become so common we run the risk of minimizing its impact on us, on history and on the world.

There are many great theological truths that could be expounded upon at Easter. But one simple truth is that because Jesus lives He walks with us and talks with us along life's narrow ways. Because He lives, His presence is with us always. In the good and bad times, in the ups and downs in life, in every situation, He is there. He is not in the grave but through the power of the Holy Spirit is by our side.

And, this makes all the difference. Right before he died, John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, said to those around his bedside, "Best of all, God is with us." It is the resurrection of Jesus that allowed Wesley to make such a proclamation.

Are you facing hard times in your life? Easter says He is with you. Are you struggling with an issue or a person in your life? Easter says He is with you. Are you faced with an impossible task? Easter says He is with you. Is your church experiencing transition and uncertainty? Easter says He is there.

We don't need to make Easter more complicated than it needs to be. Easter tells us, "Best of all, God is with us!"

Easter blessings,  
Pastor Robb Almy  
Associate Pastor



You are invited to a three week informal class to discover answers about our denomination and our church.

**FUMC 101 is for those new to FUMC or considering membership.**

Attendance at the class does not commit you to membership. Register online at [www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org) or use the tear off sheet to sign up.

Questions? Call FUMC at 540- 373-9021 (ext. 105) or Denise Gates at [dgparishnurse@hotmail.com](mailto:dgparishnurse@hotmail.com)

Classes meet April 25, May 2, and May 9 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 207.

Childcare is available upon request.



Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud is the incoming Senior Pastor of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

Gina is the mother of three; Trae (18), Danielle (14) and Kayana (12) and married to Rev. Bert Cloud. She is an ordained elder who came to the ministry as her second career in life. A spirited preacher, teacher and visionary leader, Gina has a passion for connecting people to a life-giving relationship in Jesus Christ and to his Church.

In ministry, Gina has served as pastor of small, mid-size and large congregations, including starting a new congregation as a church planter. She's known for work in church revitalization, outreach and growth. She has an entrepreneurial, creative and visionary way of engaging the church, which makes fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Currently, Gina serves on the Virginia Conference Committee on Episcopacy, the VA Conference Mid-Size Church Workgroup, the York River District Committee on Superintendency, as a mentor for local pastors and provisional ordination candidates, and is the chairperson for the York River District Board of Ordained Ministry. Previously, she's served on the Conference Common Table, chairperson of The Children's Initiative Committee, as district clergy president, and on various boards and agencies that serve in mission.

Visit the church website at [www.fumcva.org/new-pastor-information](http://www.fumcva.org/new-pastor-information) to read more and watch a video from Pastor Gina.

We look forward to welcoming her in July.



## Upcoming Sermon Series

Primarily based on Scripture and guided by the book by Dr. Henry Cloud, the sermon series "What you simply must do to succeed in love and life" is an opportunity for Pastor Larry and Pastor Robb to share insights on what we've learned after a combined 50 plus years in ministry. What experiences and observations can we share to help each other as we try to work out the most important issues of life involving our relationships, career, fulfillment and meaning. If we sincerely want to "get life right" and quit repeating the same mistakes over and over again, What You Simply Must Do can provide the practical guidance we need to discover God's purpose and live life to its fullest . . . every moment.

April 8—Dig It Up: Searching for Buried Treasure

April 15—Pull the Tooth

April 22—Play the Movie

April 29—Do Something

May 6—Act Like an Ant

May 13—Hate Well

May 20—Don't Play Fair

May 27—Be Humble

June 3—Upset the Right People

June 10— In Conclusion: Do Not Worry

## Bishop's Convocation on Race and Reconciliation Saturday, April 14, 2018



Join Bishop Lewis and the Virginia Conference on our journey of being lifelong, learning disciples who will be able to conduct the difficult conversations we all need to have related to issues of racial division, justice, and God's call to ministries of reconciliation and peace.



