

Lenten Churchwide Gatherings

March 14

6:30 pm

Highland Support Project (HSP)

Fair Trade Sale!



Displays of jewelry, glassware, textiles and household decorations from Guatemala will be available for viewing and sales. These products use traditional craftsmanship yet are tailored toward modern North American use.

HSP is a nonprofit organization endorsed by the UMC, operating in the highlands of Guatemala for over 15 years. HSP empowers the indigenous people by encouraging entrepreneurial development. Representatives will share information about their partnership with women's circles and local cooperatives in Guatemala. The proceeds from this sale directly benefit the artisans who produce the goods.

Plan to be a part of this opportunity to support the women of Guatemala and see creations produced from the heart!

Pastors' Egg Decorating Party

March 30

7:00 p.m.

Pastors Steve Bray and Jason Snow invite you to be their guest for an egg decorating party in preparation for your Easter celebration. Each participant may bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs in a basket to decorate at several traditional and stylized egg decorating stations. There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny with small gifts for each child. Prior to the party, you are invited to make reservations for our Tuesday Night Supper at 6:15 p.m.



Little Angel Consignment - Our Spring Sale is Saturday, March 20th from 8:30 - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Items available will be children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, shoes, summer fun stuff, books, baby room essentials, DVD/videos, games and so much more. For further information, please contact Leslie Carter 703-477-5888. If you have donations, there are boxes in the Fellowship Hall Foyer until March 17. All proceeds go directly to local missions. If you wish to consign or volunteer, please email jeclocjac@aol.com.

Bake Sale - In conjunction with the Consignment Sale there will be a *Coffee Bar* featuring coffee and baked goods such as, cookies, muffins and cupcakes. If you have a flare for baking, we will be needing a lot of donations! Items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, March 19 or early Saturday morning, March 20. For more information, contact Kerry McMeans at ekmcmeans@verizon.net.

Serving Us Today

March 7, 2010

8:15 a.m.

Ed Eichelman
David Bauer
Buddy Jenkins
William McCurdy

9:30 a.m.

Ushers

Bob Bruce
Mark Moffatt
Ron Rhoades
Tom Seibilia
Scott Tribbie

11:00 a.m.

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

Worship Leaders

Bill Jacobson

Carl Moravitz

Lay Readers

Marsha Ficken

Sanctuary Greeters

Gordon & Anne Moffatt

Jim Conklin, Jr

Acolytes

Spencer Johnson

Courtney Duncan

Crucifers

Charlie Clouse

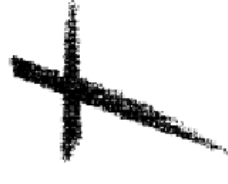
John Andrew Carter

Education Wing Greeters

Sharon Hilbarger and David Meyer
of the Christian Encounters Class

Our Giving - February 21, 2010

Weekly Giving \$ 29,876
Year-to-date \$ 151,898
Budget-to-date \$ 179,808
Power Up from inception \$ 622,571
Worship Attendance Last Sunday 447



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March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

Psalms Prelude Set 1, No. 1 *Herbert Howells*

Welcome David Leahey, organ

Lenten Mission Moment - English as a Second Language

(8:15) Betty Bauer (9:30 & 11:00) Sue Almond

Entrance and Praise

Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of God, who is love.

People: We have gathered in the shadow of the cross, sign of God's love.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the compassion of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

People: We will pray and sing, praising God with heart and hands and voices.

*Hymn No. 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein Feste Burg*

*Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, we are grateful that you have invited us here as guests to a banquet, as witnesses to your holy love. Inspire our singing, our praying, our words of devotion, so that your Spirit may come alive in us once again. Let our worship here bring the stories and passions of Scripture alive in us once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith No. 885 A Modern Affirmation

*Gloria Patri No. 71

Anthem (11:00)

Be Still and Know That I am God

Michael Bedford

King David Choir; Camille Haberland, director

Children's Message (11:00)

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, you have named us and called us to be your servant people. We have received your gifts and the opportunity to follow Christ in vital ministry to our world. Speak to us now through words that can meet us where we are with the Word made flesh. May we abide in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

(page 906, pen Bible)

Luke 13:1-9

Meditation

Seeking Answers and Seeking God

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)

Psalms Prelude Set 1, No. 2

Herbert Howells

David Leahy, organ

(9:30 & 11:00)

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

Henry Loosmore

Chancel Choir, Ian Lane, director

* 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. 2212

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep

The Faith We Sing

From Singing

*Benediction and Choral Response

(9:30 & 11:00)

Amen

William Byrd

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

David Leahy, organ

* Congregation Standing

Immediately following each worship service this morning

Please meet and greet persons, especially those 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.

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

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.

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 Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of the birthday of my mother, Pauline Lewis, by Juanita Lewis; and to the glory of God and in memory of Clyde and Mary Yeskey and Charles M. Walters and in honor of Louise Walters, by Charles, Carol and Stephen Walters.

