

Fairfax United Methodist Church

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March 15, 2009

Third Sunday in Lent

Turn, Follow, Be Reconciled to God

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

Master Tallis's Testament
David Leahey, organ

Herbert Howells

Welcome

Lenten Mission Moment

(8:15) Pete Grubmeyer

(9:30) Bruce Martin

(11:00) Diane Lewis

Entrance and Praise

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise.

People: We worship and remember your blessings great and small.

Leader: Come! Come! Everybody worship with a joyous heart.

People: We worship and remember the Lord's loving care.

Leader: Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always.

People: We worship and remember that God is the light showing us the way.

* Hymn No. 577 God of Grace and God of Glory *CWM Rhondda*

* Opening Prayer

O God, our guide, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, the tasks which you have committed to us. May we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith No. 885

A Modern Affirmation

* Gloria Patri No. 71

Children's Message (11:00)

Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer

(8:15)	<i>Heavenly Father</i>	<i>Thomas Campian</i>
(9:30)	<i>Let My Prayer</i>	<i>Henry Purcell</i>
(11:00)	<i>Be With Us Father</i>	<i>John Dowland</i>

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

(8:15)	<i>A Carol for Lent</i> Ian Lane, tenor	<i>Mary Elizabeth Caldwell</i>
(9:30)	<i>If Ye Love Me</i> Chancel Choir	<i>Thomas Tallis</i>
(11:00)	<i>Jazz Kyrie</i> Chapel Choir Ian Lane, director Delila Moravitz, piano	<i>Valerie Showers Crescenzo</i>

*Doxology

Hymnal, page 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Hymn No. 552 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Tokyo

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us the power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer through your Word and loving presence in our lives. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

(page 991, pew Bible)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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 our pastors and church staff who give so much and enrich our congregation by Steve Sherman and Melissa Osborne.

Lenten Mission Emphasis - Throughout the Sundays of Lent, individuals and groups will share stories about how our church transforms lives through various Outreach efforts funded solely by the Lenten Mission offering as of March 12th, we have received \$3,898 of our \$30,000 goal to support thirteen important activities. Today's emphasis is **The Lamb Center**, a daytime drop-in center for the poor and poor in spirit just down the street at Fairfax Circle. The Lamb Center provides hospitality, a spiritual foundation, referrals, assistance, and a variety of support services to 70-80 guests per day. The Lamb Center is supported by dozens of Christian churches in the Fairfax area who provide volunteers to augment the small paid staff. Thanks in part to your support, the Lamb Center ministry is extremely successful in providing critical help to our most vulnerable neighbors. Visitors are always welcome to stop by at 3220 Old Lee Highway (located between the Shell Station and the Seven-Eleven). For more information, you may call Diana Lewis, at 703-385-2889 or Pete Grubmeyer, at (703) 591-7692, our church's representatives to the Lamb Center. The Lamb Center website address is www.thelambcenter.org. It gives an excellent overview of what goes on at the Lamb Center. A complete list of **Lenten offering** priorities has been provided to each home so that you may read more about the activities supported by the Lenten offering, and how this important support directly touches lives. *Please give generously by making your check payable to FUMC, marked Lenten offering, or place it in the Lenten offering envelopes in the pew racks. Copies of the designations of the entire Lenten Offering are in the Narthex.*

Music Series 2009 - Children of the Light Dancers - Children of the Light Dancers is a Christian ministry of dance and drama bringing God's love to the Washington Metropolitan Area since 1991. Participants are taught how to honor God, bless those in need around them, and inspire faith through their dancing. Their latest project helped raise awareness of modern day slavery. Come and enjoy the dancers as they provide a message of hope and encouragement to our congregation during our Open Doors worship service today. For more information on our Music Series, please take a brochure from the Narthex.



Tuesday Fellowship Supper - Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. The menu for March 17th is Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots and Onions, Boiled Buttered Potatoes, Cauliflower AuGratin, Salad and Dessert.

The children's menu is Pizza. 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!

UMYF – This Sunday, our UMYF group will meet at 6:30 in the Youth Activities Room. The Junior High (Collide) will continue their discussion about redemption. Our Senior High will be talking about the intersection of relationships and the internet. How can your Facebook account be an extension of God's presence in your life? See you tonight!

Parents' Night Out is Jungle Safari Night on Friday, March 20th. Our special guest is The Reptile Lady and her slithering companions. The evening is from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and includes dinner, crafts and fun. The cost is \$8.00 per child with a maximum of \$24.00 per family. Registration may be made in the Resource Room on Sunday morning or in the main office during the week. The registration deadline is March 17th.