Register on the Conference calendar:  
<http://www.vaumc.org> (\$10.00 including lunch)



# SERVE

We are called as Disciples of Jesus Christ to love God, love others, and serve the world. We are called to serve and witness to God's love "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Heritage Park Food Boxes We purchased bags of potatoes, sweet potatoes and oranges from local markets. Our food pantry provided non-perishable items as well as bacon, chicken and sausage. Mike, Jennifer Pritchett and Beth Como, who are involved with the Saturday evening service, delivered five boxes to Heritage Park. Jennifer Pritchett and Beth Como will be assuming responsibility for future food delivery. Mike Cotter has applied for a tax exempt certificate to use when purchasing food. Prior to this the SERVE committee was providing financial support to St. Mary's Share, but we have found that for the same money we can buy more food, for more families each month! Thank you to Mike Cotter for leading this effort

Our April 25, the Wednesday Night Dinner will be prepared by the Community Dinner volunteers and will consist of the same menu as served on our Saturday nights and raise awareness of the dinners that are hosted by our church each month.

The Refugee Resettlement collection is being well-supported by the church members. This includes items needed by a family moving into housing. Items should be in good or nearly new condition. Thank you for your support.

Welcome and thank you to Judy Stedman, who is the our new church representative to Micah.



Together in partnership  
with the community,  
Rebuilding Together

repairs homes for low income residents, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, to make their homes, warm, safe and dry. We will repair a home in Bragg Hill for a disabled veteran on April 21. If you can help, please contact Charlie Vernon at [thevernons1@verizon.net](mailto:thevernons1@verizon.net) or (540) 373-9475.

Anyone can volunteer! We need people with many talents and abilities. From business executives to bus drivers, *you* can help us in our mission to rebuild the community!

# SPOTLIGHT



## Love Thy Neighbor

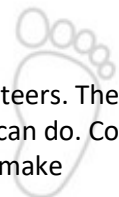
FUMC serves more than 200 meals at our monthly Community Dinners every month. The folks who walk into our dining room have become more than just acquaintances, but friends. These friends are seeking not only shelter from the elements and a hot meal, but companionship.



Many of our guests have found Christ and are part of our congregational worship services because of the love they felt at the Community Dinners. If you have a desire to "love thy neighbor", join us every 2nd Saturday of the month. Come join in as a server or just sit with our guests and enjoy a conversation or two.



All are welcome! We need ongoing volunteers. There are many different activities that volunteers can do. Contact Libby Wasem, 735-5555, to volunteer or make contributions of food.



# MISSION KIDS

*Kids With Purpose was a success!*



For ten weeks during January through March, about 40 kids participated in various service projects and learned about spreading God's love through helping others.

We made blankets, planted flowers for shut-ins, packaged Micah lunches, visited the FUMC food pantry, and much more!

Huge thanks to all of the adult volunteers, especially the Kids With Purpose coordinator, Rachel Burner!

# MISSION YOUTH

## Summer Missions:

We have three Youth mission trips planned for this summer. **Jeremiah Project** (6-8th grades); **Fred Camp** and **Carolina Cross Connection** (9th-[12th grades).

We would like to highlight a different mission trip each month, starting with FredCamp in April.

FredCamp began 20 years ago as a Christian youth workcamp repairing and renovating homes in the greater Fredericksburg area one week in July each year. Youth, aged 14 to 18, are eligible to attend. A crew of 5 youth and one adult go out to a home for a week to work on projects such as painting, floor replacement, wall repair, door repair, gutter replacement, outside painting, ramp building, and much more. Neither the youth nor the adults need to have experience because each site has a handy man to facilitate the work. In the evenings, there is a program with singing, Bible study, games, prayer, and testimonies. Since 1999, FredCamp has worked on 8-10 houses which translates to about 180 houses where FredCamp youth have touched the lives of needy folks in this area.

However, FredCamp is not about the houses! It is about the kids – about their faith journey and their relationship with God. The houses are a means by which the youth learn lifetime lessons. Each year we have 40-50 youth attend, and it is impossible to say how many that has been over the 20 years because many come back for 4 years before they graduate from high school. One former FredCamper's child will be attending FredCamp this year as a brand-new camper! FUMC will send 13 more youth to FredCamp this July.

Wherever they are, they have taken a little bit of their FredCamp lessons with them into their lives, and, we hope, they are serving God still.

Want to know more and how you can become involved?

Check out our website: **[fredcamp.org](http://fredcamp.org)** OR **Attend the April 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday night dinner which will be sponsored by FredCamp.** Join us for our favorite FredCamp dinner, talk to some FredCampers, see videos, look at ways to help at FredCamp, and donate to us.

