

Fairfax United Methodist Church

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April 19, 2009
Second Sunday of Easter

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

Life Will Be Sweeter Someday
Men of Message

David Reese

Welcome

Entrance and Praise

* Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to God's new day!

People: Everywhere we look we see new life!

Leader: In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence.

People: Death can never be the last word.

Leader: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.

People: Praise God for new life within and among us this day!

* Hymn No. 384 Easter People, Raise Your Voices *Regent Square*

* Opening Prayer

God of the Risen Christ, you love us so much that you raised Christ from the tomb. You bring life to us, awakening peace and devotion in lonely, fearful hearts. O Christ, we praise you for the blessings that overtake us unaware, for the peace that dawns each day, and the work for which you empower us. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith No. 883 *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

* Gloria Patri No. 71

Sacrament of Baptism (9:30)

Hymnal, page 39

Brady William Sealock

Congregational Response

The Faith We Sing, No. 2051

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoice the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Children's Message (11:00)

Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Adelaide

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Worthy the Lamb
Men of Message

Bill & Gloria Gaither

*Doxology

Hymnal, page 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Hymn No. 2206

Without Seeing You
The Faith We Sing

We Believe

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

O creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O creator and mighty God, help us, through our worship, to continue in your promise. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

(page 1065, pew Bible)

1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Lesson

(page 945, pew Bible)

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Unlocked Living

Pastor Steve Bray

Sending Forth

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| * Hymn No. 310 | He Lives | <i>Ackley</i> |
| * Benediction and Choral Response | <i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i> Men of Message | <i>The Ash Grove</i> |
| Postlude | <i>Prelude in C</i> David Leahey, organ | <i>J. S. Bach</i> |

** Congregation Standing*

*Immediately following each worship service this morning,
please meet and greet persons you do not know.*

Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.

Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.

Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.

The audio for the worship service is available at
www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx

The previous week's service is under archives on the website.

WELCOME VISITORS

Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church! As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshipping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at church@fairfaxumc.org.

Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. They are cream colored cards with a cross in a circle. If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings.

You are invited to the Fellowship Hall (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee and fellowship.

Interested in finding out more about becoming a church member? Please see one of our pastors today or call the church office, 703-591-3120.

The rosebud in the Chancel area this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandson, Brady William Sealock, being baptized today. The rosebud is given by Wayne and Sharon Sealock.

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Pattigene and Leon Long and in memory of Mary Lear, who lived her Christian faith everyday and in honor of Bob Lear, whose marriage to Mary was a shining example of what a great marriage can and should be! Thanks, Leon and Dad, for a wonderful life!

The flowers in the Narthex this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of my great grandsons, Brady William Sealock, being baptized today and Holden Matthew Lucas born March 12 in Birmingham, Alabama and in memory of my husband, Lester, on our 67th wedding anniversary given by Alice Henry.

Lenten Mission Offering - Throughout Lent, individuals have shared their stories of how the church has transformed lives through various Outreach ministries funded by this special offering. Please give generously by making your check payable to FUMC, marked Lenten offering or place it in the marked Lenten offering envelope available in the pew racks. As of April 12th, we have received \$24,600 toward our goal of \$30,000 for the 2009 Lenten Mission offering.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to formally recognize Sarah Snow at all four services today. Sarah resigned from the church staff effective April 9, 2009. Shortly after earning her Master of Divinity degree, she married our Associate Pastor, Jason, in January, 2006. She came to Fairfax Church, and was hired as the Youth Director in February 2006, a position in which she served until April 2007. At that time, she changed positions to Coordinator of Congregational Care and has served in this capacity for the past two years. During her tenure in this role, she strengthened the church's Stephen Ministry, expanded congregational care into older adult ministries, and helped implement the Caring Calls program. She now has the opportunity to be a part-time caregiver for her grandmother which allows her more time with her new son, Hunter. Sarah will continue to do volunteer work at the church, particularly as a Stephen Leader. We extend our sincere thanks to Sarah as she leaves employment at FUMC, and wish her success, happiness, and God's blessings in the future.