Lenten Midweek Chapel Services - The lay speakers in the church invite you to make a weekly commitment through the Lenten season. Join with us in the Chapel for a service of reflection, prayer and meditation on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 during Lent. This is an opportunity to focus on the season for sacrifice, rededicating ourselves to Christian service.

Donations Needed - The Little Angel Consignment Sale is March 28th. As you clean out for the children's new spring and summer clothes, toys and equipment, books, videos, furniture, please consider donating these items to the UMW to support local missions. Place donations in the box outside the Fellowship Hall. For delivery of large items or donations, contact Leslie Carter, 703-591-8721. For volunteers/consignors, contact Brenda Weaver at 703-352-8806.

Leisure Ministries' next trip is to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia on Tuesday, March 31st. Honor, courage and commitment are the core values embraced by the Marine Corps and this structure tells their story and honors their accomplishments. The cost is \$5.00 for transportation. Each person will pay for their own lunch at the museum cafe. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Express your interest to Libby Barricks 703-591-3120.

UMM Dinner/Program - The Fairfax United Methodist Men will have a dinner/program March 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Richard Tredenik, who will speak on Church Missions. The dinner/program will be held in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. and registration is at 6:45 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.

Mulch Sale – United Methodist Men will sell mulch on Sundays in March. The cost is \$4.50 per each 3 cubic foot bag of shredded hardwood mulch. We ordered only 900 bags. Delivery to your house will be made on April 4th. Sign-up is between services on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. We are seeking trucks and muscle for this endeavor as we try to help friends get ready for spring. All profits go to Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, St. Andrew Club, Camp Rainbow (for the challenged), and Heart Havens. For information call Jim Conklin, Sr. at 703-273-3884.

Our Daily Bread - In the midst of the excitement and busyness of Hypothermia Week in our church, five people met on Saturday morning when our guests departed for the day and filled 118 bags of groceries. Nineteen people came to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday after the 11:00 service and carried the bags to their cars and delivered them to the 30 families. After all of that, the Food Closet still has enough food to serve other people who may come to our church to supplement their family's needs. We continue to be so appreciative and amazed by the outpouring of support from our congregation in support of this vital ministry. Thank you again for showing God's love to others in our community. There is a place for you in this ministry by calling Kerryn McMeans (703-591-5240) or Sue Almond (703-476-9606).

Spring Lawn Cleanup - Join us to remove winter's clutter and prepare our church to host families and friends for the Easter season. The Property Committee has scheduled a volunteer workday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. next Saturday, March 21st. In case of rain, we will meet on Saturday, March 28th. Please bring your yard tools such as clippers, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and stewardship! Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Art Looney 703-591-3120 or alooney@fairfaxumc.org.

You're Invited to a Cook-Out - Christian Encounters would like to invite all who are coming to help with the Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, March 21st to have lunch when we complete our work. Hot dogs, chips, sodas and fellowship will certainly hit the spot as we enjoy the fruits of our labor — a beautiful church yard. Please call Marsha Ficken 703-385-1879 or Sue Almond 703-476-9606 if you are able to join us.

Giving envelopes have been redesigned. Due to postal regulations our envelope design has changed. Look for the new design with your next quarterly mailing of giving envelopes. You should receive your envelopes before April.

UMW General Meeting on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Arise, Shine! Glorify God! Jean Godwin, Spiritual Director will present a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program. The 2009 theme for this offering is Creating Communities Through Information Technology. This offering will fund programs related to marginalized communities, such as the poor, the physically challenged and others, especially women, children, and youth, that don't have access to information technology. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting. Join us and participate by sharing a gift and blessing to others. For more information, call Millie Holdaway 703-273-4022.

Calling all bakers!! The UMW is having their bi-annual bake sale on the 28th of March in conjunction with the Little Angel Consignment Sale. The proceedings of this sale go toward our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, scholarships, books for the UMW reading library and operating supplies. If you can bake for us, please call Joan Hensley, 703-352-1155 or Marie Jobe, 703-273-0527. Thank you!

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)
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)
	Darrell Wilson (friend of Peter & Mary Jackson)

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

THE MINISTRY



Stephen G. Bray
Senior Pastor

Jason Snow
Associate Pastor

Elizabeth P. Barricks
Program Ministries

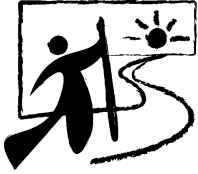
Sarah Snow
Congregational Care

David Leahey
Music Ministries

Martha D. Peacock
Program Ministries

Michael Hensley
Youth Director

Ian Lane
Music Ministries



Paths of Faith/Spring Semester is enrolling for the **next** class. Sign up today in the Resource Room.