# MISSION ADULTS

## **The church has left the building!**

Members of the Altar Guild planned, purchased and delivered Easter Baskets to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter.

The Shelter currently has 30 children, 6 Preschoolers, 20 K-5 and 4 High Schoolers. 26 Easter Baskets and 4 Gift Bags were delivered to them.

To each premade basket that we purchased at Costco we added a chocolate cross and a \$10 Walmart gift card. We also gave them Easter books for the preschoolers and elementary children. The gift bags for the high schoolers included a chocolate Easter egg, chocolate cross and \$50 Walmart gift card. In addition we purchased 16 boxes of juice drinks and some bath towels that were on their needs list. They were very appreciative of the baskets and gift bags, especially since a group that was supposed to show up last Sunday and do an Easter Egg Hunt for the children failed to show up.



**MEDICAL PERSONNEL, EMTs, FIREFIGHTERS,  
FIRST RESPONDERS, TRAINED FIRST AID  
PROVIDERS, etc.**

**We need you!**

We are preparing a list of individuals who are trained to provide assistance in a medical or situational emergency.

Contact Kittie Mann (kittimann5@gmail.com) and provide her with your name; contact information.

# MISSION CHURCH

## *Faithful Aging Conference*



*always a place at the table*

Williamsburg United Methodist Church • April 24, 2018

## **Stay Connected Through Church & Volunteer Opportunities**

- Supporting Our Caregivers
- Things Everyone Needs to Know When Visiting Those Who are Homebound, Sick, or Dying
- Building a Dementia-Friendly Church
- Helping Older Adults Through the Many Faces of Loss and Grief
- Spirituality and Aging
- Understanding & Navigating Senior Services

For more info, contact John Mann ([slowjet@outlook.com](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com)) or register online at [www.lynchburg.edu/beard](http://www.lynchburg.edu/beard)



COMING  
SOON!

## Attention Youth!

April 13-14 6:00pm—11:00 am.

Romans Vs. Christians!  
Music and Games!  
Pizza & Snacks! Movies &  
More...

Saturday Morning: Breakfast  
and Service Projects @ Church!



Contact Amy Dotto for info and to RSVP

SAVE THE DATE!  
VBS at FUMC!



June 25 - 29

For more information and volunteer opportunities, please  
visit: [www.fumcva.org/ministries/children](http://www.fumcva.org/ministries/children) or contact  
Jillian Murray at: [jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org)

### Schedule for the Sunday Coffee Hour for April

Sunday, April 1, 2018, (Easter Sunday) no Coffee Hour.

Sunday, April 8, 2018, The Wayfarers Class

Sunday, April 15, 2018, The Wesley Forum Class

Sunday, April 22, 2018, open at this time

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 5th Sunday, no Coffee Hour.2

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER MENUS

April 4, 2018:	Beef Stew, Biscuits, Salad Bar, Fruit and Dessert
April 11, 2018:	FredCamp sponsored dinner: Zion Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad and Desserts (reservations please, donations only)
April 18, 2018:	Baked Potato Bar, Salads, Fruit and Desserts
April 25, 2018:	Community Dinner/SERVE team sponsored dinner: Meatloaf and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, and Birthday Dessert

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm in Kobler Hall

Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 3-12, under 3 is free—Families \$ 25.00

Tickets are sold at the door for take-out meals.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday of each week. You may sign up on the bulletin board outside the church workroom, visit [www.fumcva.org /connect](http://www.fumcva.org/connect), email Carol Knott at [carolknott@fumcva.org](mailto:carolknott@fumcva.org), or call the church office (540) 373-9021, x 105 to make, change or cancel a reservation.



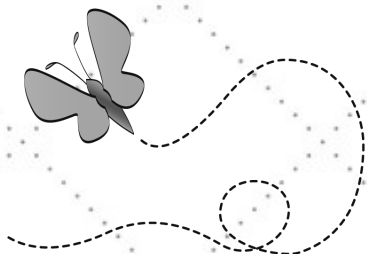


For more information about our program and, or to schedule a tour, please contact our Preschool Director, Becky Patrick, by email at [preschool@fumcva.org](mailto:preschool@fumcva.org) or by phone on the direct preschool number: 540-899-3172.

Fredericksburg UMC Preschool will be closed during the first week of April as we celebrate Easter and Spring Break! The preschool students and staff are excited about the spring weather starting to appear and warming up our outdoor play time on the playground!

