



# OPEN DOOR

A FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



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

540-373-9021

[www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org)



Look for us on Facebook

## 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

Hello Fredericksburg UMC,

I send greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as I write this message just after Mother's Day. I am writing from my home office where now there are boxes sitting around me ready for the move. Packed boxes bring a lot of different emotions with them, but as I sit looking around, there is a grand sense of anticipation that excites me about our upcoming journey together.

As we began to pack the office, in a closet where we keep our luggage is a small black trunk that was an early in life "shop project" and gift from my brother Charlie. Finding it under the luggage for this move, it was discovered still with packing wrap securing the lid from our last move. The trunk had not been opened in over five years!



In assessment of this unopened item, I remembered that it is a "glory days" keepsake box from elementary and high school years. I thought, "Wow! I have to show the kids some of what is in inside this thing!" I propped the lid open, and right on top, in a Food City bag, I found these.

They are my prized Asics Tiger sprinting spikes from high school track, still with the spikes in them from my last race. Why on top? Why didn't I remove the spikes? Why hadn't I washed them? All these thoughts and questions rushed through me, along with some cool memories of the sound of wind whipping through the relay baton.

I kept these spikes with my beloved keepsakes because my time in track held fond memories of achievement, fitness, sportsmanship and team life together. What was even more cool is that as I remembered those glory days of track, in looking at the dirty spikes, God sparked within my memory a favorite text, Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 1-2 (NRSV).

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, [a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of [b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

See page 2



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME CORNER

Check out this section of the monthly Newsletter to learn a little about our new members. We will be featuring several new members who have joined in the past few months.

New members- Please contact Denise Gates at [dgparishnurse@hotmail.com](mailto:dgparishnurse@hotmail.com) with any questions about photos or information you would like to share with us.



## Just like Uncle Sam.....the SEEK Team needs you!!

The SEEK Team invites children and adults to participate in distributing flags during the July 4 Heritage Day Parade. It was a success last year and we want to continue this tradition. It's a great opportunity to let folks know about FUMC.

**We will meet at 8:45 AM in the Charlotte Street Parking Lot and proceed to the parade area on Caroline Street.**

All ages are welcome-make it a fun family time!!

Sign up available on the church website at <http://fumcva.org/seek-his-people/>

In coming to Fredericksburg UMC, I am picking up the racing baton from Larry and others who have handed it down over the vast and wonderful heritage of FUMC. The race has been in progress and, to the glory of God, has been run so very well.

In my role, I am coming in to be a part of your team, to run my leg, with God being my helper and strength. If I remember competitive running well, there are sweet spots in the race where running is a true joy, and there are those moments of hard work and even pain. However, it all comes together as the athletes all round toward the finish line.

Please know, that as I come to be your senior pastor, I will be looking behind me with thanksgiving for the hard and diligent work of your current pastors and those past, as well as those who are a part of the great cloud of witnesses. Yet, mostly, I will be looking ahead to the way that Jesus demonstrates as the "pioneer and perfecter" of this race we are called to run together as a team. Hebrews 12 says, "he set aside everything for the sake of joy that came from his endurance upon the cross."

As we prepare to run together, my prayer is that in the life of beloved community together, we experience the joy of this sacred race...even when it may be hard, even when we may get tired, and even when there are obstacles on the track. I am so excited to run with you as we all look to the wondrous things that Jesus will lead us toward into the future.

I can't wait to see you in Church in July! I look forward with joy to our time on the great track together!

Much grace and peace,

*Pastor Gina*

Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud

Incoming Senior Pastor



## ***Exploring Family Resemblance/ Relationship in Christ***

## **Upcoming Sermon Series**

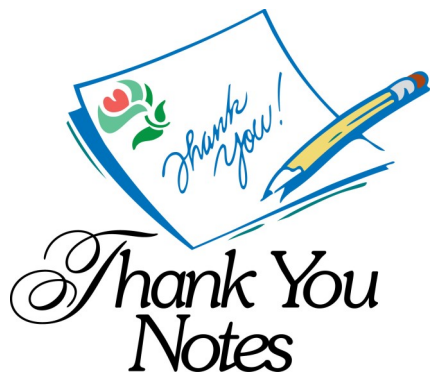
For their first sermon series, Pastors Gina and Josh will help us reflect on what it means to live the life of faith as part of the family of God.

