Sunday School & Small Groups
Visit http://fumcva.org/ministries/grow-ministries/ grow for a full listing classes

**Children’s Sunday School 9:45 AM**
- 3 year olds - 1st Grade - PreK - lower level
- 2nd Grade - 5th Grade - Chapel

**Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM**
- 6th Grade - Room 207
- 7-8th Grade - Room 219
- Senior High - Youth Room - lower level

**Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM**
- Adventurers - Room 201
- Faith and Fellowship - Room 202
- Christian Living - Room 210
- Wesley Forum - Room 209
- Wayfarers - Downstairs Fellowship Hall
- GriefShare - Room 302
- GriefShare - Small Group Studies
- Children's Ministry - Room 211
- Women's Ministry - Room 212

Prayer Needs
Contact CaroleDubois@fumcva.org to share prayer concerns and praises

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Albert Harvey (Spotsy Regional); Dianne Howe (MWH)

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** Bob and Frances McNutt on the death of their daughter, Tammy Snelling; Wendell and Carol on death of Son, Mark; Stephen Bryant and family on death of Steve's Mother-in-Law; Joyce Morris and family on the death of her uncle, Charles Loren

Special Events
Visit http://fumcva.org/calendar/ for a full listing of events

**A Special Meal for Wednesday night, October 4th!** "A Different Approach to Mission - An evening with Highland Support Project." Hear a presentation from HSP and representatives from the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona and help fund raise for the FUMC mission team going to Guatemala in 2018. Menu: Fajitas, Rice & Beans, Cheese Enchiladas, Taco Salad Bar, Salsa & Chips and Dessert. Make reservations with Carol Knott (carolknott@fumcva.org) or on the church website.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcome or schedule your time: http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcmobile /drive and enter 22401 to find our event. Mary McGhee-Pasternak is the Blood Drive Coordinator, if you need more information.

Fredericksburg UMC will be hosting its 2nd Annual Clean-Out Day on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This year will be a Modified Clean Out as we focus on lightening our load with shredding old papers and donating Furniture to the Furniture Bank. Contact Pastor Larry or Doug Holbrook for additional information.

**Looking Ahead...**

*Don't miss these important events coming up!*

- There will be a Night of Worship Concert on Sunday, October 15th in Kobler Hall beginning at 6:00 PM. Come celebrate the ministry of Spike and Dorothy Burton. All are welcome to come enjoy music and have a time of fellowship as we thank the Burtons for the many years of music and ministry they have shared with Fredericksburg UMC.
- Children's Sabbath is October 29th.
- The Bazaar will be held on November 4th.

Administrative Notes

- A complete listing of our staff members can be found at www.fumcva.org/about/our-staff or in the Open Door newsletter.
- Open Door Newsletters are provided electronically to conserve paper and hard copy only by request. If you require a printed copy, email newsletters@fumcva.org or use the online contact form under About/Resources. Submit articles for the newsletter at the above email or on the website form (About/Resources). Items must be submitted by the 5th of every month for the following month.
- More prayer concerns and praises are in the monthly Open Door - please refer to these concerns as you have your daily time with God.
- Want to get involved or find out more information, use the tear off tab or visit fumcva.com/ministries/get-involved. There’s something for everyone.
Sermon Notes
Practicing Extravagant Generosity
Amongst the Wrecked
1 Timothy 6:17-19

There are two ways to respond to a wreck:
1. First aid and immediate help following the wreck.
2. Take steps to prevent future wrecks from happening.

"Obstacles become opportunities with God." Practicing Extravagant Generosity is our opportunity to respond to the wrecks happening all around us.

From 1 Timothy 6:17-19
• We are rich but don't be arrogant about it and don't put your hopes in wealth.
• Wealth is uncertain so put your hope in God who can provide everything.
• Instead, do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous and willing to share.
• You will lay up treasure for yourself, establish a firm foundation for what is truly life.

Practicing Extravagant Generosity is a call for us as a church to get in the middle of what is happening all around us and offer a safe sanctuary and badly needed help with no thought of return, whether it be a listening ear, a timely financial donation or a helping hand with overwhelming tasks. Practicing Extravagant Generosity is a challenge for us to model a life and a lifestyle that is different from the world so that others can see clearly there is a better way to behave and live.

All of us, when we join a church should seriously consider three responses:
1. Attend Worship whenever possible and support the ministries with our tithes and offerings.
2. Be a part of at least one small group each year to strengthen our faith and interact with others.
3. Be a part of at least one ministry or mission each year to strengthen our faith and help others.

How will you respond to the Ten Dollar Challenge?

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here. Please let us know that you were here by filling out the perforated edge of this worship program and place it in the offering.

Practicing Extravagant Generosity helps us become what God wants us to be. The Christian Discipline of Generosity is not merely about the church's need for money but about the Christian's need to grow in giving. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God's purposes and God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and to change us!

Over the next four weeks, you are invited to join us, members and guests of Fredericksburg UMC, as we seek to deepen our faith, practice extravagant generosity in exciting ways and learn more about the ministries of our church.

Our mission statement guides us: Seek others in our community, Serve their needs, Grow the love of Christ and Connect with each other. Over the next four weeks, you will learn more about how these four areas impact our church and our community.

Meet our Pastors
Larry Davies, Lead Pastor
Robb Almy, Associate Pastor
Carole DuBois, Minister of Congregational Care