In many of our classes this month, we will be planting various seeds and observing the growth of plants.

Caterpillars are coming to our classrooms too, and we will watch metamorphosis in action as the caterpillars build chrysalises and change into beautiful butterflies. We enjoy releasing our new butterflies on the Methodist Green!



Also in April, our 3s and 4s will participate in International Day! The students have their "passports" ready to take a tour around the world as they visit other classrooms and learn about a variety of countries. We'll have lessons, crafts, songs, and food tastings!

Our chapel story this month is the story of baby Moses. We'll learn that everyone's family dynamics are different, but everyone who places their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior is adopted into God's family!

Thank you for your support of our wonderful preschool!

## ROTATION STATION

"Easter – Peter's Story", April 8-April 29.

Our upcoming lesson in Rotation Sunday School will be: Easter - Peter's story. It will begin on April 8th. The rotation leaders are: Carrie Bertauski (music), Jillian Murray (art), Lori Govar (storytelling) and Pam Craft (games). We still need a shepherd for the 4th grade class. It's a fun and easy way to spend a Sunday morning while learning right along with the children!

Our last rotation will focus on the story of Daniel. Several volunteer spots are available. Please prayerfully consider if you'd like to be a part of our amazing Rotation Sunday School before our summer hiatus.

## Running Club for Children and Youth

*"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:14*

Running Club will be meeting every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30 beginning April 11th. We are looking for eager and energetic kids of all ages. We will prepare our hearts and bodies with some devotional material and stretching, then hit the streets to train for the Great Train Race held on May 6th.

Don't want to run?? Consider being a Cheer Sponsor! We need encouraging and LOUD cheerers for our FUMC kiddos during the Great Train Race. Pick a time and walk down to our cheer corner on Caroline Street! Please email **Jillian Murray** at [jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org) or **Lori Govar** at [lgovar@gmail.com](mailto:lgovar@gmail.com) for more information and registration info.





# YOUTH

## A Journey

19 Middle School Students, 6 Lead/Lead Legacy students and 5 adult chaperones piled into the church vehicles and another minivan to start their 'journey' to Journey! These 30 individuals represented FUMC all weekend working hard to serve others, worshipping hard, and playing even harder (some even have the battle scars to prove their dedication!) The weekend's theme was "MOVE," we learned about God moving to us, how to move to connect with God, and connection with others. Below are some things the students would like you to know about Journey. If you would like to find out more about this amazing experience, please contact Amy at [amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org) or ask any of our middle school participants! We had an AMAZING mountaintop experience and can't wait to share with everyone what we've experienced/learned.

- "Journey really helped me connect with my peers and connect with the lord." Clara
- "You should go to Journey because you meet new people, make new friendships, and just get closer to God." Carmen
- "Journey is AWESOME! You get to have a lot of fun and really connect with your peers and the Lord. The worship really makes you feel comfortable and it is an amazing feeling." Paige
- "One thing I learned at Journey is how to bring your 'Jesus High' down from off the mountain top experience and spread love around your community." Will
- "Journey is a great weekend to grow closer to Jesus. It's also a great weekend to grow closer to your friends and make new ones." Adam
- "Journey is one of the most amazing weekend retreats middle schoolers can go on. The loving people amazing views, delicious food and fun activities make it so enjoyable." Norah
- "I love how everyone makes new friends at Journey and also gets closer to your old friends. I also love how you grow closer to God."
- "Journey was such an amazing experience for me. The amazing views, great worshipping times. It all brought me a lot closer to my friends and God. This was my first and last year and I definitely regret not going the past two years." Adam
- "The best part of Journey was the amount of worship time. I didn't make any new friends but I felt closer to my fellow youth and God." Caroline
- "The best part of Journey was having a lot of free time, being closer to other people, and worship." Sadie
- "The best part of Journey was growing closer to the other kids at your church." Shannon
- "You should go to Journey because you feel free and you have a lot more freedom. The best part is the free time because you have so much fun and many choices." Laura



We are women united in mission with women, children, and youth here and around the world. Our four circles offer various meeting time opportunities: Thursday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening, and Thursday evening. For more information, contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or [janinekutty@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekutty@yahoo.com). April schedule:

