

Fairfax United Methodist Church

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February 15, 2009
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

He Never Sleeps
Men of Message

Traditional

Welcome

Entrance and Praise

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the river and pray.

People: Wash in the everflowing grace of God.

Leader: Come into the presence of our healing God.

People: Bask in the shining light of Christ's love.

Leader: Come as you are; be where you are; but know that God is all around.

* Hymn No. 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

* Opening Prayer

God of health and wholeness, embrace us, even in our brokenness. Wash us with your loving presence. Cleanse our ears, that we may love you fully. Cleanse our lives, that we may walk with joy and sing your praises. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*

* Gloria Patri No. 71

Children's Message (11:00)

Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* *Will Thompson*

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the anniversary of David and Siân Leahey, given by David.

The rosebud on the Altar this morning is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth on February 10, 2009 of Oliver Fairfax Barricks, son of Jim and Monica Barricks and grandson of Doug and Libby Barricks and Bill and Nancy Fairfax and great grandson of Frances Fairfax.

UMYF – Get your popcorn ready! Our UMYF will be having a movie party tonight at 6:30. We'll have sodas and snacks for all, plus a show on the big screen. Bring a friend!

Parents' Night Out is Friday, February 27 for *Circus Night*. Our special guests are "Molly", the circus clown, and "Vince", the juggler. Also, dinner, crafts and lots of fun will be provided for children from infants through sixth graders. The cost is \$8.00 per child with a maximum family cost of \$25.00. All children must be registered by **February 18**. Register in the Resource Room on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

Musicians Wanted! The Drama Ministry is seeking musicians to participate in the band for the musical *Barefoot: An Appalachian Parable*. The musical's performances will be May 8-10 at FUMC and feature bluegrass and American folk music. We need especially a pianist and a percussionist, but any musician who is interested in helping can contact Chris Crowl at 202-413-7445 or chcrowl@tdinternational.com. The band will rehearse weekly beginning in mid-February.



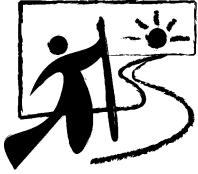
Tuesday Fellowship Supper - Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. The menu for February 17th is Chicken Marsala, Buttered Pasta, Sweet Peas, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Children's menu is Chicken Nuggets and French Fries. All for \$7.50, adult; \$4.00, child (under age 12) **OR** \$20.00, 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!

Worship Schedule Task Force - The Church Council has approved a request from the Worship Purpose Area to examine the Sunday worship schedule as an assessment of the worship needs of the congregation. The Task Force is being formed from committees and purpose areas closely associated with worship and representative church members that regularly attend the various services. The task force will be meeting to organize within the coming weeks with Listening Sessions expected to be held in early March. The task force will report back to the congregation in April with a synthesis of listening session comments. A recommendation will be forwarded to Church Council in May. Please watch for scheduled listening sessions and plan to participate to share your thoughts.

Our Daily Bread - As the economy continues its downturn, there will be more and more families needing food. We are so thankful that our Food Closet received a bounty of food from the Men of Message's Concert (and their music was a special treat, also). The next food delivery is on March 8th and we also need our congregation to add to the closet. The Lamb Center and F.I.S.H. also receive food from our closet for their needs. As you shop for your own family, remember to pick up a few items for the closet. The items needed include: pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, ready-to-eat meals, vegetables, and juice. The specialty items for this delivery are Cleaning Supplies. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Closet. There are a dedicated group of people who work in this ministry and if you would like to join them, please contact Kerryn McMeans 703-471-3952 or Sue Almond 703-476-9606.

UMM Dinner / Program - Ladies nite - Bring your sweetheart. The Fairfax United Methodist Men will have a special St. Valentine's Day dinner/program on Wednesday, February 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Men of Message. Registration is at 6:45 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. The price of the meal is \$7.50. Make reservations on the pew pad by writing UMM and the number of reservations or you may call Jim Conklin, Sr. at 703-273-3884.

Great News! Our second annual Mother-Daughter Breakfast Brunch is on Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The United Methodist Women are inviting all the women and their daughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, nieces and cousins to this event. Delicious food and fine music are on the list! Come and enjoy this special time. Please call Marie Jobe 703-273-0527 no later than February 24th if you are planning to attend. Just walk right in and have a wonderful time!