March 17th - March 31st

A Clearing Season – Reflections for Lent

To many, Lent is simply a time to devoutly “give up” something that is enjoyed. It seems a long purposeless time of self-denial. *A Clearing Season* rebuffs that notion looking at Lent from a new perspective. It’s spring cleaning for the soul! Lent offers time to pause, consider, and renew your relationship with God. Texts are available in the Resource Room.

Facilitator: Rev. Steve Bray

Rev. Bray has served Fairfax Church as Senior Pastor, since June 2002. He graduated from Randolph-Macon College and Yale Divinity School. Rev. Bray was ordained an elder in 1976 and has served as Alexandria District Superintendent and five other church appointments.

Lenten Churchwide Gatherings

March 22, 2009

6:30 p.m.

COFFEE HOUSE

UMCOR 100-TON FAIR TRADE CHALLENGE



Come and sample different coffees from around the world! UMCOR is challenging United Methodist to help farmers earn fair prices for their crops by participating in the 100-Ton Challenge. This 12-month campaign is a collaboration between UMCOR and Equal Exchange, a 100% fair trade, worker-owned co-operative.

The **Men of Message** will provide the entertainment for our coffee house experience. So come and enjoy good music, and an excellent cup of coffee or tea that helps small scale farmers in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Every pound counts.

So far, 56.5 tons of coffee have been purchased toward the 100-Ton goal!



If you would like to place an Easter lily or geranium in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Place it in the offering plate or mail/deliver it to the church office along with your check.

Orders must reach the church office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23 for the flowers to be ordered and the information to be included in the bulletin. The flowers you ordered may be picked up after the 11:00 service on Easter morning. We anticipate that flowers will be picked up by the honoree, unless other arrangements are made.

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Please mark with number desired:

Easter Lilies (\$9.00 each): _____ Geraniums (\$4.25 each): _____ Red _____ White

Please Print

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

If you would like to make a contribution to The Hermitage in honor or memory of a loved one, please indicate:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Please make check payable to FUMC.

\$ _____ Flowers \$ _____ The Hermitage

Total \$ _____

Worship Schedule Task Force – Gathering Opinions

A number of considerations have driven the decision to examine our current Sunday morning worship schedule:

- Habits of contemporary society,
- A 30% decline in worship attendance over the past 10 years,
- The fragmentation of our congregation into smaller, isolated groups,
- The impact on human resources, especially families, serving multiple or different services,
- A sense of lost connection through the Sunday morning schedule.

We expect to consider the advantages of restructuring our Sunday morning worship schedule. No decisions have been made on the issue. To that end, the Worship Schedule Task Force would like to hear your opinions through the accompanying survey, at listening sessions, and through your personal contact with Task Force members. Listening sessions will be held on:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Sunday	March 22	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	March 22	10:30am	Multi-Purpose Room
Saturday*	April 11	9:00am	Fellowship Hall or Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesday*	April 14	6:30pm	Multi-Purpose Room

*In conjunction with UMM Pancake Breakfast

**In conjunction with Fellowship dinner



The people of The United Methodist Church™

Share your opinions with any of the Task Force Members.

Member	Phone number	E-mail	Representing
Melissa Osborne	703-591-7892	mosbor@cox.net	Worship Purpose Area
Marty Draper	703-803-1087	marty_draper@yahoo.com	Worship Purpose Area
Nancy McCurdy	703-938-9856	wnmccurdy@att.net	8:15 Worship
Dana Dingell	703-742-6206	dttingell@myway.com	9:30 Worship
Tony Almond	703-476-9606	almond@cox.net	11:00 Worship
Brenda Weaver	703-352-8806	gbweaverfamily@verizon.net	Open Doors
Linda Brock	703-385-8219	lbrock_2000@yahoo.com	Music Committee
Marsha Ficken	703-385-1879	mwficken@aol.com	Discipleship Purpose Area
Steve Hopkins	703-978-4957	svhopkins@aol.com	Discipleship Purpose Area
Julia Farr	703-250-3277	julia.farr@stb.dot.gov	Fellowship Purpose Area
Jim Conklin, Jr.	703-385-1106	ames.conklin6@verizon.net	Lay Leader

Feedback will be analyzed and the Task Force recommendations will be made available to the congregation through the Sunday bulletin, Window newsletter, and the website, likely in mid-May or early June. The task force will then report to the Church Council in May or June.