- April 5 , 10:00 a.m., Gladys Cocke Circle, Downstairs Fellowship Hall, Program: Speaker from Mary's Shelter
- April 12 , 7:00 p.m. , Mary Ellen Stephenson Circle , Parlor, Program: Call to Prayer, Jayne Manger
- April 14 , 9:30 a.m. , District UMW Mission Event, Warsaw UMC, Topic: UMC Missionary Conferences, Speaker: Lisa Nichols of Henry Fork Center
- April 20-22 , Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, Speaker: Rev. Teresa Smith
- April 21 , 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. , Spiritual Growth Retreat, Kobler Hall, Theme: "Owning Our Story: From the Garden to the Kingdom" , Leader: Meghann Cotter. Cost per person: \$15 (includes catered lunch); Register with Jean Himmel ([dhimmel1@cox.net](mailto:dhimmel1@cox.net)) by April 18, indicate need for childcare and special dietary requests. Hands-on mission project after lunch.



The FUMC United Methodist Men hold their monthly Breakfast Meetings on the second Saturday of each month.

The FUMC United Methodist Men will be sponsoring two scholarships for our youth to attend Summer Camp at Westview on the James this Summer. Information and applications are available through the Youth Ministries at FUMC.

The UMM will be leading the charge to deliver 40 Flood Buckets for UMCOR at Conference this June. The UMM will purchase all the contents for the buckets and will assemble the buckets during our June meeting. Buckets will cost an estimated \$40.00 / bucket. The UMM will be holding a fund drive during the Coffee Hour in the Gathering Space to raise funds to pay for the buckets and their contents.

The FUMC-UMM has joined with Tim White of Stafford Food Security and three other churches to provide food backpacks for families of students at Walker Grant and Lafayette Schools in Fredericksburg. The UMM will be raising funds to keep this important mission going for the under privileged families of school children in our community.

The next UMM meeting will be April 14th, in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served at 08:00. Following the breakfast there will be a devotional on Men of the Bible, this month's topic will be 'Samson'. Come and join your Brothers in Christ for good food and Fellowship.

## Better Health

The vision of the Better Health Task Force is to create a caring community of vitality, health, and wholeness. As Spiritual beings, our physical health affects our spiritual health and vice versa. Paul has termed our bodies as temples of the living God. We are therefore stewards, custodians, and managers of God's property; ourselves, our bodies, minds and spirits.

Contact Mary McGhee Pasternak at [betterheath@fumcva.org](mailto:betterheath@fumcva.org) for information or to become involved.

Better Health brings you:

EIGHT IS ENOUGH

"Eight is Enough" – A Way to Connect With Others in the Church



Fredericksburg United Methodist Church worship attendance averages hundreds of people every Sunday. With four different services, it is very difficult to get to meet everyone. Eight is Enough is a small group created for getting to know others in the church through food and fellowship. Once a month each group of eight people will go to a local restaurant of their choice for dinner or lunch. It's a fun and informal way to meet others and try out new places to eat!! (Have you tried the community café?) After 3 months, the groups are re-mixed for another round of fun ~ food ~ fellowship! Get out of your comfort zone meet some new FUMC members and enjoy!! And wait until you hear about In His Service?!?! Curious? Stay tuned! To sign up, email [Betterhealth@fumcva.org](mailto:Betterhealth@fumcva.org).

### Average Attendance - March

	March
Saturday 5:00 PM—	23
Sunday 8:30 AM—	159
Sunday 9:45 AM—	191
<u>Sunday 11:00 AM—</u>	<u>204</u>
Total	577

## CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

**Calling All Volunteers! We want to thank you!!**

**Gratitude Grill Food Truck**

**April 12 from 5:00—6:30 pm**



**Volunteers—come have a meal on us as our way of saying thank you!**

If you haven't tried Cabot Cheese Macaroni and Cheese, you have got to try it!

### MISSION CONTROL NEEDS

**MICAH NEEDS:** As we move to spring, our guests are looking toward more opportunities for work. We are in need of men's jeans, size 32 through 42. They can be gently used or new. While cleaning out your closets, we also have need for t-shirts (men and women), lightweight hoodies, sweaters and sweatpants.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Monetary donations may be made, please indicate "Food Pantry" on your check.