UMYF – There will be no UMYF tonight! Please pray for our youth as they conclude their Spring Retreat and return this afternoon. UMYF will resume its usual schedule next week.

Once Upon a Parable by Tom Long and Allen Pote is the Children's Choirs Musical to be presented on Saturday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m. The children will portray energetic storytellers capturing the humor and truth of some of Jesus' most familiar parables.

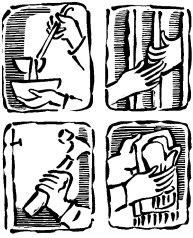
Hunter Snow's baptism – Jason and Sarah Snow invite you to the baptism of their son, Hunter Isaac, on April 26th at Open Doors at 5:30 p.m. Come and celebrate this special day with us!



Tuesday Fellowship Supper - Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15 - 7:15. The menu for April 21st is Roast Pork Loin with Balsamic Onions, Oven Baked Potatoes, Corn, Salad and Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dogs and French Fries. All for \$7.50, adult; \$4.00, child (underage 12) **OR** \$20.00, family. Please help us adequately plan by making reservations and payment today in the Resource Room. Reservations made after today or at the door will increase the price \$1.00 per person and family tickets will not be available. So sign up today!

Silent Auction Around the Corner -The 2009 Silent Auction to benefit youth missions will again be a part of the Strawberry Festival on May 17, 2009. Each year, we convert the Fellowship Hall into a giant auction house, filled with beautifully arranged gift baskets, sporting event tickets, artwork, food, and more – and all of it available to you! The auction area will be open between our morning worship services, but the real fun starts with the evening bidding wars that happen during the Strawberry Festival! So come, bring your checkbooks, and see what treasures you can bring home! Bidding isn't the only way you can support our fundraising efforts. We also need donations to be offered during the auction. Even the smallest donations can bring in much needed financial support for our youth mission teams. Themed gift baskets (for example: a summer reading basket with filled with paperback books) are appreciated, and large gifts (for example: Redskins tickets, or a weekend getaway at your family's cabin) are greatly encouraged! Gift baskets and other individual gifts can be donated in the Resource Room or in Mike Hensley's office. You can email Heather Cooper also at scooper1@aol.com with any other donations or questions. Thank you for your support! Our high school and junior high mission trips won't happen without you!

Vacation Bible School 2009 - Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere on June 22 - 26, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Sign up for an adrenaline-filled, action-packed trip where kids learn their strength is from God. Our VBS is open to children who were in an Age 3 class in the fall of 2008 through children who have completed the 4th grade. *Children who have completed the 5th and 6th grades* are eligible to participate that same week in a daily hands on mission program, especially designed for them called *Summer Discovery*. Both of these programs will offer wonderful opportunities to learn more about God's plan for our lives, fellowship and light-hearted fun. Many volunteers are needed to insure a great week. Leader training for VBS will be May 2 at noon. If you would like to volunteer as an adult or youth helper, please contact Martha Peacock at mpeacock@fairfaxumc.org or 703-591-3120 x 113. *Registration continues on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall and in the Main Office during the week.* The registration fee is \$10.00 per child. Junior and Senior Highs are welcome to be youth helpers. Let's go trekking!



Fairfax Church to participate in Volunteers In Mission

trip. The United Methodist Church is continuing to send volunteers to Mississippi to provide relief from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. This trip is October 31 - November 7, 2009 and is serving in Biloxi, Mississippi with another team from Catonsville, Maryland. A \$250.00 deposit reserves your place for this home improvement and construction mission trip. The total cost of the trip

(including airfare from BWI) is \$500.00. Funding assistance is available toward the \$250.00 balance. Please express your interest and pick up a brochure in the Resource Room on Sunday mornings or in the Main Office during the week. Questions? Contact Tony Almond, almond@cox.net or Libby Barricks, 703-591-3120 or lbarricks@fairfaxumc.org.

