

April 2012

First Edition

A Note from the Pastor

Join us for our Holy Week and Easter Services:

April 5 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

April 6 Good Friday 7 pm

April 8 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service FVUMC amphitheater in the woods

8:30, 11:00 am Easter Worship

9:30 am Easter Fellowship Breakfast

Our Holy Week services, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, are somber services, carried out in shadow and darkness that represent our grief and sorrow that Jesus Christ died for us. However, the darkness does not have the last word.

The light that comes with the dawn on Easter Sunday morning is a reminder of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that defeated forever the powers of sin, death and darkness. As preacher Frederick Buechner said, "Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing." Death is defeated through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Easter Victory has made a way for us to be with God forever and ever.

As Easter people, we are people of the light, called, gifted and empowered to share that light with the world, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and testify to the hope that is ours through the Easter Resurrection. No matter how dark the night, the dawn reveals the victory already won. May our voices join with those all over the world this Easter season and every day of our lives, testifying to the light, proclaiming the truth: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

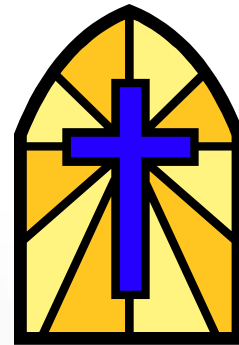
The CREW

**Sunday, April 1: Gleaning,
12pm.**



**Sunday, April 8: No
CREW, Happy Easter!**

**Sunday, April 15 and 22:
Regular Meeting, 6pm. We will
be practicing for Youth Sunday.**



**Youth
Sunday**

**Sunday, April 29: Youth
Sunday.**

**Sundays at 9:30am:
Sunday School.**

Missions Committee

The 9th Annual Race of Grace 5K Run/Walk to Help Relieve Hunger Sunday, April 29, 2012

All money raised benefits Urban Ministries of Wake County and the Women's Center of Wake County.



9th Annual
5K Run/Walk to Help Relieve Hunger
April 29, 2012 - 4pm
Edenton Street UMC

Online registration is now open! All participants will save \$5.00 on entry fees by registering online at www.RaceofGrace.org. This year, only the Race of Grace 5K is being organized. We hope the Tour de Grace and Links of Grace will return in 2013!

Feed My Sheep Sunday will be April 15. The food of the month is peanut butter. Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall.



Interested in helping with any Missions event? Join us for our next meeting, Monday, April 9 at 7:00pm.

THANK YOU

for your financial support to help refurbish the Fellowship Hall floor, walls and ceiling. You helped to raise \$8,500 toward the \$8,800 cost. If you have noticed, the ceiling tiles have already started to be replaced and what a difference a new white clean ceiling makes in the look of the room. It has been a great effort in raising funds for a cleaner Fellowship Hall.

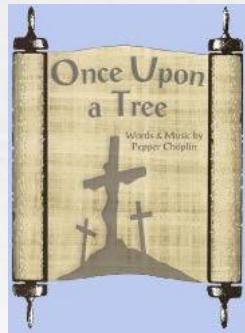
Spring Cleaning

Our annual church clean-up day is going to be Saturday, April 21st. Bring your work gloves, rakes, pruning tools and any other yard tools you find useful. Lunch will be provided.

Music Ministry

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV



Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

Cantata Once Upon a Tree by Raleigh composer, Pepper Choplin presented by the Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble on **Palm Sunday, April 1**, with excerpts at the 8:30 worship service and the full performance at 11:00 worship service. Gospel writer, Luke, gives a personal account of the trial and passion of Jesus Christ. Luke's unique perspective as a physician and follower of Jesus add deeper meaning to the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.

Chancel Choir will be sharing 2 favorite anthems “By and By Medley” and “Untitled Hymn” in a concert to benefit Southern Wake Faith Communities in Action (SWFCA). Church Choirs from the Fuquay Varina Community will offer music in a variety of styles and traditions. The event is called CHOIRFEST and will be held at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church on Sunset Lake Road on Sunday, May 6th at 3pm. Mark your calendars for an afternoon of inspirational music while supporting First UMC Chancel Choir AND SWFCA!

The Music Team brings us from the grief of Good Friday with the passion filled song “Above All,” to celebrating the Resurrection with music from today’s most inspirational Contemporary Christian bands Casting Crowns and Mercy Me. Join us for Good Friday Tenebrae, April 6 at 7:00pm and 8:30 worship on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Grace Notes Handbell Choir will be sharing “My Jesus, I Love Thee” as part of the Good Friday service on April 6.

On Sunday, April 22 Grace Notes will be sharing 2 dynamic pieces “Now the Green Blade Riseth” and “Jubilation Fanfare” as we continue to celebrate the season of Easter.

Grace Notes will also be participating in a concert at FVUMC on Judd Parkway to Benefit Southern Wake Faith Communities in Action. We will be sharing some of our best music from this year including the handbell quartet “O Come, Little Children” and “Song of Peace”.

Mark your calendars to support First UMC Grace Notes AND SWFCA on Sunday, May 20 at 5pm

Children's Choir Upcoming Rehearsals for the Spring Musical God's Top 10

God Squad Choir 4:15pm
Cherub Choir 5:00pm

Sunday, April 1
Sunday, April 15 **NO REHEARSALS**
Sunday, May 6



*** Spring Musical ***

Combined God Squad and Cherub Choir rehearsal
Sunday, April 22 4:30-5:30pm
Saturday, May 19 3:00-4:30pm God's Top 10 Dress Rehearsal

Helga Bogardus
Director of Music Ministry
music@fumcfv.org

Danny Moody
Organist

Adult Education

Have you seen... have you heard?

