



Fairfax United Methodist Church

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October 4, 2009

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Intentional Faith Development

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

March from Scipio
David Leahey, organ

G.F. Handel

Welcome

Intentional Faith Development Moment

(8:15) Marsha Ficken

(9:30) Steve Hopkins

(11:00) Tony Almond

Entrance and Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower."

People: "Abide in me as I abide in you. I am the vine, you are the branches."

Leader: "Those who abide in me shall bear much fruit."

People: "If you abide in me, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you."

Leader: "These things I have spoken to you, that your joy may be full."

People: Trusting in the promises of our Lord, we rejoice in his presence and we worship with joy!

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

*Opening Prayer

O God, as a gardener who loves and needs the fruit of the garden, you tend us that we may grow and flourish. You have planted the seeds of love and faithfulness within us, and are joyful when we bring your long efforts to fruition. You have made our very lives the field from which you will draw a rich harvest. Thank you, God for abiding in our midst and tending us. As you help us to be branches bearing fruit, so use us to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in each other. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

* Gloria Patri No. 71

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Hymnal, page 38

Michele, Paul, Melissa and Benjamin Sanford

Children's Message (11:00)

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

**God of all truth and inspiration, may your Word for us today
refresh our hearts, challenge our minds, and empower our deeds
so that we may respond with greater love and appreciation for all
people. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

(page 939, pew Bible)

John 15:1-8

Meditation

Intentional Faith: Staying Connected

Pastor Steve Bray

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymnal, page 12

Confession and Pardon

* The Peace

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

(8:15)

Elegy

C. Armstrong Gibbs

David Leahey, organ

(9:30 & 11:00)

This Do in Remembrance of Me

J. Hunnicutt

Chancel Choir

* 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal, page 13

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of the Cup

Communion will be received by intinction. The congregation moves to the front at the direction of the ushers. Having received Communion, you may kneel in prayer at the communion rail before returning to your seat by the side aisles.

Prayer for Those Communing in Other Places

Before we leave the Table of the Lord, we remember those of our congregation who wish to receive Communion with us today but who cannot be present at this place. We share this meal with them and remember them as part of us.

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 571 Go, Make of All Disciples Lancashire

*Benediction and Choral Response

(9:30 & 11:00) *Shalom Chaverim* Trad. Hebrew Melody
Chancel Choir

Postlude *Andante Tranquillo* P. Whitlock

David Leahey, organ

* *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 worshiping 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. Please indicate if you desire your request to be listed in the bulletin Prayer List. Each request will be listed for four Sundays unless you notify us with a request for an extension.

You are invited to the Fellowship Hall (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee, ice cream sundaes, fellowship and to discover opportunities for involvement in Intentional Faith Development.

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 and in Celebration of World Communion Sunday by members of the Altar Guild.

The Rosebud on the Altar this morning is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Brooklynn Porter Fairfax, daughter of Stephan and Stephanie Fairfax and granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Fairfax, born on September 23, 2009.

What every week needs is a lot more Sundays for faith development! Come down to the Fellowship Hall and get your *sundae* and browse the possibilities for intentionally developing your faith at Fairfax Church. Today is Open House in the Sunday School. Please visit one of our groups today or a Sunday soon!

Family Circle Meets Tonight at 6:30 p.m. Come join a lively conversation on "The End of Christian America." Don Martin will lead the discussion of this relevant issue featured recently in *Newsweek* magazine. A second exploration of the topic will be held Sunday, Oct. 18 also at 6:30 p.m. Family Circle is an informal group of adults that now meets twice a month in Room 112 immediately following the Open Doors service. Come join us. Drop-ins are always welcome. Refreshments served.

UMYF - Join us at 6:30 tonight for UMYF in the Youth Activities Room. Tonight we'll attend the screening of Pray with Africa, a movie about two people who decided to share not just their money and time, but their souls with the people of Africa. You can do your part, too! Don't forget to bring money for Loose Change.

Youth Hiking Adventure - On Columbus Day, October 12th, our UMYF group will be venturing out into the wild! This year's Youth Hiking Adventure will be Old Rag Mountain in Shenandoah National Park. We'll be meeting at the church at 8:00am and traveling together to the trailhead. Sign up by Wednesday, October 7th. For a list of what to bring, contact Mike Hensley at mhensley@fairfaxumc.org



Tuesday Fellowship Supper. Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15pm - 7:15pm. This week's menu is: meatloaf, potatoes au gratin and broccoli salad. For the kids, pizza and chicken wings. The cost is \$7.50 per adult; \$4.00 child, under 12; OR a \$20 maximum per family. Make your reservation and payment today. Reservations made after today or at the door will increase the price \$1 per person and *family tickets will not be available.*

Mark your calendars for The Fairfax Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10th. Come promote our church at the Fairfax Fall Festival! We are looking for volunteers to be a presence near our booth throughout the day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer outside the Fellowship Hall or you can call the church. Our booth is located at Sager Ave and University Drive. Wear your Fairfax UMC shirt if you have one.