Youth Musical *Barefoot* – FUMC’s Drama Ministry proudly presents the world premiere of *Barefoot: An Appalachian Parable*, an original two-act musical, cooperatively directed by Chris Crowl and Zak and Jody Lyon. *Barefoot* retells the sending out of the 70 disciples (Luke 10:1-11) with a uniquely bluegrass twist. *Barefoot* debuts on May 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A 7:30 p.m. performance on May 9th and a Mother’s Day Matinee at 2:30 on May 10th will also be offered. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received during intermission.

With the successful conclusion of the Hypothermia Prevention Response Program there is still a need for items to help those who are homeless. FACETS has a continual need for items such as canned soups(preferably with pop tops), water, juice, canned meats, etc. and now adds tents and sleeping bags to the requested items. The current economy has increased the number of those needing services so the need for donations also rises. FACETS is conveniently located at 10565 Fairfax Blvd. Suite 10 and if you have questions their phone number is 703-532-5090.

FUMC has a Collections Center - Brian Boehm, a young member of our congregation, has built two wooden cabinets to create a collection center as a part of his journey toward Eagle Scout. The collection units are located in the Fellowship Hall. Each unit has multiple drawers that are now labeled to receive specific items. Did you know that we collect old cell phones, printer cartridges, glasses, school supplies, and small personal hygiene items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, clean socks, and washcloths for the Lamb Center? These items are collected year round. There is room for a few other items, so if your group needs to collect something for a project, let the church office know and we will re-label a spot for you. The top of these units is a perfect place to place your donations for the Food Closet. If you see Brian, thank him for a job well done!

Get your picture taken for our new Pictorial Directory. Sign ups for photo appointments will be in the Fellowship Hall from April through early May. The dates for taking pictures will be May 27 & 28 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., June 1 - 5 from 3 :00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., and June 6 – 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. We hope to get pictures of all persons who are a part of our worshipping community. You will also get a free 8x10, if you get your picture taken. Be sure to sign up to make our new pictorial directory complete!

This spring, the 6th grade Sunday School class is looking for donations for their spring service project. We will be making "Live BIG" boxes for kids and donating them to the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter. To give the kids a little spring pick-me-up, we are looking for donations of the following items to include in the boxes:

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| Shoe Boxes | Card Games | Playing Cards |
| Jump Ropes | Small Balls | Wallets |
| Travel-size Toiletries | Combs, Brushes | Hair Accessories |
| Teen-style Jewelry | Deodorant | Toothbrushes |
| Craft Kits (Beads, Paint, Markers, etc.) | | Toothpaste |
| Journals/Stationary | Coloring Books | Crayons |
| Word Game Books | Alarm Clocks | Socks |
| Flip-flops | Small Cars | |

We will be accepting donations until Sunday, May 17th. Please leave any donations in the box located outside the Fellowship Hall.

Giving statements will only be mailed in June, December and January as a cost cutting measure. Last year statements were mailed quarterly with an additional mailing in November. Look for giving statements to be offered electronically in the near future.

Our Prayers are With Those Serving Our Country Overseas. . .

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| Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner) | Mike King (friend of Jen & Mark Tajnai) |
| Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen) | Jeffrey Kreisel (son of Carl & Cindy Kreisel) |
| Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt) | Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley) |
| David Bray (son of Steve & Beverly Bray) | James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce) |
| Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull) | Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank) |
| Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth) | Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney) |
| Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan) | Billy Mitchell (father of Madison & Michael Mitchell) |
| Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards) | Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau) |
| Donald P. Darnell, Jr. (son of Don & Elaine Darnell) | Sarah Petras (granddaughter of Lois Darnell) |
| Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips) | Kirk Peterson (son of Jon & Karen Peterson) |
| Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney) | Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family) |
| David Goldich (son of Judy Goldich) | Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian) |
| T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson) | Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch) |
| Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley) | Scott Shackleton (friend of the Clemon's family) |
| Matt Hilton | Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson) |
| Alan Holbrook and Isaac Holbrook (nephews of Jennifer & Dwight Holbrook) | Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers) |
| Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt) | Chris Stephenson (cousin of Patty Stephenson) |
| John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai) | Tim Trainer (son-in-law of Don & Elaine Darnell) |
| | Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham) |

As the status of friends and family changes, please notify the church.