Family Circle Sunday School - Archeologist Paul Forbes will discuss *Archeology and the Old Testament* tonight and at the March 21 class time. All are welcome. Family Circle meets immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Open Doors service in Room 112. Please join us.

UMYF – Join us tonight at UMYF! We've got just a couple of tweaks to make to our Open Doors Youth Sunday schedule, and then we're moving on to our pre-Easter Stations of the Cross. It's guaranteed to be a moving experience that you won't want to miss.

Lenten Mission Emphasis-Throughout the Sundays of Lent, individuals and groups will share the stories of God's love responding to others through many of our outreach ministries that are funded solely by our Lenten offering. Our Lenten offering goal is \$28,250. Today's emphasis is our **English as a Second Language (ESL) program**, which offers immigrants an encouraging environment in which to gain language skills that will assist their transition to the United States. Currently, a total of 35 volunteers provide instruction, support, childcare and snacks for 110 students. Six classes representing varying English skills levels are held two evenings a week. The congregation's continued support is the backbone of this vital ministry. A complete listing of all our Lenten offering priorities has been provided to each home and is also in the Narthex. Please give generously by making your check payable to FUMC, marked Lenten offering. Thank you for responding to all of God's people in love.



Tuesday Fellowship Supper. Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm. The menu includes ham with raisin sauce, rice, vegetable, salad and dessert. The kids menu is fish sticks with macaroni and cheese. The cost is \$7.50 per adult; \$4.00 per child under 12; OR a \$20 maximum per family. Make your reservation and payment today. Reservations made after today will increase the price \$1 per person, and family tickets will not be available.

Scout Sunday March 14 – Fairfax Church is proud to support Scout Sunday next Sunday. All scouts who attend church with their families and scouts that are members of troops supported by the church may participate in the service. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 PM for the scouts that will take part in the service. Please contact Brian Sachlis at (703) 385-4326 to sign up for the event.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

March, 7 - 13, 2010

SUNDAY

8:30 am Junior Ringers, 215
 3:00 pm Chapel Ringers, 215
 3:15 pm Junior Choir, 216
 4:15 pm King David Choir, 216
 5:00 pm King David Ringers, 215
 5:30 pm Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
 6:30 pm TNT Sunday School Class, Main Office Area
 6:30 pm Family Circle, 112
 6:30 pm UMYF, 312, Youth Activity Room, Fellowship Hall
 7:30 pm Staff-Parish Committee Meeting, Conference Rm.

MONDAY

6:00 pm Cub Pack #187 Den Meeting, 112, 113, 115, 217
 7:00 pm Cub Pack #187 Webelos Den Meetings, 115, 217
 7:00 pm ESL Classes, 101, 107, 301-304, 306-308, 307, 310, 313

7:00 pm Adult Ringers, 215
 7:00 pm Friendship Circle, Parlor
 7:00 pm Scout Sunday Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7:15 pm Boy Scouts Troop #187, 112, 113, Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Open Doors Music Rehearsal, 216

TUESDAY

7:30 am UMM Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast, 112
 9:30 am Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 10:00 am Ruth/Rachael Wisman/Appler Circle, Parlor
 6:00 pm Cherub Choir, 217
 6:15 pm Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303, 304
 7:00 pm Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308

7:00 pm Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activity Room
 7:00 pm Paths of Faith, 112, Multi-Purpose Room

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am Preschool Vision Screening, 101
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class, Multi-Purpose Room
 6:45 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
 7:00 pm ESL Classes, 101, 107, 301-304, 306-308, 307, 310, 313

7:30 pm Open Doors Committee, Conference Room
 7:30 pm Last Supper Drama Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THURSDAY

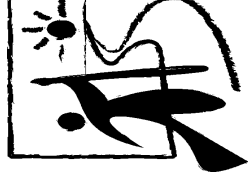
9:00 am Preschool Vision Screening, 101
 10:00 am Harnsberger Circle, off-site
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Parent's Night Out, Entire Building

SATURDAY

8:00 am UMM Pancake Breakfast, Main Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
 9:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Activity Room



Paths of Faith - Sign up today in the Resource Room for your choice of classes. Multiple week and single session opportunities for adult Christian education are available. The next series includes: (1) **New dates** for *The Dude Abides, Part I* are **March 16, Raising Arizona** and **March 23, Fargo. The Dude Abides, Part II** will be **April 6, The Big Lebowski** and **April 13 O Brother, Where Art Thou?**.

The movies of the Oscar-winning Coen Brothers address questions from the meaning of life and enlightenment to the fundamental nature of truth and love. Each of these movies combines humor and eccentric characters with ways that we can glimpse God's world from a fresh perspective. Rev. Jason Snow facilitates this class. (3) **New Date, March 16 - Faces Of Faith: Frederick Buechner.** Frederick Buechner, a leading religious thinker, discusses his hopes and beliefs in a relaxed and informal setting through this 25 minute DVD interview. Reverend Bray will guide the discussion following the interview.