Do you live in ways that reflect that you are part of holy heritage?  
Are you proud of your Christian roots and family? Do you look like Jesus?  
Are you leaving behind a legacy that brings glory to God?

These are some of the themes and questions we will encounter during the month of July as we explore the following themes and texts:

July 1– Sacred Connections – Ephesians 4:1-6  
July 8 – Looking Like Jesus – Romans 8:28-39  
July 15 – Family Gifts- Ephesians 4:7-16  
July 22 – A Righteous and Holy Image- Ephesians 4:17-24  
July 29 -The Family Legacy- Romans 8:12-25

Join us as we get to know our new pastors and reflect on being family together in Jesus Christ.



We want to convey our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, kind words and well wishes as we transition from Fredericksburg UMC. It has been a great two years of ministry and we will always treasure the relationships forged and the time we have had together. We will be praying for you all and for Pastor Gina and Pastor Josh as you embark on this new adventure of ministry together. May God bless and keep you all!

*Pastor Robb and Diana*

*Robert, Jack, Nolan and Phoebe*

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful send off you gave us right before our move. I was overwhelmed with your outpouring of love. We thank you for your gifts, presence, prayers, tributes, and well wishes, as well as your support in Children's Ministry over the years. We will forever consider you our church family. Please come visit us in the mountains. Our new address is 19032 Lexi Drive, Abingdon, VA 24210.

Love, *Matt, Shannon, Brittany, Brandon, Phillip, and Rebecca Bolick*



# SERVE

## School Dressing Days 2018

School Dressing Days will be held on Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11. Please consider volunteering for a four-hour time slot to help serve the families who will be there to "shop" for many items for the kids to get ready for the first day of school. To volunteer on-line, click on (or type in) the following link and follow the easy instructions (do not need an account for SignUpGenius). Especially need volunteers for afternoons and the Monday morning load-the-truck time. <https://tinyurl.com/SDD2018>

POC: Jean Himmel, [jhimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:jhimmel41@gmail.com), 540-368-9541.



Bishop Lewis has announced the annual conference mission offering goal of \$200,00 to focus on the following missional priority projects:

- Cambodia: \$50,000. Church growth and development and community health and agriculture development
- Brazil: \$25,000 . Shade and fresh water ministry with children.
- Mozambique: \$25,000. Lay leadership development
- Native Americans: \$10,000. Support for volunteers in mission teams working with Native American ministry and Tribal youth.
- Cuba Recovery: \$25, 000. Hurricane recovery for churches in Cuba
- Haiti: \$25,000. Funds to support Volunteers in Mission teams to Haiti
- Puerto Rico Recovery: \$25,000. Hurricane Recovery support for Puerto Rican churches.
- Moscow Seminary: \$ 15,000. Support for student scholarships.

# SPOTLIGHT



## SAVE THE DATE for S.O.K.S. CAMP: "Blessings and Basketball" July 9 - 12, 12:30 – 3:30



WHAT is SOKS? It is NOT about the feet! Well, maybe it IS about being the hands and FEET of Jesus! SOKS is Swahili for Sema, Ota, Kua, Soma: speak, dream, grow, read.

What started as a resettlement program for area refugees has grown into a full summer of fun and learning. Each summer we team with area churches to provide 8 weeks of summer camp for approximately 60 children. This summer is a bit different because there is construction at Heritage Park that will impact the program. We (FUMC) are partnering with the management at Heritage Park to provide one week of activities.



We are going to offer a "Blessings and Basketball Camp" with an "Upwards" flavor, focusing on the Armor of God in our daily message. VOLUNTEERS are needed! We will use Kobler Hall, the

Gathering Space, and the playground July 9-12. Kids will be here 12:30 -3:30 each day. We will start with a whole group message; then break into activities.

We hope to have 60-80 kids from Heritage Park, ages Pre-K- 7th grade participating in a range of activities. We are looking for help from FUMC volunteers to help run the activities--from reading buddies to sports activities to helping with crafts, with maybe some YOGA in between!

In addition to the Basketball camp, we will be offering opportunities to do "make and take and give" crafts that will go to a children's fund raiser to benefit St. Jude's ("50K for St. J") that will be held at FUMC later in the month. We did this last year, and the kids loved the opportunity to GIVE as well as receive.