Consider being a Caring Caller. Our Caring Calls Ministry attempts to be in touch with our membership quarterly, checking in with a caring call. If you think you have gifts in caring, we will be having a training session on October 11th in the Multi-Purpose Room from 12:15-3:00. We hope you will come and be a part of this vital ministry of the church.

Volunteers are needed to staff the *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings from 6:15 pm -7:00 pm, through October 18th. Please sign up today in the Fellowship Hall or contact Ken or Sue Johnson at suekenjohnson@verizon.net.

UMM Pancake Breakfast - The Fairfax United Methodist Men will serve breakfast from 8:00 - 10:00am on Saturday October 10. The menu consists of Pancakes (regular or blueberry), Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, and Grits. The price of a meal is your generous donation to be used to support Rising Hope UMMC and other charities.

Encore Presentation of LISTEN: A New African Narrative - Come join us for this wonderful documentary **Tonight** at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. *Listen* chronicles the story of five African natives who are bringing hope to their community. To learn more go to www.praywithafrica.org.

Fairfax UMC will be hosting the *Hope for Africa Children's Choir* November 19 - 21. We still need five families to provide bed, breakfast and transportation to the church for one adult and two/three students. We also need many hands to provide lunch and dinner on November 19 and 20. For more information and to sign up, please call Camille Haberland at 703-904-8566.

Pick up your 2010 Pledge Packet in the Narthex TODAY!

We continue to learn about the five practices of fruitful congregations as we move toward Consecration Sunday, October 25. As you prayerfully consider your pledge to support the **2010 operating budget**, please think about your spiritual gifts and how you can become more involved in one or more of the five practices.



Events for the fall stewardship campaign include:

- September 20 – Radical Hospitality
- September 27 – Passionate Worship
- October 4 – Intentional Faith Development
2010 Pledge packets distributed
- October 11 – Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- October 18 – Extravagant Generosity
- October 25 – Consecration Sunday
Fellowship and a light meal following each service

Over the next few weeks, prayerfully consider your pledge to support the **2010 operating budget**.

Together, our gifts enable God's work in our church, our community, and our world.

"But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

Luke 8:15



Have You Signed Up for Paths of Faith?

Paths of Faith offers exciting new learning experiences that prepare us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to understand our world and reach out in shared ministry. Each semester is offered over a 10 week period on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30, with multiple options.

Participants may choose to register for a two week session or an eight-week session or three multi-week options or the combination of your choice!

Upcoming *Paths of Faith* classes:

1) *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, is led by Marty and Betsy Draper from October 6 - November 10, (excluding 11/3) **Note the date change!** Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity are the Five Practices of vital and fruitful congregations. This course offers an opportunity to explore these concepts more deeply. This is a commitment to think, pray and learn together about the purpose and ministry of our congregation.

2) *Creating a Culture of Call* continues through October 27th and is led by Jason Snow. Biblical stories suggest that God has a purpose for everyone and it goes beyond vocation. It is a lifelong call. During this course, we will look at the pattern of lifelong call and equipping people at different stages of life.

3) *What Does the Bible Teach Us About Estate Planning* is led by Evan Farr on October 6 and 13. This class will examine biblical perspectives on estate planning and asset protection and explore how Christian families may glorify God in the process.

Sign up today in the Resource Room.

SERVING US TODAY

OCTOBER 4, 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

Worship Leaders

Ralph Jones

Sue Johnson

Leslie Carter

Acolytes

Charlie Clouse

Zac Payne

Crucifer

Deanna Payne

Sanctuary Greeters

Corkie Wilson
Marsha Ficken

Gordon & Anne Moffatt

Jim Conklin, Jr.

Christian Encounters Class Greeters

David Meyer
Sharon Hibarger

Our Giving - September 27, 2009

Total Weekly Offering	\$18,634
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$832,014
Budget Needs Year-to-Date	\$904,839
Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date	\$501,062
Worship Attendance Last Sunday	389

