

Tower Notes

February 2012

"The body does not consist of one member, but of many." 1 Corinthians 12:14

The results are in!!

We have determined that our congregation holds many differing opinions on the church's priorities and ministries.

Through the 5 Talent Academy, Front Royal United Methodist Church has a well defined set of goals and direction, however, our goals and direction do not exactly match those that are set out by our denomination.

Though similar, we need to do some work to reinvest ourselves to our goals and reinterpret our goals to match those set by our denomination.

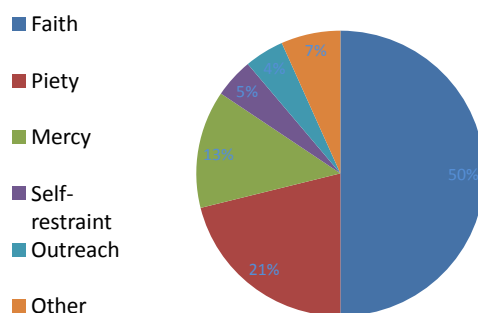
This REINVESTMENT will require some time, talent and effort on the part of the whole congregation.

To that end, Saturday, February 11th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. has been set aside as a day of planning, input and interpretation. By the end of this days work, we hope to (1) **have** goals and plans more closely aligned with the United Methodist Church's Vital Congregations (www.umvitalcongregations.org), (2) **raise** ideas and visions for new ministries, and (3) **provide** direction for our pastor, staff, leaders and congregation as we look to the next 5 years.

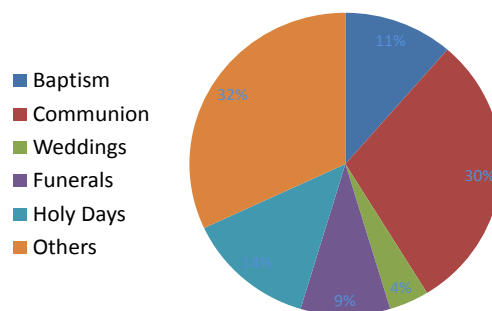
Please make every effort to attend and participate in our planning and input event on February 11th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A lunch will be provided.

Sign up: Office
Website—www.frumc.org
Attendance Pad

FOLLOWING JESUS REQUIRES:



WHEN DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO GOD THROUGH THE CHURCH?





Please pray for our infirmed and shut-ins....

Helen Seekford, Elmer Foster, John Scott, John Smith, Carrie Baker, Myrna Mason, Pete Ricci, Herbert McCall, Debbie Llewellyn, Evelyn Bryant, Bonnie Johnston, Francis McFall, Evelyn Norfolk, Marie Robertshaw, Allison Green, Esther McConahy, Lucille Sealock and Pauline Woodward, Roy and Beth Quist.

Let us also remember the families of Bob Fretwell, Wanda Tockash, Jeannette Lyons, Janet Williams, Frances Jones, Mildred Richards, Kenneth Brooks, Thomas Yamanoha, Rachael Harrington and all service persons.

Special prayers go out to our missionaries, Clara Biswas in Cambodia, Ann Kolbe in VIM Cambodia and Eun Mi Cho in New York.

Special prayers for our service men and women: Aaron Tuten, Lindsey Tuten, MaryKate Shannon, Jeffrey Green, Arnold Williams, III, Stephen Twele, Stefan Howard and Carl Bowman.

Church Calendar

February Events

- 2/11 Church Planning Day 9am-3pm (FH)
- 2/13 UM Men Dinner Meeting 6pm (FH)
- 2/14 UMW General Meeting 12 noon (FH)
- 2/14 Valentine's Dinner 6pm (FH)
- 2/19 Monthly Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Mission Leg

- 2/21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 2/22 Free Spirits Luncheon and Movie
- 2/24 Dinner and a Movie 5pm (FH)

Upcoming Events

- 3/03 Winchester District Prayer Breakfast
- 3/28 Free Spirits Trip to Marine Corps Museum

Many, many thanks to Katie and Lynn McConahy for the wonderful improvements to the choir loft.



Many thanks for all of the prayers, cards, meals, rides and love extended to me during my recent recovery from knee surgery. God has truly blessed me!

Ginger



The Dinner and a Movie program is off and running as of Saturday, January 14, when a small but mighty group of 14 folks enjoyed the very moving fitting movie GRACE CARD. Perfect for the upcoming Martin Luther King Day, it told the story of a policeman devoid of faith, and struggling with the death of his young son at the hands of a black drug-dealer. Imagine his bitterness when a black police officer was assigned to be his partner! His final coming to the Lord via the love and commitment of his new partner was a story that left us all deeply inspired.

Join us next month at 5:00pm on FRIDAY, February 24, for a filmed stand-up comedy presentation by a Christian comic, with an interview following in which he discusses his faith. The menu will be hearty beef stew, crusty garlic bread, cole slaw, and assorted desserts, complete with tea, coffee, and lemonade. Proceeds from the price of \$7.00 will support the Appalachian Missions project. If for some reason this presentation is cancelled, those who sign up will be informed a day ahead of time.

With Many Thanks

Thanks to my FRUMC family for the honor of my lifetime—the 2011 Service Candle. You are all an inspiration and I will strive even harder to give thanks to God and this congregation through service to the church and community. It will take the rest of my life to live up to this remarkable honor!