For more information on how you or your small group can help with this local mission, please contact Fanya Morton (540.840.4886) or [fanyamorton1@gmail.com](mailto:fanyamorton1@gmail.com)

# MISSION KIDS

This summer at VBS, we will again be partnering with **the Heartwood Center** to provide meals for children who rely on the free/reduced lunch program during the school year. We will be collecting various food items and packaging the lunches at a "Mission Tent" in the Marketplace. We will be sending out more information as the dates of VBS get closer.

Visit: <http://www.fredericksburgdistrict.org/ministries/heartwood> for more information!

**Calling all Crafty Kids!!** Do you like to create things or make gifts for others? Do you want to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital? Well, you make the items and sell them at our 2nd annual Kids Craft Show where all proceeds go to this charity. Children are invited to be vendors and sell their handmade crafts or baked goods on July 21, 2018. More information to come.

VBS dates to remember:

VBS Volunteers will be Commissioned on June 24th at 9:45

VBS will be June 25-29 from 9:00—12:00

VBS Celebration will be on July 1 at 9:45



# SUMMER MISSION YOUTH

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, finishing up with Jeremiah Project (JP) in June. Our Youth will be heading out to their camp sites beginning this month.



The Jeremiah Project is a great experience for middle schoolers. The mission trip is to help people who are unable to fix small problems in their houses, for example painting, rebuilding, and sealing. We work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday with a "free day" when our church group picks a fun place to go. We have a fun morning worship session before heading to our worksites with our amazing crew and adult helpers. Every afternoon when you get back to camp, there is an opportunity to meet new people during free time. After we eat an amazing dinner, we have a small worship service with fun and interactive messages, competitions, and small skits that are very entertaining. These messages really help you to find yourself and reveal your relationship with our Lord. I made friends I know I will never forget and I can't wait to go back this year. You will get such a good feeling because you know you are doing a good thing for the community. You won't be able to wait for next year either!

Paige Eagleton

Commissioning of the Summer Missions teams will be:

CCC June 17 at 9:45

FredCamp July 1 at 9:45

JP July 8 at 9:45

# MISSION ADULTS

## Backpacks for the Fred- ericksburg City Schools

UMM sponsored the first packing event for the Backpacks for Fred-ericksburg City Schools. This is a program started through the Stafford Food Security program run by Tim White. He can provide a back pack with a dinner for 4 people at a cost of around \$8. These are provided to schools to distribute as they find a need. The Men's group agreed to sponsor this program by sponsoring a packing event and helping to pay for the food used in the packing event.

The first packing event occurred after the 9:30 service and we put together 100 backpacks. The men's group would like to arrange for a donation of \$800 to Stafford Food Security. We would like to request donations from the congregation with the men's group making up the difference. Donations can be made directly to the Men's group or to the church with marking the donation for the Backpacks for Schools program.



# MISSION CHURCH

**Conference Flood Buckets** - Every year the Virginia Conference requests relief kits put together and taken to Annual Conference so that they can be presented to UMCOR for use in aiding in Emergency Situations around the world. The Methodist Men have taken a lead in providing Flood Buckets (otherwise known as Cleaning buckets). Last year FUMC sent 12 buckets to conference that were each created by an individual or family. The cost of each was around \$55.

This year the Men's group would like to purchase all the supplies centrally and use the June 9 Meeting of the Men's group as a packing event. We think that we can do this for around \$37 a bucket if we do 40 buckets with an additional donation for shipping. By purchasing the supplies through the Men's group, we would be able to reduce the cost.

The Men's group will have a bucket available in the gathering space between services for making donations to help support this effort. In addition, we would like to invite all men to our June Breakfast meeting **on June 9th** at 8 A.M. to assist in the packing event.



Our FUMC United Methodist Women have initiated a campaign to enable our church to deliver UMCOR kits, as well as monetary contributions, to the VA Annual Conference in June. We need the willing support and prayerful cooperation of all our members to accomplish this task. Recent disasters, such as tornados and flooding in our own state of Virginia, have shown just how important these kits are in times of crisis.

Take a minute to check out the kits that are currently most needed – **health and school kits and cleaning buckets**. Information on need kit descriptions can be readily found at <http://www.UMCOR.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies> or are available at the church (welcome desks and bulletin boards).