As congregational input is considered, any recommendation will be made with the intent to best serve our faith community. Whatever the outcome of this task force, we hope to be able to clearly see that God's will is in the final decision. If Christ is there, we will be there with him, together. John Wesley, throughout his life carried forward one consistent message and it was the last thing he uttered on his deathbed, "Best of all, God is with us."

Blessings,

The Worship Schedule Task Force

Worship Schedule Survey

The purpose of this exercise is to gather information on our worship practices so we can identify ways to best serve the congregation by building community and fostering Christian relationships. The Worship Schedule Task Force seeks your opinion. We want your opinion. Only through your responses can we hope to gather sufficient data to assure that the Sunday morning worship schedule is faithful to church needs and resources. Together, we can change the impact on families and strengthen the connection with one another through our Sunday morning worship.

1. Which Sunday Worship service do you most frequently attend?

Please check the most appropriate response(s):

8:15am 9:30am 11:00am 5:30pm None

Would you prefer to see the current Sunday morning worship schedule remain unchanged (8:15 am, 9:30am, 9:30 am Sunday School, 11:00am Worship)?

Yes No No preference

Why/Comments?

2. How would a change in the Sunday morning worship schedule affect your ability to worship if services were offered:

9:00am and 10:30am (with Sunday School at 9:00)?

I would be able to attend worship

I would NOT be able to attend worship

9:30am and 11:00am (with Sunday School at 9:30)?

I would be able to attend worship

I would NOT be able to attend worship

Why/Comments?

3. Would you care to provide other comments?

Name (optional): _____

If you wish to be contacted, please provide contact information:

Phone _____ Email _____

Please deposit your completed surveys in the boxes provided at the sanctuary exits and/or in the church office.

Thank you for sharing your opinions!

SERVING US TODAY

MARCH 15, 2009

8:15 a.m.

Ed Eichelman
David Bauer
Willard Jenkins
William McCurdy

9:30 a.m.

Ushers

Bob Bruce
Mark Moffatt
Ron Rhoades
Tom Scibilia
Scott Tribbie

11:00 a.m.

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

Worship Leaders

Linda Brock

Patricia Stephenson

Carl Moravitz

Lay Readers

Linda Brock

Patricia Stephenson

Carl Moravitz

Sanctuary Greeters

John and Helen Smith

Dana Dingell

Pattigene Long

Acolytes

Bryan Moffatt

John Andrew Carter

Crucifers

Patrick Weaver

Education Wing Greeters

Karen and Scott Hendricks
of the Partners In Parenting Sunday School Class

Our Giving - March 1, 2009

Total Weekly Offering	\$36,238
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$203,316
Budget Needs Year-to-Date	\$208,809
Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date	\$375,388
Worship Attendance - Last Week	333

The Passages for Sunday, March 22, 2009:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MARCH 15 - 21, 2009

SUNDAY	12:15 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 Area
	6:30 pm	Greeter Training, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	UMYF, 312, Youth Activities Room
MONDAY	9:00 am	Porcelain Artists Club, 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	ESL, 101, 107, 301, 303, 304, 306-308, 307, 310, 313, YAR
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Planning Meeting, 113
	7:15 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 187, 112, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Evangelism Purpose Area Meeting, Conference Room
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	Lenten Study, Multi-Purpose Room
	7:00 pm	Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activities Room
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	Parents' Night Out Setup, Library
	5:30 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal, 216
	6:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service, Chapel
	6:15 pm	Open Doors Design Team Meeting, Conference Room
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Multi-Purpose Room
	6:45 pm	UMM Fellowship Dinner Meeting, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	ESL, 101, 107, 301, 303, 304, 306-308, 307, 310, 313, YAR
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Finance Committee, 112	
THURSDAY	8:30 am	Parents' Night Out Setup, Library
	9:30 am	W.A.T.E.R. Circle, Parlor
	5:30 pm	Nurturing Program, 101, 107, 301, Multi-Purpose Room
	5:30 pm	Children's Musical Rehearsal, 216
	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
	6:30 pm	Parents' Night Out, Entire Building
SATURDAY	8:00 am	Girl Scout Troop 195, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 am	Church Property Cleanup Workday & Picnic, Church Grounds
	9:00 am	Children's Musical Rehearsal, Multi-Purpose Room
	2:00 pm	Church Closed