**Lions Club:** glasses, cases, hearing aids.

# ADULTS

The **Christianity and Current Events Round Table**, designed to help members relate our faith to daily living, selects a current topic in the news and seeks to answer: "What is 'the', or sometimes 'a' Christian resolution to this issue? Church Parlor on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

The **Adventurers Class** - Room 201 on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

**The Faith and Fellowship Class** The Faith and Fellowship Class is currently conducting a Bible Study of the books Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther. Visitors are always welcome in room 202 at 9:45 am each Sunday.

**Christian Life Class** Is finishing up the Final Words study by Adam Hamilton. Stop by anytime in Room 210 at 9:45 AM.

The **Wayfarers Sunday School Class** will study Paul's letter to the Philippians. Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

The **Girlfriends Sunday School Class** This class is a supportive group of women of any age who come together each Sunday, September through May, to share about our lives, pray for each other, and study. We meet periodically during the summer months and also do service work together. We alternate between inspirational material and biblical studies. We welcome honest thoughts and questions and welcome visitors to our group. The class meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in room 208. For more information contact Rona Costello, [540-373-1296](tel:540-373-1296).

The **Wesley Forum Sunday School** the book "Revival – Faith as Wesley Lived It" by Adam Hamilton. Room 209 on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

The **Contemporaries Sunday School Group** Room 210 on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

# SMALL GROUPS

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## Monday Morning Bible Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will not meet on April 2 (Easter Monday) but will meet on April 16. We will conclude our study of *God's Living Word* as we discuss "The Best Book Ever" (Chapter 12). Everyone is welcome. Each session is self-contained. For more information, contact Charlotte Edge at 540-371-1967 or [candhedge@msn.com](mailto:candhedge@msn.com). Note: On May 7 we will begin our study of *Magnificent Grace* by Margaret Feinberg (ISBN 978-1-4185-4931-2), available from Amazon or through Lifeway stores.

## SINKS and DINKS

SINKs and DINKs are shorthand for Single Income No Kids, and Double Income No Kids. SINKs and DINKs have a different life experience than do people with children. Most adults bond over their children and their children's activities. In fact, when most adults meet, after questions about career, the next question is about finding commonalities about children. Having this different life experience sometimes makes it hard to find each other. So, let us know who you are! Drop us a line at [BetterHealth@FUMCVA.org](mailto:BetterHealth@FUMCVA.org).

## MERRYMAKERS

Welcome spring with a trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical gardens on April 24. The tour "From Bicycle Club to Botanical Garden " will be followed by a Virginian lunch, aka ham biscuit etc.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9 o'clock and return about 3:00. the total cost is \$30. Send your check made out to FUMC with Merry-makers on the memo line, to Ronda Worcester, 701 cobblestone Boulevard, unit 102 Fredericksburg 22401. The deadline is April 20.





## Upcoming Connect Events

Emmaus Women's Walk: April 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Connect: April 29<sup>th</sup>

## Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Leader, David Bertauski, is planning on providing short informational notices each week in April about Stephen Ministry, to recruit new Stephen Ministers for Fall 2018 training. After each of the services on April 22th, Stephen Ministers will meet with members interested in attending the training in Room 102.

## Easter Breakfast

Kitti Mann and Amy Dotto are connecting two groups together for an intergenerational fund-raising breakfast for the youth. The Wayfarers Micah Breakfast group will cook the food served each month for Micah Ministries and the Youth will collect donations, serve the guests, and help with cleanup.



A Men's Walk was held March 22-25, 2018. Ed Fichtel and Chuck Stout were Pilgrims. Team members from Fredericksburg UMC were John Blosser, Steve Douglas, Bob Pickett, and Bob Silksen.

· A Women's Walk is scheduled for April 19-22, 2018. Karen Fichtel, Denise Gates, and Margaret Mock are registered as Pilgrims. Kitti Mann, Fanya Morton, Chris Silksen, and Lynda Swanlund are on the Team.

· Face to Face (Emmaus for older adults).

o Face to Face is an adaptation of The Walk to Emmaus that is specifically crafted to meet the needs and life-stages of older adults (60+).

o The Upper Room Program Manager for Face to Face is coming to Fredericksburg UMC on Friday, April 6th, to provide training on Face to Face to any interested members of or local and surrounding Emmaus Communities. We are currently anticipating 30 participants; although, the final number won't be known until April 2nd.

o The first Face to Face Encounter is scheduled for August 14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd. It will be held at Fredericksburg UMC.