Assembled kits may be delivered to Mission Control (deadline **June 10**) or a check to purchase a kit, made out to FUMW, may be placed in the UMW Mail Room box. Sample kits and cleaning bucket contents are now on display in the glass cases in the Extended Narthex and Gathering Space. Questions? Please contact Barbara Williams at [bwilliams711@verizon.net](mailto:bwilliams711@verizon.net) or 899.3767.

Thank you for your support of UMCOR!



## Saying Goodbye, Father's Day and Baseball

Yes, that title is correct. Sunday, June 17 will be my last Sunday before I settle in my rocking chair, sip tea and watch the sunrise. (Are you kidding? Yes!) Since this is my last official Sunday after 32 years of ministry, I wanted to go back and pick one message that really meant a lot to me and hopefully will mean something for you as well. I also wanted to use a message that would especially be appealing to the men in our congregation as they enjoy their special day.

I grew up playing and watching baseball and I appreciated the lessons learned while playing. Years ago, I



attempted to apply what I learned from Scripture and from Baseball to recreate a worship service that would be experienced much like a baseball game. Sounds crazy but the lessons are very real.

The lesson is based on Romans, altered using baseball terminology. “And so, fellow teammates, I plead with you to give your team to God. Let us be willing to make a holy sacrifice – the kind deep in the outfield so others can score. When you think of what God has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don’t copy the behavior and customs of the other team

but let God transform you into a new player by changing the way you think. Then you will know what position God wants you to play and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his coaching really is.

(Romans 12:1-2; New Baseball Version) .

The best baseball teams are composed of players who are willing and ready to give their all for the good of the team. These are the players we see crashing into the outfield wall to make a catch or sliding into home plate to score the extra run. Their passion and love for the sport is evident whether they are on the field or off. They live, breathe and eat baseball until at times, we’re sick of it; but we admire their passion.

As disciples of Christ, we can learn to concentrate on winning in a different way. We have the opportunity to give ourselves totally to God without reservation. This “give it all you’ve got” attitude will allow God to transform us into new persons by changing the way we think. We will know God’s purpose and accept God’s guidance. Our passion and love for God will become more evident whether in church or not. We will live and breathe our passion for God until at times, others will be sick of hearing us, but they will admire our passion. This passion for God becomes our witness.

All of that and more will be part of my last message to you. I have been richly blessed and honored to be your pastor over the past two years. As much as I look forward to retirement, I dread having to say good-bye to a congregation I have grown to love. I don’t know what God has in store for me but Mell and I do hope to come back here in approximately a year and become a part of this wonderful church team that accomplishes so much in the name of Christ.

**Come and join us, June 17th – Father’s Day and Baseball Day.** Participate with me by wearing baseball clothes. Bring your baseball glove. Get in the spirit of the game. Enjoy the day but listen for the message. I pray that in the midst of the fun you will be transformed by the loving grace of almighty God.

***Pastor Larry***





Our school year ended in May with a wonderful end-of-year program presented by our 3s and a beautiful graduation for our 4s. Our 2s celebrated the end of the year with small parties in their classroom. We have two weeks of summer camps scheduled for our 3s and 4s at the beginning of June, and then preschool activities will wind down for the summer.

This past school year, FUMC Preschool has been blessed by three senior church members who have volunteered in our classrooms.

Don and Mary Grace Becker visited our Tuesday/Thursday 2s class throughout the year and read stories, played games, and helped our youngest students make a variety of crafts.



In addition, Don Swanlund volunteered over 150 hours in one of our 4s classes! All of our students loved having "Mr. Don" in the classroom,

where he helped with lessons, read stories, participated in learning centers, and even played on the playground!



We are so thankful for all of the time that Don and Mary Grace Becker and Don Swanlund spent with us this year, and we appreciate the love they showed our students. If you are interested in volunteering in the preschool next school year, please email our Director, Becky Patrick, at [preschool@fumcva.org](mailto:preschool@fumcva.org). Happy Summer!

### FUMC Run Club:

Our annual kids Run Club was another success this year. Every week over 30 children and 10 adults gathered to pray, stretch and then hit the streets to train for the Great Train Race event held on May 6th. Our church had 62 participants in the GTR events! Thanks to everyone who came out to cheer and support the kids and youth.



