



OPEN DOOR

A FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAGAZINE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays
5:00 PM

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children & Youth

Off for the Summer

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

Move in day was Saturday, June 23rd. First, I must thank you as a church for your wonderful hospitality and welcome to our family into the Hanover Street parsonage. Many worked very hard in planning and preparations there, as well as in graciously giving gifts for the renovations. In moving in, I explained it to someone as a “parade of grace” that kept flowing through our doors with moving in, as we received gifts of welcome, food and a stocking of our pantry, as well as many people who shared that they had been praying for us as we enter ministry here. I am truly humbled by your love and feel already honored to serve in such a grace-filled community! Thank you!

In moving though, challenges come. For us this time, it was my husband, Rev. Bert Cloud, receiving the unfortunate circumstance of a broken foot and a giant boot just two weeks before our move, which also came with a family crisis of a return of cancer to my mother-in-law living in Southwestern Virginia, where all our parents reside. God’s grace has been seeing us through this time. Both Bert and Mary are doing really well. However, combined with other life events of three busy teenagers, this move goes into the books as a bit tasking on all of us.

God is faithful though, and we rejoice in the simple triumphs. For me this week, some of my joy has been in the simple witness of the empty, broken down box. Sounds strange, I know, but what a sense of accomplishment to have the task complete - of what was packed, being unpacked, and then placed in its new location! On Tuesday, with a stack of empty, flattened boxes in the center of my office, I had this thought.... Aren’t we just carriers, vessels for God’s image to be carried around in this world? Like those boxes, we have our time to carefully protect and open up what God has so graciously shared with us!

Yes, it’s simple, but the “theology of the empty box” that I discovered on Tuesday is worth some pondering. Paul writes in 2nd Corinthians 4:7, “But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” In God’s amazing creativity, we have been made to carry around the holy and that’s a powerful thing! It comes from God for God’s glory in the world.

I am excited about this work of sharing this treasure, as we unpack the goodness of God each and every day at Fredericksburg UMC.

Looking forward to seeing you in church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Gina



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 with any 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/>

Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, Pastors Gina and Josh!

We are so excited you are here and can't wait to see what God has planned! We look forward to worshipping and serving alongside of you.



Annual conference was held June 15-17 in Hampton, VA. If you would like to learn more about what occurred, visit the VA UMC website at

<https://www.vaumc.org/AC2018>

Upcoming Sermon Series



Exploring Family Resemblance/ Relationship in Christ

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.



To the Pastor, officers, staff and members of Fredericksburg UMC,

It is with great pleasure that I pen this letter saying thank you, thank you and thank you again for blessing us with the paraments that can and will be used in God's branch of Zion. We are a church plant that is sustaining but growing slowly, but with God's help we will make it. My prayer is that we grow spiritually as well as numerically.

We have a food bank, we bless the youth with school supplies as well as have mentors come in with a 5-point message before going back to school, along with being as active as possible in the community. All to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Again, we want to say thank you for your blessings. With a special thanks to David Berry and Lisa Simmermon for facilitating this process.

From: *Rev. Gregory Duncan, Senior Pastor
House of Prayer UMC in Bloxom, VA*

THANK YOU NOTE TO FUMC

I WANT TO THANK OUR PASTORS AND MEMBERS OF FUMC FOR YOUR PRAYERS, VISITS TO THE HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, THE PRAYER SHAWL, MANY GET WELL CARDS AND FLOWERS THAT I RECEIVED WHILE RECOVERING. THESE ACTS OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION GAVE ME HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THE POWER OF PRAYER AND YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE UNMISTAKABLE PROOF OF OUR FAITH IN GOD.

DON NUNGESSER

SERVE

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.

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!



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

Attention Crafty Kids!

The 2nd Annual Kids Craft Show benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 9am-1pm at FUMC. Contact Tina



Renninger tinarenninger@gmail.com for more information and application. Applications are also available on the church website at <http://fumcva.org/event/1148727-2018-07-21-2nd-annual-kids-craft-show/> or hard copy in the Gathering Space.