# COMMITTEE NEWS

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**Homework Helpers is in need of substitutes for our Tuesday and Wednesday tutoring sessions at Hugh Mercer Elementary School.**

The sessions are from 3:30-4:30 and will be held through May. You do not need teaching experience and will be working with other tutors. For more information, contact Sandy Howson at 540-845-3894. Please consider this ministry to children. It can bring you joy.

## **Wednesday Night Dinners News**

The Wednesday Night Dinners are going strong with groups taking advantage of an opportunity to host a dinner as a fund raiser. A variety of programs and ministries have signed up to host the dinners.

## **Spiritual Gifts Class Coming in the FALL**

## **Micah**

Thanks you to everyone who supported Micah this winter with your prayers, financial donations, mission control donations and hands on help with the Cold Weather Shelter and Shelter bus driving. We can't do it without our volunteers.

## **The Virginia Conference Historical Society**

**Invites you to join us for  
"Religious Liberty In the  
Historical Advance of Virginia Methodism"  
The 2018 Annual Meeting  
Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society  
United Methodist Church  
In  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
July 17 – 20, 2018  
At the  
Williamsburg United Methodist Church**

The theme "'Religious Liberty In the Historical Advance of Virginia Methodism" will emphasis the Colonial Era, the Old Brunswick Church, the Chesapeake and other regions. There will also be a celebration of the particular emphasis on the Central Jurisdiction and the Evangelical United Brethren. Special speakers will address each of these aspects of our Wesleyan Heritage in Virginia. The four-day event will include tours of Colonial Williamsburg and the Jamestown Settlement with historical interpreters along the way. There will be special music – including a concert performance the evening of the Uniting Conference celebration banquets and plenty of fellowship with folks from throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Lodging: One block of rooms has been reserved at the Fairfield Inn, conveniently located near Williamsburg UMC, for the SEJ Historical Society members. In order to get the special group rate, when registering mention that you are with the "SEJ Historical Society". The rooms are being held for the SEJ until June 17 2018.

FAIRFIELD INN, 1402 Richmond Road  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
[www.fairfieldinnsuiteswilliamsurg.com](http://www.fairfieldinnsuiteswilliamsurg.com)  
757-645-3600 or 888-236-242

85.00 registration fee includes tours and evening meals; accommodation costs not included. Online registration begins in January. <https://vaumc.org/historicalsociety>



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** Family and friends of Virginia Smith; Kathy Dean and family on the death of Joe Dean; Leigh Sutton and family on the passing of her mom, Iona Siegel; Hank and Fanya Morton and family on the passing of their brother-in-law, Ron Kelvin.

**HEALTH CONCERNS—GENERAL**

Drug and alcohol addicted individuals; those with mental illnesses; all who are ill physically and mentally; those struggling with dementia; all who battle cancer

## HEALTH CONCERNS—INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Tina Sheffield  
Don Nungesser  
Anne Blosser  
Kelly Blosser  
Ken Davis  
Brandon Murphy  
Rylee Maslock  
Alberta Hickman  
Nancy Swift  
Ed Resio  
Becky Resio  
Ruth McGhee  
Tim Gates  
Jenny Lee Thornes

Bob Womer  
Dave Kuck  
Sue Kuck  
Rick Claytor  
Sandy Collier  
Norby and Larry  
Luis  
Gloria  
Lilian  
Lynn  
Pauline  
Kim Smith's father-in-law  
Brendan  
Scott

Margaret  
Rebecca and Mike  
Kyle Johnson  
Bill Hammen  
Jenna, Rhonda and Phil  
Rosalie and Rudolph Siron  
Barbara Burton  
Faye Dunmire  
Beverly Starbird  
Jamie Brewster  
Ron Kelvin  
Bill  
Joyce, Frances, Doug

Alex Ackman  
Cayden  
Shelby Harvey  
Wesley Smith  
David Smith  
Dorhal Roach  
Mariana Dirienzo  
Sallie Thomson  
Tara Lane  
Carol and Mark  
Michelle Cooper  
Meghann Cotter