### Vacation Bible School:



Vacation Bible School preparation is in full gear and ramping up this month! This year we are traveling back in

time to Babylon, and hearing about Daniel's exciting tales while he was in captivity. The dates are June 25th - June 29th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There are still several key volunteer spots that need filled. We need a dynamic and energetic person to lead games, as well as several tribe leaders. If God is tugging on your heart to help this year, please answer His call! You will be rewarded with smiling faces and lots of fun! If you are unable to help during the week of Bible school, donations are being accepted for craft and non-perishable food items. Contact Jillian Murray at: [jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org) if you are able to help in any way, big or small!

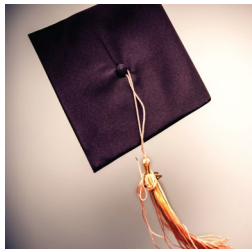
### Sunday School Update:

Sunday School will be coming to a close on June 17th, after which there will be a break for the summer. We will cap off the year by having our annual Trivia Contest, held on the 17th for all kids who participate in Rotation Sunday School (2nd - 5th grade). Kids will be competing by grade level to see who remembers the most from the rotation lessons taught this year. Put your game faces and thinking caps on for this fun morning!



# YOUTH

**Graduates! We are so proud of you!**



Graduation Sunday is June 10.

Come be recognized for your accomplishments and then celebrate in the Courtyard with a cupcake and fellowship.

Receptions will be at 9:30 and

10:45 in the courtyard.

If you haven't submitted your information sheet, please do asap. [www.fumcva.org/ministries/youth](http://www.fumcva.org/ministries/youth).

**Youth Sunday School:** Youth will take a break this summer to allow our teacher a break and to prepare for another great year to kick-off in the fall. Please take this time to worship with your family.

If you are not currently receiving youth emails and would like to, please contact Amy at [amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org) and request to receive more info!



Keep an eye out for an email, messages in the News and Notes, and even a post on Instagram for any Youth summer pop-up dates.

June 3 End of Year picnic (12-3pm on the Green)  
June 10 Graduation Sunday  
June 24 Last Sunday School for 2017-18 school year.  
July 6-8 Sweet Frog fundraiser and New Pastor Meet and Greet!

**Heartwood Center Collection!**

June Collection:

June 3: Juice Boxes or Breakfast Items (individual)  
June 10: Lunch or Snack items (individual)  
June 17! Please bring your donations to church with you and place in boxes in gathering space. Thanks for supporting Youth and their goal of 1004 lunches!



For almost 150 years we have been women in mission with women, children, and youth. We have four circles, Gladys Cocke Circle (meeting on the 1st Thursday at 10:00 a.m.), Wesleyan Circle (meeting on the 1st Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.), ACTS Circle (meeting on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.) and the Mary Ellen Stephenson Circle (meeting on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.). For more information, please contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or [janinekutty@yahoo.com](mailto:janinekutty@yahoo.com).

## **June schedule:**

June 3 UMCOR kits due in Mission Control  
June 5 Wesleyan Circle Social (Birthday Offering)  
June 7 10:00 a.m. Gladys Cocke Circle, Fellowship Hall. Program: Restorative Justice  
11:30 a.m. Covered dish luncheon to honor Charlotte Edge  
June 16 ACTS Circle Fellowship Lunch (Birthday Offering)



The FUMC United Methodist Men hold their monthly Breakfast meetings on the second Saturday of each month. The June meeting will be held on June 9 at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

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. 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 Men's group will have a bucket available in the gathering space between services for making donations to help support this effort. In addition, we would like to invite all men to our June Breakfast meeting on June 9th at 8 A.M. to assist in the packing event.

## 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.

The Better Health class series continues on Wednesday evenings, 6:30—8:00 with varying topics and speakers. If you would like to participate, please register at [www.fumcva.org/betterhealth](http://www.fumcva.org/betterhealth)

## ***HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS OF MEMBERS:***

Recently oral history interviews have been recorded with David Hearne (regarding Scout Troop 170), Catherine Bullock and Charlotte Edge. These interviews and others are available for reading or listening. A list of completed interviews is available from the Heritage Committee. Contact Margaret Mock or any member of the Heritage Committee if you would like to access the interviews.