SPOTLIGHT



SCHOOL DRESSING DAYS – August 2018

For the past 40 plus years, events now known as School Dressing Days, have been held in Fredericksburg for the benefit of children who need a little help getting ready for the start of school. Children from Kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to attend as well as Head Start children from Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline and King George counties.

Children receive backpacks, basic school supplies based on grade, toiletries, new jeans and shirts, new underwear and socks, outerwear (jackets, coats, or hoodies) and shoes. When a nurse is available, the TDAP inoculation is also available for rising 6th graders.

Volunteers are needed to help at the event in August 9-11. Some take the families through the well-organized areas of the church and help them select the items of their choice. Other volunteers work at the various stations keeping things orderly and offering additional assistance. Spanish-speaking individuals are always needed. Help is also needed during the Wednesday and Thursday set-up times and early Monday morning to get materials back to the storage area. Signing up to volunteer is done through SignUpGenius; <https://tinyurl.com/SchoolDressingDays>

Jean Himmel is the FUMC representative to the Interfaith Community Council which sponsors School Dressing Days. If you have questions, you may call her at 540-368-9541 or email at jhimmel41@gmail.com.

MISSION KIDS

The mission focus of Vacation Bible School mission this year was the Heartwood Center. The children donated items and created 300 lunch kits for the children of Stafford County.
theheartwoodcenter.org



The Children donated items throughout the week and visited the Mission tent in the Marketplace each day to make the bags.

As a result of meeting their goal, they had the reward of taking aim at Pastor Josh and Kenny Smith during games — they got a little wet, but for a great cause.



MISSION YOUTH



Thank you to everyone that supported youth in our mission to reach 1004 meals for Heartwood Center. We are currently at 300+ meals. We will continue to collect items throughout the summer to help us reach our goal. Please see the list below for items we still need. Items can be placed in Mission Control. *Our next packing date*

will be during the Wednesday night meal on Wednesday, July 25. Come with your family and help pack lunches for those who are less fortunate.

*Juice Boxes

*Juice Pouches (Capri Sun/Koolaid etc.)

*Individual Entrees include:

*Easy Mac (single serving), Tuna kits, ramen noodles/cup o noodles, or individual/microwavable chef Boyardee pasta

*Breakfast items:

*Individual Serving Size Cereal, pop tarts, cereal bars

*Snack items:

*fruit cups, individual boxes or raisins/craisins, apple sauce cups or pouches

*gold fish (individual packs) pretzels, granola bars

*peanut butter crackers, etc.



In June, FUMC sent the Carolina Cross Connection (CCC) team to their Home Repair mission week in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

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



The United Methodist Men held their monthly breakfast meeting Saturday, 9

June. The meeting began with preparations for breakfast, but the usual Chef de Cuisine, Bob LaChance, was not present. Bob was in the Critical Care Unit at the VCU Hospital in Richmond receiving treatment for leukemia. The photo indicates the number of men it takes to replace Bob in the kitchen. The men are also bidding farewell to Mark Episcopo who, as President, has ably and creatively led the UMM for the last year and a half. He and Susan will be missed as they move to the Philadelphia area this summer.

In May and June, the UMM collected money for flood buckets. In June, Sandy Wiseman coordinated efforts by the UMM to fill flood buckets for UMCOR distribution. He made a bulk order of required materials (cleaning supplies, towels, bug spray, rubber gloves, etc.) from the Dollar Store. Sandy and Mike Wilson also succeeded in obtaining donations of materials from Home Depot. On a recent weekday evening, UMM volunteers (including Terri Wiseman) gathered in Kobler Hall to fill 40 buckets which were then delivered to the Virginia United Methodist Conference the weekend of 15-17 June. As one of his final actions, Mark Episcopo sent a letter to the Stafford Home Depot thanking the organization for its donations.

What's Happening?



July Coffee Hour Schedule:

- July 1 - Volunteers Needed!!
- July 8 - Wayfarers Sunday School Class
- July 15- Christian Life Sunday School Class
- July 22 - Volunteers Needed!!
- July 29 - 5th Sunday Connect- No coffee hour

Church Family: In order to continue providing the Sunday coffee hour, WE NEED volunteers to host. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to host a Sunday! Families and groups are welcome to participate in this ministry. Training is provided. Contact Marci Dishman, marciadishman@me.com.