SERVING US TODAY

APRIL 19, 2009

8:15 a.m.

William Barton
David Peacock
Deyane Rudge

9:30 a.m.

Ushers

Wyatt Bethel
Joe Bekhor
Judy Goldich

11:00 a.m.

Bill Clift
Tony Almond
Daniel Cosner
Millie Holdaway
Patrick Shea
Al Wells

Jason Snow

Worship Leaders

Bob Schlansker

Leslie Carter

Linda Brock

Lay Readers

Bonnie Outten

Leslie Lord

John and Helen Smith

Sanctuary Greeters

Dana Dingell

Pattigene Long

Acolytes

Matt Schelhorn

Molly Weaver

Crucifers

Patrick Weaver

Education Wing Greeters

Jon Burks and Heather Hakes
of the Partners in Parenting Sunday School Class

Our Giving - April 12, 2009

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| Total Weekly Offering | \$25,858 |
| Budget Receipts Year-to-Date | \$338,378 |
| Budget Needs Year-to-Date | \$348,015 |
| Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date | \$398,558 |
| Worship Attendance - Last Week | 1,202 |

The Passages for Sunday, April 26, 2009:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

APRIL 19 - 25, 2009

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| SUNDAY | 12:15 pm | Staff-Parish Committee, Conference Room |
| | 2:00 pm | UMYF Spring Retreat Returns, Church |
| | 2:00 pm | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| | 4:00 pm | Chapel Choir, 212 |
| | 4:15 pm | Junior Ringers, 215 |
| | 5:30 pm | Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 pm | TNT Sunday School Class, Main Office Area |
| MONDAY | 9:00 am | Porcelain Club, Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:00 pm | Children's Musical Tech Week, Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 pm | Pack 187 Pack Meeting, Multi-Purpose Room |
| | 6:00 pm | Tuesday Night Fellowship Supper Preparation, Main Kitchen |
| | 7:00 pm | Chapel and Adult Ringers, 215 |
| | 7:15 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 187, 112, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216 |
| TUESDAY | 7:30 am | UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112 |
| | 9:30 am | Staff Meeting, Conference Room |
| | 5:30 pm | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 pm | Cherub Choir, 217 |
| | 6:15 pm | Tuesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Multi-Purpose Room |
| | 7:00 pm | Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303 |
| | 7:00 pm | Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308 |
| | 7:00 pm | Congregational Care Purpose Area Meeting, 115 |
| | 7:00 pm | Paths of Faith, 112 |
| | 7:00 pm | Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activities Room |
| | 7:30 pm | String Quartet Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 7:45 pm | Music Committee, Conference Room | |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 am | Ames Management, 115 |
| | 5:30 pm | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | ESL Conversation Group 2, 306-308 |
| | 7:00 pm | ESL Conversation Group, 310 |
| | 7:00 pm | Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 7:30 pm | Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 am | Lamb Center Lunch Team, Main Kitchen |
| | 5:30 pm | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| | 8:00 pm | Dave Ramsey Webcast, Sanctuary |
| FRIDAY | 9:30 am | Preschool Families Playgroup, 107 |
| | 2:00 pm | Church Closed |
| | 5:30 pm | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| SATURDAY | 7:30 am | Men's Bible Study, 112 |
| | 9:30 am | Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall |
| | 2:00 pm | Church Closed |
| | 7:00 pm | <i>Once Upon a Parable</i> , Fellowship Hall |

THE MINISTRY



Stephen G. Bray
Senior Pastor

Jason Snow
Associate Pastor

Elizabeth P. Barricks
Program Ministries

Sarah Snow
Congregational Care

David Leahey
Music Ministries

Martha D. Peacock
Program Ministries

Michael Hensley
Youth Director

Ian Lane
Music Ministries