### Average Attendance - May

Saturday 5:00 PM—	17
Sunday 8:30 AM—	122
Sunday 9:45 AM—	152
<u>Sunday 11:00 AM—</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	421

# CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



At the May 3 Gladys Cocke Circle meeting the United Methodist Women honored Michelle Cooper, church secretary, with a **Special Mission Recognition award** (a pin bearing the cross and flame emblem and a certificate stating that a gift to UMW Mission Giving has been made in Michelle's honor).

We recognize Michelle's vital support to our church, including typing and copying bulletins for all services, maintaining membership information, and helping to count the weekly offering and make bank deposits. She also supports our UMW, helping us to distribute information to our members and the congregation and putting together our annual unit book. We honor her for her willingness to accept tasks, her attention to detail, and the timely manner in which she completes the work, as well as for her smile and gracious ways.

# 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** meets in Room 201 on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

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 studying "Life Lessons from ACTS" by Max Lucado. Stop by anytime in Room 210 at 9:45 AM.

The **Wayfarers Sunday School Class** is studying the "Adult Bible Studies" series (Spring 2018 edition) entitled "Acknowledging God." 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** will be finishing the book "Revival – Faith as Wesley Lived It" by Adam Hamilton in June. Room 209 on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

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

# SMALL GROUPS

---

## Monday Morning Bible Study

### Monday Morning Bible Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will meet on June 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. We will continue our study of Magnificent Grace: Embracing the Greatness of God as we discuss Chapter 3, "Undeserved Grace." Everyone is welcome. Each session is self-contained. For more information, contact Charlotte Edge at [candhedge@msn.com](mailto:candhedge@msn.com) or 540-371-1967. Note: After June 4 we will take a break until September 17.

## MERRYMAKERS

MerryMakers have cancelled trips for the summer. Stay tuned for future announcements of trips in the Fall.



### Nursery Workers Needed

Do you like holding babies? Do you miss playing with toddlers?

Consider volunteering an hour in the nursery on Sunday mornings! Our church is blessed with an abundance of babies and toddlers, and we need extra adult hands to make sure that they are loved and cared for while parents partake in church activities. Nursery volunteers are needed during the 9:45 service only.

Contact Jillian Murray ([jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org)), if interested.





### Upcoming Connect Events

Next 5th Sunday Connect: July 29

Our calendar has four **5th Sundays** this year. On each of these Sundays, our church has a 5th Sunday Connect event in the Fellowship Hall. April 29th was the first 5th Sunday. The Wayfarers provided the delicious food. The Serve ministry set up a delightful game which everyone seemed to enjoy. The Merry Makers and the Stephen Ministry programs had tables set up with information about their programs. The Stephen Ministry program is currently preparing to offer Stephen Ministry training in the fall and is recruiting interested people. Please join us on July 29th when the Grow ministries will host the next 5th Sunday Connect.

**FACE TO FACE** – an encounter with the Risen Christ – is an experience in the tradition of the Walk to Emmaus designed for persons 60 and older. Open to Christians of all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives. FACE TO FACE allows the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence, gain understanding of God's grace, and form friendships that foster faith and spiritual maturity.



The Fredericksburg Emmaus community is having its first FACE TO FACE

Encounter in August at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. The Encounter will be August 14, 16, 21, and 23, all Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9am to 3:30pm. Lunch is provided. The cost for this amazing experience is \$25.00. Yes, \$25.00! FACE TO FACE is an experience for both men and women.

FACE TO FACE brochures and applications are displayed on the Welcome desk in the Gathering space. Please pick one up and prayerfully consider applying to join the Encounter in August. August will be here soon, so don't delay. If you have questions, contact Kitti Mann, [kittimann5@gmail.com](mailto:kittimann5@gmail.com) or John Mann, [slowjet@live.com](mailto:slowjet@live.com) or call, 540-891-1671.



Hey, Emmaus friends!

June 9th is the next monthly Gathering right here at Fredericksburg UMC. Remember your weekend? Remember the great singing and the fellowship with other Christians? Come join us this Saturday, June 9th in Kobler Hall. We start at 3:30pm with food and fellowship. At 4pm, the Gathering starts. We'll have music, a fourth day speaker, prayer time, more music, communion, and more music. We miss you – come join us.