A growing number of longstanding and new members and visitors have been gathering on the first and third Wednesday evenings upstairs in room number 29 at 7:00 PM to learn more about God's Word. We have pondered God's will; studied Jesus' last words on the cross; and grown to love the Lord as we seek God's will for our lives personally and in ministry to others. Now we are about to embark on this year's third study: a look at "**The four Gospels**," comparing and contrasting Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. On **Wednesday, April 18 and May 2** following our fellowship meals Debbie Webb will lead our discussion. Won't you join this growing group of men and women as we search together for a deeper understanding of the Bible? There is no charge for this study, and babysitting can be provided with prior notice. To register for the class, please contact coordinator Ellen Rose at 608-2821 or ellenrose01@att.net.

Looking ahead, plan now to attend future studies during the same time frame: "**Micah 6:8**" on **May 16, 23, and 30** and our summer study on **The Book of James** on **June 20, 27, July 11, and 18**. Both these studies will be led by Ellen Rose.

Do you have ideas or recommendations for future studies? Please let Ellen know!

Thank you

The family of Peggy Currin wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for their cards, prayers and support during Peggy's sickness and homecoming. We sincerely appreciate the family meal that was lovingly prepared for us. Peggy loved her church and church family. We are so thankful to Anne and everyone for their love and thoughtfulness.

Children's Events

April 2012

God Squad Meeting: Sunday, April 1st at 5pm

The God Squad will meet in the basement for fellowship, supper and a devotion.

God Squad Meeting: Sunday, April 15th at 5pm

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VBS Decorating Meeting: Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm

We will meet in the basement to make props for this year's VBS. Please wear old clothes as we will be painting.

Coming Soon:

Fiesta Family Night: May 4th

Family Outdoor Night: June 1st

Vacation Bible School!

June 17th: Kickoff at 4:30pm

June 18th-22nd: 5:15-8pm

June 24th: Worship Celebration

We have selected our theme for this year's

VBS. Please contact Dana Vaughn at djv_v Vaughn@yahoo.com if you are ready to dive into a fun week!

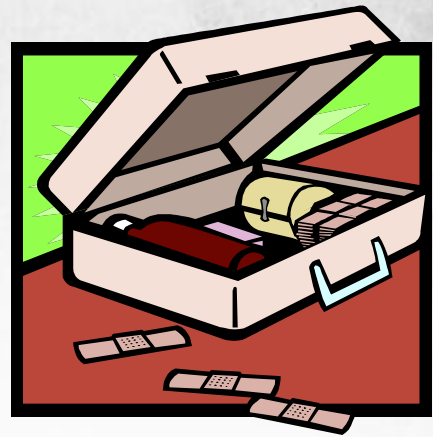


IN NEED OF ITEMS FOR HEALTH KITS!!!

Please bring any of the following items needed to assemble health kits that will be distributed to those in need in our District. Drop off items in the container on the stage in the fellowship hall labeled HEALTH KITS. Victoria and our youth are going to assemble the health kits for us. A great big THANK YOU to them for taking on this project. If you have any questions, please let me know!!

Thanking You in Advance!!!

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- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

We also are in need of diapers and women's feminine products. These can be delivered to the same place. Kits are desperately needed by tornado victims across the country and migrant workers who labor in the fields in this region.

The deadline for collecting items is April 15th.

Birthdays

4/2 Alex Brierly	4/14 Adrienne Root
4/3 James Tudor	4/15 Edwin Parker
4/4 Edward Ashworth Jr.	4/16 John Kelly
4/4 Phyllis Dewar	4/16 Andrew Muller
4/4 Cynthia Mann	4/17 Jim Harrison
4/5 Haley Akins	4/17 Connor Stuart
4/5 Hunter Akins	4/19 Beverly Olsen
4/6 Andrew Stitt	4/20 Judy Isbell
4/7 Brent Hair	4/20 Braden Long
4/7 Scott Hair	4/20 Portia Newman
4/7 Maddison Rhue	4/20 Matthew Skiles
4/9 Dickie Johnson	4/21 Billy Sturtevant
4/10 Metra Ashworth	4/21 Lee Thompson
4/10 Nancy Fish	4/22 Caitlyn Ashworth
4/10 Dennis Keith	4/22 Mildred Webb
4/10 Debbie White	4/23 Bobby Blackmon
4/11 Nancy Broadwell	4/23 Garrett Enloe
4/11 Evan Setzer	4/23 Jeff Kimbel
4/12 Sara Markle	4/23 Paige Wallace
4/12 Peggy Robinson	4/24 Diana Schnitzlein
4/12 Ronnie Rost	4/26 Elise Gaines
4/12 Drusilla Williams	4/27 Jeff Munzenmaier
4/13 Carrie Knoerschild	4/28 Joe Ashworth
4/14 John Cioffi	4/28 Carter Gilbert

Anniversaries

4/2 Keith & Julia McCombs
4/8 Bill & Kristie Akins
4/8 Mike & Carol Marsh
4/14 Steve & Lisa Sutherlin
4/22 John & Heather Akins
4/24 Steve & Lisa Campbell