March 13, is a Coen Brothers movie day at Fairfax United Methodist Church. Prepare yourself for this movie marathon, by meeting in the Fellowship Hall for the Pancake Breakfast. Then we will all head down to the Multi-Purpose Room by 10 am to begin viewing two of the movies we'll be discussing in *Dude Abides II*, one of the spring offerings from Paths of Faith. We'll start with *The Big Lebowski* (Rated R). Then we'll take a short break and start up *O, Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Rated PG-13) at about 12:30. The Coen brothers are known for their quirky, offbeat movies featuring unusual characters that help us better understand the complexities of God's world. Join us for the movies and then come April 6 and 13th as we explore some interpretations of these films. You do not have to take the classes to come to the screening.

Psalms at Open Doors - At our Open Doors Service, we will be focusing our Lenten Journey on the Psalms. Each week in our worship, a different psalm will guide our journey and help us to grow in our faith. We hope you will join us at Open Doors and examine your relationship with God through these wonderful scriptures. Come be in a community!

Lenten Midweek Services - Lent is a time that we reflect on our life, our faith and the sacrifice made for us by our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, our Lay Speakers will guide us through a progressive examination of ourselves, (a schedule of messages and speakers is available in the Narthex). Please stop by on your way home from work for a short 30 minute service of reflection in the Chapel at 6:45 pm. This week's message will be *Condemned by the Righteous* from Leslie Lord. Come contemplate with us.

**The Passages for Sunday,
 March 14, 2010**

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Youth Sunday at Open Doors! Next Sunday, March 14th, our youth will be leading our Open Doors Worship Service. We hope you will come to hear the message they are bringing and stay for our Lenten Churchwide gathering. Come and spend the evening with your church family!

Confirmation Sunday – March 21st is Confirmation Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour, followed by a 10:30 reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to honor our class of 16 confirmands as they become full members of our congregation.

UMM Mulch Sale - The UMM will be happy to deliver your mulch to you for your spring flower-bed on Saturday, April 24. Orders may be placed in the Fellowship Hall today, and each Sunday through April 11. The cost is \$4.00 for each bag (3 cubic foot) of shredded hardwood mulch. We are seeking trucks and muscle for the delivery as we try to help friends get ready for spring. If you have any questions, call Jim Conklin Jr. at 703-385-1106.

Please help! Our ESL Program has been extended because of the many class cancellations caused by this winter's weather. So we are making one last request for snacks and drinks to serve our students during the class break. Many of our students come immediately after work and the snacks provided by you are most welcome. ESL needs individually wrapped crackers, chips, and cookies, fruit and juices and sodas in large containers. Just leave your ESL contributions in the box marked "ESL snacks" located outside the church library. Thank you for supporting this much-appreciated program.

Fairfax Five and Dime 5k/10k Race – April 17th is the first annual Fairfax Five and Dime 5k/10k Race and the starting line is right here at Fairfax Church! You can register for the race by contacting Mike Hensley at mhensley@fairfaxumc.org or by searching for us on the "Races and Places" page at RunnersWorld.com. Registration is \$20 for the 5k and \$25 for the 10k until the week of the race. Just \$5 more after April 13th. All proceeds go to benefit our summer youth missions teams.



**SPRING FORWARD
2:00 AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

In Our Prayers March 7, 2010

Gene Atkison (brother-in-law of Mary & Peter Jackson)
Jane Bethel (mother of Wyatt Bethel)
Kurt Brindley (brother of Kelli Martin)
Virginia Buesking (friend of Brenda Weaver)
Helen Caddell
Jim Conklin, Sr.
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggis & Bouchards)
Jean Ebaugh (friend of Linda Gramlich)
Jim Fay (father of Erin Fay)
Fisher House Families
Margaret Grebe (friend of Linda Gramlich)
Elle Howdershell (friend of the Arcia Family)
Craig Goldsworthy (friend of the Weaver family)

Duston Grefe (uncle of DeAnn Boehm)
Roger Kaveney Family (uncle of Gerry Weaver)
Don & June Klimkiewicz (former members)
Greg Laws (grandson-in-law of Betty Fisher)
Katelyn McFarland (granddaughter of Janet Jones)
Harry Mitchell
Lindsay Shaw (friend of Molly Weaver)
Sandra Smith (cousin of Clark Adams)
Frances Stream
Louise Walters (mother of Charles Walters)
Kathleen Weaver (mother of Gerry Weaver)
Lisa Williams (daughter of Bob Boughton)
Jacqueline Wilson (mother of Corkie Wilson)
Jack Zimmer (friend of Pat & Bill Hilbrink)

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

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)
David Fernandez (grandson of Art & Marcy Bivens)
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)
Jeff Hicks (nephew of Ted & Jean Tedder)
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)
Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)
James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)

Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)
Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
J.R. (Jack) O'Connor (friend of Ann Hamann)
Sara Olson (niece of Mary Hughes)
Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
Mike Schenaker (friend of the Sachlis family)
Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Col. George Walsh
Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)

THE MINISTRY



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