## Welcome Kim Carryer, Assistant Director of Children's ministry



**Kim Carryer** has been married for 18 years to her husband David and has three children: Jacob (15yo), Grace (13yo), and Samuel (10yo). Kim grew up in Northern Virginia and graduated from Mary Washington College with a teaching

certificate and degree in Biology. Upon graduating, Kim stayed in the area and worked as a high school Biology teacher until she chose to be a stay at home mom – a far more challenging career choice! Kim and her family attended a local United Methodist church in the area where she served in various capacities as a children's ministry volunteer and then on staff as the Nursery Director and later, the Director of Children's Ministry. Recently, Kim has gone back to teaching Life Science at Spotsylvania Middle School, but maintains a deep love for Christ and a desire to share that love with children of all ages. Kim is excited for this next chapter and is looking forward to serving the families at FUMC .



### Schedule for the Sunday Coffee Hour for June

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - Faith & Fellowship Class  
Sunday, June 10, 2018 - Wayfarers Class  
Sunday, June 17, 2018 - Wesley Forum Class  
Sunday, June 24, 2018 - open

For more information on signing up to do a Coffee hour, contact Marci Dishman at [marciadishman@me.com](mailto:marciadishman@me.com)

### 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 emphasize 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:** Andy and Nancy Sentipal on the death of his mother, Margaret Mock and family on the death of her brother, Doug; the family of Charles "Chuck" Clark; Jason Bywaters and family on the passing of his grandmother; Frances McNutt and family on the death of her husband, Bobby McNutt; friends, family and students of Rebecca Tyree, a choral music professor at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**HEALTH CONCERNS-GENERAL:** Drug and alcohol addicted individuals, those with mental illnesses, all who are ill physically and mentally; those struggling with dementia and all who battle cancer.

## HEALTH CONCERNS—INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Don Nungesser—Fredericksburg Rehab	Bob LaChance	Margaret	Lisa Foeman Boatwright
Brandon Murphy	Jerry Dickerson	Scott	Vicky and John Borrer
Rudolph and Rosalie Siron	Doug Turner	Michael and Sondra Keane	Celine Koko
Debbie Byers	Cayden Taylor	Jerry Herndon	Autistic young boy and his
Candace Pickett	Sharon Hamilton	Camile Joyce	Family
Peggy Brewster	Scott	Abbie Jewett	

## LIFE EVENTS & GENERAL PRAYERS

Craig Johnson	Ilene	Gaza	Preparation for retirement
Kristina and 2018 Calling 21 Interns beginning their service in June	Brendan, Cora, Rebecca and Mike	Love	Chad
Erin	Ben and family	Teen depression	Jamison
Jack	Tonya Nelson	Debbie Randall and Family	Adam
Will	Mary C.	Computer transitions in the hospital	Safe travel for Jayne Manger and family

## MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH:

FUMC's mission—may they grow in 2018  
Vacation Bible School  
FUMC Visitation Ministry  
Saturday Heartsong Service

For the church and nation  
Connect, Grow, Serve and Seek teams  
Sunday Schools and other Small groups at FUMC

## PRAISE

Birth of Demi and Geo Alas' second daughter	God's love and help in all things of life no matter how small or large	Grateful for redemption through Christ and his life-changing love	Don Nungesser—home and doing well
Safe return of our son			Thankful for FUMC, its members, leaders and pastors

## LONG-TERM CONCERNS

Rylee Maslock	Helen Boswell	Shannon Berry – pancreatic cancer	Mary Katherine Resio
Ruth McGhee	Dan Himmel	Cindy Wilson – broken neck	Tricia
Holley Ryan	Pete Zaremba	Jeff Temples	Tabitha Van Doren
Brian Alexander	Gladys Faust	Julie Tubbs	Bobby Hill—spina bifida (GA)
Mark and Alice Hoover	Helene Patterson (Poet's Walk – aunt of Amy Zurasky)	Alma Bradley	(Lydia O'Neil's grandson)
Rebecca Knerr	Amy Young and Family	Doug Green	Michelle Cooper
Joan Buchan	Connie – terminal cancer	Jim Mann	Luella Everitt (Diane Isenberg's mother)
Vy Bass	Wayne Hedge – cancer in lung	Wayne Jackson & Patti	