LOVE



JULY 18 - AUG 8

Summer Wednesday dinners are back in 2018!

Each Wednesday we will eat, share fellowship and explore a topic briefly.

5:00—6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

We provide the Main dish and drinks, you bring a potluck dish (side or dessert).

Menus:

July 18: Chopped Pork BBQ (will furnish rolls, slaw and sauces)

July 25: Taco night

August 1: Hot dogs, hamburgers (will furnish rolls, chips, condiments, slaw and chili)

August 8: Spaghetti and meatballs (also non-meat sauce, French Bread)

We will have a children's program each night, too. See the Children's news page for more information. Look forward to seeing you there. No need for reservations, come and enjoy



FUMC Preschool is now closed for the summer, but the office remains open with limited summer hours. During the summer break, we are busy preparing for the start of a new school year! In addition to deep cleaning all of the carpeting and re-waxing the floors, we will also be painting the entire preschool kitchen/gathering space and the two largest classrooms. This will spruce up the preschool area and keep it looking beautiful for our preschool families and church members! We are also preparing for our annual health inspection and fire inspection and renewing our paperwork for our religious-exemption certificate through the Department of Social Services. On top of all of this, we are complying with new legislation that requires all preschool staff and volunteers to complete a fingerprint background check through the FBI, Virginia State Police, and Virginia Department of Social Services.

We have high school students volunteering this summer to power wash our student chairs, and we are also looking for Senior Volunteers for the coming year! Any Senior adult who would like to read to our students on a regular basis or participate in classroom activities is welcome to contact the preschool office for more information. We are delighted that our very first Senior Volunteers (Don Swanlund and Don and Mary Grace Becker) will be joining us again this coming school year, and we are appreciative of their continued participation.

Finally, if you are cleaning out your children's toys this summer, please remember that we accept donations of toys in good working condition! We are specifically looking for manipulatives such as legos, magnetix, wooden blocks, peg boards, KNeX...anything little hands can use to build, sort, and count! Dramatic play items are always useful also...dress up clothes and costumes, phones, note pads, doctor and veterinarian-themes toys, cash registers for example. We can always use musical instruments too! If you have questions about donating, please contact Becky Patrick at preschool@fumcva.org.

Have a great summer!

Sunday School is officially over for the summer months, but we capped off a fun and educational year with our annual Trivia Contest! The teams competed to test their knowledge of the Bible and the Rotation lessons during the 2017/18 Sunday School year. It was a close game, but the 4th/5th graders were crowned victorious in the end!



Sunday School will resume for preschoolers - 5th grade in September, but planning for the fall has already begun. We are looking forward to trying out some new things and continue to strengthen the current program. Is not too early to sign up to teach a grade level, or find out about other volunteer opportunities in FUMC's Children's Ministry. Please contact Jillian Murray at jillianmurray@fumcva.org



Does your child like movies? What about food?? If so, please check out our new summer movie program: "Reel to Real." Our first feature: **Monster's Inc!** How can God help us overcome fear during scary times? This casual and fun four week program is offered to kids of all ages, and will coincide with the Wednesday night potlucks beginning on July 18th at 6 p.m. More information to follow soon!



FUMC's Angel Choir concluded their 2017/18 season with "Peace Like a River" on Father's Day. Thank you to the parents and children for their support this year, and

helping to grow this ministry!

YOUTH

Youth Sunday School: Youth will take a break this summer to allow our teachers 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 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.



July 6-8: Sweet Frog fundraiser, 12-8pm each day.

- Pastor Gina will be there on Saturday (7/7) from 2:00—3:00.
- Pastor Josh will be there on Sunday (7/8) from 2:00—3:00.

Take the flyer below or mention that you are supporting FUMC youth!

July 25th: Wednesday night dinner theme will be Heartwood Center food kit collection and packing.



United Methodist Women are women united for mission with women, children, and youth in the USA and around the world. Our circles take a summer break in July and August; meetings will resume in September.