## LIFE EVENTS & GENERAL PRAYERS

**MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH:** Katherine Counsell and the 2018 Confirmation Class; FUMC's Missions (may they grow in 2018); Saturday Heartsong Service; Connect, Grow, Serve, Seek Teams; Sunday Schools and other Small Groups at FUMC; FUMC Visitation Ministry; FUMC Congregational Care Ministries

## PRAISE

Bright future for all FUMC's leaders  
FUMC Youth New Church Leadership  
for 2018

## LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Brian Alexander  
Mark Hoover  
Rebecca Knerr  
Joan Buchan  
Vy Bass  
Helen Boswell  
Tricia

Dan Himmel  
Pete Zaremba  
Gladys Faust  
Helene Patterson  
Amy Young & family  
Connie  
Wayne Hedge

Shannon Berry  
Cindy Wilson  
Jeff Temples  
Julie Tubbs  
Alma Bradley  
Doug Green  
Holley Ryan

Jim Mann  
Wayne Jackson & Patti  
Mary Katherine Resio  
Tabitha Van Doren  
Bobby Hill

## NATION & MILITARY/PUBLIC SERVANTS

Healing divided nation  
Nation and Leaders  
All Military and Law Enforcement  
First Responders

Riley Nefferendorf  
Pvt Winter Ewer  
Tyler Reece  
Sgt John Phin

Sgt J Seaux  
William Rowe  
Kyle Shiner

SSgt Ted Steber  
Airman Adam DeWitte  
Walt Kuck



## 11:00 Greeters want you!

One of the first contact points for visitors to our church on any given Sunday morning are the greeters. We are looking to increase the number of servants in our 11:00 greeter team. **Would you like to be one of the welcoming faces our visitors encounter?** You can be by going to the Connect ministries page where it says, "Sign Up to Connect" and fill out the short information section. Just click the "Greeters for Worship" button. We will then be in touch with you to discuss how you would like to serve as a greeter. The scheduling is flexible to meet your available time and desire to serve in this ministry.

If you prefer to contact me directly, you may do so at: Tim Gates, 11:00 Greeter Coordinator at [tjz-stang08@gmail.com](mailto:tjz-stang08@gmail.com) or phone / text to (423) 838-1022. Thank you and look forward to hearing from you!

Also, if you like to coordinate, **we need an 11:00 Acolyte Coordinator**. Contact Don Becker ([Beckerdl@aol.com](mailto:Beckerdl@aol.com)) or Henry McCaslin ([henrymccaslin@yahoo.com](mailto:henrymccaslin@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

**The Furniture Bank Saturday and the Community Dinner** both occur on the 2nd Saturday each month.

Each is a great opportunity to SERVE others in our community.

If you are interested in helping with either of these ministries, visit the website at [www.fumcva.org/serve-his-people](http://www.fumcva.org/serve-his-people) to volunteer.

## CAR DONATIONS

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington gratefully thanks Fredericksburg United Methodist Church members Robert and Patricia Vaughan, for recently donating a car to *Cars for Families* program to help a local family in need. To donate or for program information, please contact [cars@ccda.net](mailto:cars@ccda.net).

While there are many options nowadays for donating vehicles, the CCDA *Cars for Families* program is unique in that it provides working vehicles directly to area families in need, making an immediate difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Catholic Charities also accepts non-operational cars or other vehicles, which are sold to help fund our many initiatives.

For some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, reliable transportation can make a huge difference in their daily lives. Through the generosity of parishioners and friends, both within and outside of our Diocese, *Cars for Families* was able to give out 56 cars last year. For this, we - and the vehicle recipients - are truly grateful. However, as the commercial says, the giving season may be over but the need continues.

Thinking of getting a new car? Please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. CCDA accepts working vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-operational vehicles to fund our volunteer programs. We handle all the paperwork; you receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, email [Cars@ccda.net](mailto:Cars@ccda.net) or call (703) 841-3898.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The A. Purnell Bailey Pre-ministerial Program is accepting applications from high school seniors who are exploring a call to Christian ministry and interested in attending Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. Learn more at <http://www.rmc.edu/academics/pre-ministerial> or by contacting the Rev. Kendra Grimes, Director of the Bailey Scholars Program, at [kendragrimes@rmc.edu](mailto:kendragrimes@rmc.edu) or (804)752-7374.

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## Food Backpacks for Walker Grant families!