THE MINISTRY

Stephen G. Bray
Senior Pastor

Elizabeth P. Barricks
Program Ministries

Martha D. Peacock



Michael Hensley

Jason Snow
Associate Pastor

David Leahey
Music Ministries

Ian Lane

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10, 2009

SUNDAY	3:00 pm	Chapel Ringers, 215
	3:15 pm	Junior Choir, 216
	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir, 212
	4:14 pm	Junior Ringers, 215
	4:15 pm	King David Choir, 216
	5:30 pm	Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Family Circle, 112
	6:30 pm	TNT Sunday School class, Main Office
	6:30 pm	Jr & Sr High Youth Meeting, 312, Youth Activity Room
MONDAY:	12:30 pm	Kids and Teens Meeting, Conference Room
	2:00 pm	Caring Meals Ministry, Wellness Center
	6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187, 112, 113, 115
	7:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Webelo Den, 115, 217
	7:00 pm	ESL Classes 101, 107,301-304,306-308,310,313,
	7:15 pm	Congregational Care Meeting, Wellness Center Youth Activity Room
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:15 pm	Boy Scout Troop 187, 112, 113, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Woman's Club of Fairfax, Multi-Purpose Room
TUESDAY	7:30 am	UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
	10:00 am	UMW Executive Meeting, 115
	6:00 pm	Cherub Choir, 217
	6:15 pm	Fellowship Supper, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4H Cloverbuds 303, 304
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4H, 306-308
	7:00 pm	Paths of Faith, 112, 113, Multi-Purpose Room
	7:00 pm	Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activity Room
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	ESL Classes, 101, 107, 301-304, 306-308, 310, 313, Youth Activity Room
	5:00 pm	Nurturing Program, 101, 107, 301 Catering Kitchen & Multi-Purpose Room
THURSDAY	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216
FRIDAY	10:00 am	Book Club, 309
	SATURDAY	8:00 am
	8:00 am	Fairfax Fall Festival, Downtown Fairfax

<p>The Passages for Sunday, October 11, 2009: Risk-Taking Mission & Service Isaiah 58:6-12 Luke 4:18-19</p>
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In Our Prayers

October 4, 2009

Eldrey Appler	Roger Kaveney family (uncle of Gerry Weaver)
Sally Wong Avery (friend of Connie Hom Rust)	Nicole Lamb (sister of Michelle Beistle)
Bob & Glenna Bailey	Andrew Maternick
Jim Bailey (brother of Garnett Bailey)	Jim Mathias
Wayne Barr (brother of Mary Camper)	Ed McMeans
Aidan Bracken (friend of Stan & Cindy Schelhorn)	Rodney McSwain (friend of Tony Almond)
Virginia Buesking (friend of Brenda Weaver)	Austin Morales (friend of Carol Stiller)
Jean Button (mother of Joan Hensley)	Carole Moran (mother of Kevin Moran)
Angela Camp	Roy W. Muth II (son of Fay Muth)
Paul Chodorov (friend of the Camper Family)	Virginia Parrish
Jim Conklin, Sr.	Beverly Ruggeri (sister of Lois Darnell)
Walter Daron (friend of Diana Jenkins)	Norman Schelhorn (father of Stan Schelhorn)
Dr. James Dingell (grandfather of James Dingell)	Diane Schwartzmeier
Sherril Doxey (sister of Debbie Brabrand)	Lindsay Shaw (friend of Molly Weaver)
Mark Draper (brother of Marty Draper)	Bud and Ann Shoemaker (brother and sister-in-law of Melza and Glenn Sharpe)
Carol English (aunt of Kay Downey)	Burman & Ryan Skrable (friends of Margot Von Forell)
Linda Evans (Friend of Susan Bruce)	Nellie & Doug Spitz (aunt & uncle of Linda Brock)
The Feldman Family (friends of Linda Brock)	Frances Stream
Stella Ferguson (granddaughter of Walter & Judy Ferguson)	Betty Taylor (friend of Mary Camper)
Wally Ferguson (son of Walter & Judy Ferguson)	Eunice and Woodrow Turner (mother of Dana Dingell)
David Filvarof (friend of Linda Gramlich)	Mike Turner (friend of the Clemons family)
Janice Freeman (sister of Juanita Lewis)	Pat Turner (friend of Jane & Allen Johnson)
Joalyn George (friend of Carrie Grohmann)	John & Sue Wallace (father & mother of Sue Crane)
Virginia Gillum (aunt of Cindy Schelhorn)	Kathleen Weaver (mother of Gerry Weaver)
Craig Goldsworthy (friend of the Weaver family)	Andrew Willetts
Virginia Hamme (mother of Kat McCormick)	Lisa Williams (daughter of Bob Boughton)
Carolyn Holt (friend of Sharon Hibarger)	Cindy Yost
Fisher House Families	Laura Zotian
Lynn Hutchinson (cousin of Camille Smith)	
Deepa Jiandani (friend of Alan Payne)	

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

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)	Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)	James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)	Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)	Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)	Billy Mitchell (father of Madison & Michael Mitchell)
Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan)	Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau)
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards)	Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
David Fernandez (grandson of Art & Marcy Bivens)	Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)	Col. Robert Rigsby
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)	Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)	Mike Schenaker (friend of the Sachlis family)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)	Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Jeff Hicks (nephew of Ted & Jean Tedder)	Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Matt Hilton	Chris Stephenson (cousin of Patty Stephenson)
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)	Col. George Walsh
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)	Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)

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