- **Mission Encounter**, sponsored by the Virginia Conference UMW. Dates: July 27-29. Location: 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Courses offered: *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States*, *What About Our Money*, and *Embracing Wholeness*. Cost: \$190 for adults and \$95 for children 6-12 years old. Registration deadline is July 15. Registration form available at <http://www.vaumw.com/events/mission-encounter>. Financial assistance information is available at jhimmel41@gmail.com.
- Be sure to read books from the **UMW Reading Program**, located on the UMW bookcase shelves in the church library.

For more information, contact Janine Kutty at 540-898-0256 or janinekutty@yahoo.com.



The FUMC United Methodist Men hold their monthly Breakfast meetings on the second Saturday of each month. The July meeting will be held on July 14 at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Larry Julihn will assume the role of UMM President with Mark Epsiicopo's departure.

The men also contributed to June preparations at the Parsonage by moving furniture and clearing out the basement. These jobs were not small and their work is much appreciated by the Trustees, staff and the Cloud Family.

Better Health

Better Health introduces a new ministry: C.H.A.T.I. (Connecting Hearts Across The Internet).



Loneliness and social isolation can have devastating health consequences and are becoming a national epidemic. Loneliness puts the body and spirit in a state of chronic stress and has the potential to compromise overall health, robs us of joy, and threatens general wellbeing. While nothing replaces human touch and actual face-to-face interaction, the next best thing is “virtual” face-to-face interaction!

CHATI uses FACETIME to allow those in our congregation, who (for whatever reason) cannot come to church, to “virtually” come to church, go to Sunday school, attend meetings, or visit with friends whether at home or in the hospital. Using FACETIME, you can see and hear them and they can see and hear you!

A few weeks ago during the 11:00 service, the CHATI program was demonstrated with one of our brothers in Christ who was in the hospital at MCV. His “call” was connected and his image was projected onto the sanctuary wall for a brief “chat.” He reported on his health and personally told the congregation how much the gift of a prayer shawl had meant to him. Moreover, he was able to hear the prayers offered up especially for him. What a special blessing!

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Average Attendance - June

Saturday 5:00 PM—	21
Sunday 8:30 AM—	149
Sunday 9:45 AM—	162
<u>Sunday 11:00 AM—</u>	<u>175</u>
Total	507

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



CHATI continued.

During another meeting one of the participants exclaimed, “It is like you are all here with me in my living room!” Another person is thrilled to be able to “return” to Sunday school to be among her friends, and to hear their reflections on the lesson. Those confined at home can now have their own visitation ministry and reach out through the internet!

Afraid of technology? Think this is only for geeks or techies? Don’t be!! This technology is VERY user friendly and the system will be set up for the participants. After initial set-up it is just one step to connect after that! Promise!!The potential of this ministry is only limited by our imagination and helps us to share our love with one another and bring our brothers and sisters back into the fold.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, own an Apple product capable of FACETIME (IPOD, IPAD or IPHONE) and would like to brighten someone’s day with a virtual visit, contact Betterhealth@FUMCVA.org. Know someone who could benefit from this program (and who has access to WIFI)? Please just let us know!! If you would like to donate your gently used IPAD or IPOD (with FaceTime capabilities), we will gladly use it in this program.

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

The Monday Morning Bible Study group will be taking a break until September 17, when we will resume our study of *Magnificent Grace* from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 .m. in Room 210. (The ISBN # is 978-1-4185-4931-2. The book is available on Amazon and through the local Lifeway store.) Everyone is welcome to join us; each session is self-contained. For more information, contact Carol Kuty at 540-898-0256 or janinekuty@yahoo.com.



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), 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. **Fifth Sunday Connect** is coming again July 29. The focus will be on The Virginia Annual Conference that just took place in June. Several members of our church went to Conference and will be available to share information and answer questions. How can our church answer the call to **See All the People?** Join us to brainstorm, share ideas, fellowship, and eat yummy food! **July 29th, 9am to 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall.** Come join us!