Paths of Faith/Spring Semester is enrolling for the **next** series. Sign up today in the Resource Room. (\$25)!

February 24th - March 10th

History & Theology of Jewish-Christian Relations

The church of Jesus Christ has always lived on the boundary between Jews and Gentiles. In the earliest church, Jewish Christians predominated, and their challenge was what to make of the surprising reality of Gentiles and Gentile followers of Jesus. In time, the relationship was reversed, and powerful Gentile Christians had to make sense of less powerful Jews, both Christian and non-Christian. Since WWII, the relationship between Jews and Christians has entered yet another stage, and the church has found it necessary to reexamine many of its traditional teachings about the Jewish people. In a series of three lectures, Dr. Soulen will examine these and many other issues in a survey of the history and theology of Jewish-Christian relations.

Facilitator: Dr. Kendall Soulen

Dr. Soulen is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary. He earned a B.A. at Yale University, M.Div. at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Ph.D. from Yale University. Soulen has written extensively, especially in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. Besides being interested in 'all things theological', he is an old-time banjo and fiddle player!

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

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)
Florentino Corral, Jr. (friend of Ian & Liz Lane)	Kirk Peterson (son of Jon & Karen Peterson)
Donald P. Darnell, Jr. (son of Don & Elaine Darnell)	Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)	Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)	Beverly Ruggeri (sister of Lois Darnell)
David Goldich (son of Judy Goldich)	Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)	Scott Shackleton (friend of the Clemon's family)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)	Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Matt Hilton	Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Alan Holbrook and Isaac Holbrook (nephews of Jennifer & Dwight Holbrook)	Chris Stephenson (cousin of Patty Stephenson)
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)	Tim Trainer (son-in-law of Don & Elaine Darnell)
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)	Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)
	Darrell Wilson (friend of Peter & Mary Jackson)

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

SERVING US TODAY

FEBRUARY 15, 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

Ralph Jones

Worship Leaders

Bonnie Outten

Steve Bray

Lay Readers

Ralph Jones

William Jacobson

Leslie Lord

John and Helen Smith

Sanctuary Greeters

Dana Dingell

Pattigene Long

Acolytes

Bryan Moffatt

John Andrew Carter

Crucifers

Courtney Duncan

Education Wing Greeters

Jennifer and Wayne Hudders
of the Partner in Parenting Sunday School Class

Our Giving - February 8, 2009

Total Weekly Offering	\$17,955
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$133,162
Budget Needs Year-to-Date	\$139,206
Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date	\$366,390
Worship Attendance - Last Week	398

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2009

SUNDAY	9:30 am Faith Journeys, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm Chapel Choir, 212
	3:00 pm Chapel Ringers, 215
	3:15 pm Junior Choir, 216
	4:15 pm Junior Ringers, 215
	4:15 pm King David Choir, 216
	5:30 pm Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm TNT Sunday School Class, Main Office
	6:30 pm UMYF, 312, Youth Activities Room
MONDAY	Office Closed
TUESDAY	7:30 am UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112
	9:30 am Staff Meeting, Conference Room
	6:00 pm Cherub Choir, 217
	6:15 pm Tuesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303
	7:00 pm Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308
	7:00 pm Paths of Faith, 112
	7:00 pm Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activities Room
	7:45 pm Music Committee, Conference Room
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Multi-Purpose Room
	6:45 pm UMM Fellowship Dinner Meeting, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
	7:00 pm ESL, 101, 107, 301, 303, 304, 306-308, 307, 310, 313, Youth Activities Room
	7:00 pm Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm Property Committee, 113
THURSDAY	9:30 am W.A.T.E.R. Circle, Parlor
	5:30 pm Nurturing Program, 101, 107, 301, Multi-Purpose Room
	7:00 pm Paths of Faith, 115
	7:00 pm Preschool Winter Workshop, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216
FRIDAY	9:30 am Preschool Families Playgroup, 107
	2:00 pm Church Closed
	3:00 pm FACETS Meal Preparation, Main Kitchen
SATURDAY	8:30 am Confirmation Class Retreat, 312, Youth Activities Room
	9:00 am 4-H, 112
	2:00 pm Church Closed

The Passages for Sunday, February 22, 2009:

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9