## NATION & MILITARY/PUBLIC SERVANTS

Healing divided nation	Riley Nefferendorf	Sgt J Seaux	SSgt Ted Steber, USMC
Nation and Leaders	Pvt Winter Ewer	William Rowe, USN	Airman Adam DeWitte, USAF
All Military and Law Enforcement	Tyler Reece	Kyle Shiner	Walt Kuck, USS Lassen, USN
First Responders	Sgt John Phin	Drew Wilson	



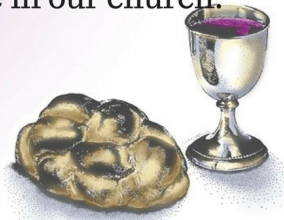


If you have musical or technical gifts and are interested in joining our contemporary worship or AV team, please contact Jennifer Leja at [jenniferleja@fumcva.org](mailto:jenniferleja@fumcva.org)

Communion represents God's greatest expression of love for us and it's a reminder that He provides all we need.

Serving communion is a wonderful way to connect with God and those in our church.

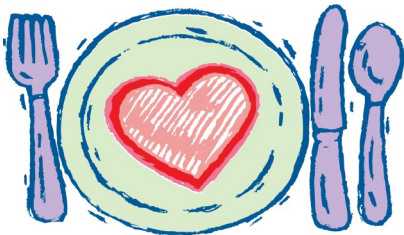
If you are interested in serving, please contact:  
8:30: Adam Sutton @ [hoosvshokies95@aol.com](mailto:hoosvshokies95@aol.com)  
9:45: Cyndi DeWitte @ [mrsdewitte@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsdewitte@yahoo.com)  
11:00: Hank McCaslin @ [henrymccaslin@yahoo.com](mailto:henrymccaslin@yahoo.com)



**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.



COMMUNITY DINNER



### 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 [tjzstang08@gmail.com](mailto:tjzstang08@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.

### CONTACTS

VA Conference Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis  
Rappahannock River District of the UMC Superintendent: Ted Smith

**Lead Pastor:** Ext. 104  
[larrydavies@fumcva.org](mailto:larrydavies@fumcva.org)  
**Associate Pastor:** Ext. 106  
[robbalmy@fumcva.org](mailto:robbalmy@fumcva.org)  
**Director of Youth Ministries:** Ext. 107  
[amydotto@fumcva.org](mailto:amydotto@fumcva.org)  
**Director of Children's Ministries:** Ext. 110  
[jillianmurray@fumcva.org](mailto:jillianmurray@fumcva.org)  
**Assistant Director of Children & Nursery:** Ext. 110  
[kimcarryer@fumcva.org](mailto:kimcarryer@fumcva.org)  
**Music Director:** Ext. 116  
[davidkirven@fumcva.org](mailto:davidkirven@fumcva.org)  
**Contemporary Worship Leader, Children and Youth Choir Director:** Ext. 113  
[jenniferleja@fumcva.org](mailto:jenniferleja@fumcva.org)

**Youth Praise Team Leader and Audio/Visual Director:**  
[kennysmith@fumcva.org](mailto:kennysmith@fumcva.org)  
**Organist**  
[robertbaird@fumcva.org](mailto:robertbaird@fumcva.org)  
**Preschool Director:** Ext. 117  
[beckypatrick@fumcva.org](mailto:beckypatrick@fumcva.org)  
**Facilities Manager:** Ext. 115  
[kurtndordstrom@fumcva.org](mailto:kurtndordstrom@fumcva.org)  
**Office Manager:** Ext. 105  
[carolknott@fumcva.org](mailto:carolknott@fumcva.org)  
**Financial Administrator:** Ext. 102  
[vickyborror@fumcva.org](mailto:vickyborror@fumcva.org)  
**Church/Membership Secretary:** Ext. 103  
[michellecooper@fumcva.org](mailto:michellecooper@fumcva.org)



### RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

We will be bidding Pastors Larry and Robb farewell at a reception on June 10 at Noon in Kobler Hall.

Please come join us and share some time celebrating their ministry and impact on our congregation and community.

Contact Becky Brooks or Don Becker if you would like to help!

*(There will be a welcome reception for Pastors Gina and Josh on July 1, be on the look out for details to come)*