Are you over 60? Retired? Wondering what comes next? Wondering how you can serve in your senior years? Want to renew your faith and relationship with Christ? **Face to Face is for you!**

Face to Face is an ecumenical spiritual retreat – a face to face encounter with Christ. It will take place at Fredericksburg UMC August 14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd from 9am to 3:30pm. The cost is \$25.00.

Pamphlets about Face to Face and registrations are on the Welcome desk in the Gathering Space. For more information or questions, please contact John Mann, slowjet@outlook.com / 540-891-1671. Prayerfully consider joining us.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is coordinating *small groups to welcome Pastor's Gina and Josh* to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. If you would like to host a small group gathering please contact Angela Kim (ssswish65@gmail.com or 540.903.9166) to determine available dates.

Church Council meetings are open to the congregation and are held the 4th Monday of each month. Contact Mike Cotter or Mark Earnesty if you are interested in attending. They will share the agenda and any specifics with you before the meeting.



Church is closed to Celebrate!

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

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: Greg and Allison Xanthopoulos and family on the death of his father, "Steve" Xanthopoulos; Frances McNutt on the death her husband, Bobby McNutt; Joanne Wilson's cousin, Allen Hinman on the loss of his mother, Jane Hinman on May 29.

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

HEALTH CONCERNS—INDIVIDUAL NAMES

Bob LaChance	Tim Newton	Lynn Embry	Don Rembert
Linda Bonshire	Joyce Piper	Billy Jenkins	Debbie Byers
Glenna Lee	Tonya Nelson	Robert Win	Susan Moore
Daniel Himmel	Danny Oliver	Howard Coleman	Danny Oliver
Steve Cooley's niece	Peggy Brewster	Brandon Murphy	Harvey
Brandon Collins	Rebecca and Mike	Caydin Taylor	Rudolph Siron
Margaret	Rettia Morgan	Scott	David Smith's cousin
Frances McNutt			

LIFE EVENTS & GENERAL PRAYERS

Elise	Jameson Meadows	Will	Steve
Sallie W.	Family of Mary Westbrook	Nick	Mary Rose Stephens
Marc C.	Erin	Judy Steadman—mission trip to	Don Feltner
Caleb Merendino	Jackie	Rwanda	Bob Grance
Samantha and Aaron	Steve	Brian Lamb—ministry	CCC and FredCamp
Brendan	Bill	Marc C.	

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
 Incoming/Outgoing Pastors

PRAISE

Birth of Meghann Cotter and Brad Conner's baby Pastor Larry	Birth of Demi and Geo Alas' second daughter Pastor Robb	Praise/thanksgiving for all the Teachers who teach and guide students	Safe return of our son
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LONG-TERM CONCERNS

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

NATION & MILITARY/PUBLIC SERVANTS

Healing divided nation	Airman Adam DeWitte, USAF	Sgt John Phin	Kyle Shiner
Nation and Leaders	Riley Nefferendorf	William Rowe—Navy	2nd Lt Ted Steber, USMC
All Military and Law Enforcement	Pvt Winter Ewer	Sgt J Seaux	Drew Wilson—Afghanistan
First Responders	Walt Kuck, USS Lassen, USN		

A Little Bit More...

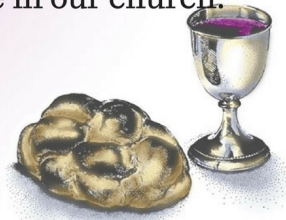


If you have musical or technical gifts and are interested in joining our contemporary worship or AV team, please contact Jennifer Leja at jenniferleja@fumcva.org

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
9:45: Cyndi DeWitte @ mrsdewitte@yahoo.com
11:00: Hank McCaslin @ 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 to volunteer.



COMMUNITY DINNER



Are you looking for an opportunity to become an integral part of worship on Sunday? There is a need for a few additional children and youth to help serve as an acolyte during the 11:00 Worship Service. If interested, please contact Don Becker [phone -(540) 371-2155; email - beckerdl@aol.com].

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RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

We will greet and welcome Pastors Gina and Josh at a reception on July 1 at Noon in Kobler Hall.

Please come join us and warmly welcome our new pastors.

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