Beth Waller

Opportunities and Outreach

What can I do?

My Brother's Table

Help cook, host, and/or clean up on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Front Royal Presbyterian Church. Check in church office or with Jean Brown at 631-9185.

C-Cap Sundays

On the first Sunday of each month, collect and donate paper products for community pantry. On the third Sunday of each month, collect and donate non perishable food items for community food pantry.

Mission Box

The *January Mission Box* Offering was sent to *Native American Ministries*.

The *February Mission Offering* will be donated to *Heart Havens*.

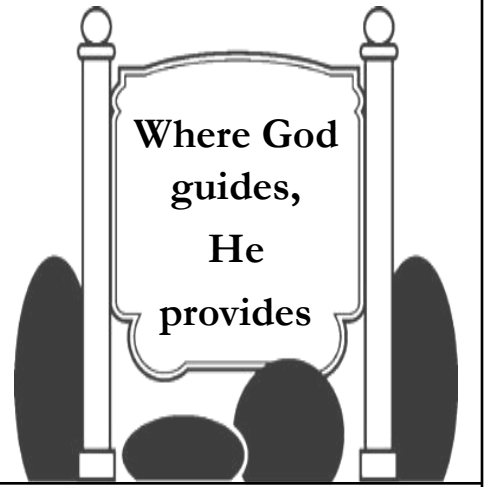
UMW Circle Meetings.....

- 2/7 Marthas at 1 pm (FH)
- 2/7 Naomis at 7 pm with Lorraine Hultquist
- 2/1 **SARAHS ARE NOT MEETING**
- 2/1 Deborahs at 7pm in the Library

All Circles
Welcome
New Friends

As a Committee Chair, it is your responsibility to notify Rhonda in the Church Office of the date and time of your scheduled meetings.

If you have not done so, please take a moment to contact her.

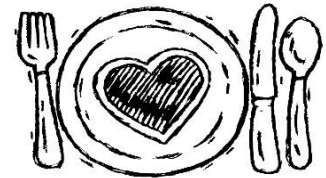


Pastor's Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study continues to meet in the LFK Room on Sunday evenings at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your Bible.

The study text is announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

There will be a special **Valentine's Dinner** on **February 14th** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be assured Peg's meal with be delicious and the fellowship outstanding. Cost is \$8 per adult and \$4.00 per child under age 10 for this particular Fellowship Dinner.



VALENTINE'S DINNER



Our church bus continues to pick up passengers for the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sundays. If you would like to be picked up, you may call the church office or Harry Robertson at 636-6331 and we will welcome you on board. **Also, if you are a regular rider and do not plan on riding on a Sunday, please give Harry a call by Saturday**, so the driver can be notified.



The search is on for a nurse who would be available to check blood pressures one Sunday each month.



Susan Hrbek is our Altar Chair for 2011. If you need assistance, please contact her at **635-7954**. The Flower Chart Calendar is located in the church office and you may sign up for any available Sunday for Altar Flowers by writing your name and phone number on the chart. If you would like an altar committee member to arrange the flowers please let Susan know. The committee can prepare a nice arrangement with minimal expense if you desire, or you may contact a local florist to prepare and deliver your arrangement.



FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

one of the temptations?

- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God's Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's kingdoms



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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For _ _ _ _ _ as t _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ d
for _ _ _ _ _ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

Christian Symbols

This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

"40"



BIBLE QUIZ

During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not



Announcements...

The UMCOR Coffee Project links congregations with small coffee producers through the Equal Exchange organization, which pays a fair price to the growers. The great thing about this project is that you can save money and do some good at the same time. This premium product is available in a variety of roasts and grinds as well as whole beans. Typical prices run between \$7.00 and \$7.50 for a 12 oz. bag. Teas—Green, Chai, Earl Grey and Rooibis (caffeine free) are all organic and cost \$2.75 per box. Wonderfully rich dark and milk chocolate bars are also available—with or without nuts at \$2.50.



WINTER SNOW POLICY

If on any Saturday night it snows and the walkways are covered, the 8:30 a.m. service will be cancelled. A combined service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour in February

The Mission Leg will host a Coffee Hour on February 19th between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Please plan to stop by for coffee, juice and wonderful treats!



Birthday Blessings

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

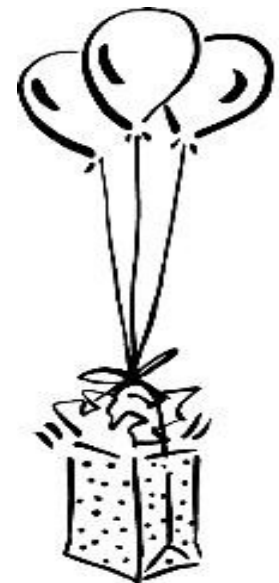


Birthday Blessings

2/01 Amy Maddox
 2/02 Martha Davis
 Sam Slater
 Daniel Pond III
 Andrew Bowman
 2/03 Mary Frances Bukva
 Lorraine Hultquist
 2/04 Julia Tewalt
 Linda Way
 2/06 Edgar Baldwin
 Shane Keatts
 2/07 Matthew Pearson
 Jennifer Huff
 Kara Athey
 2/08 Sharon Hemminger
 Vicki Baird
 Leigh Stansfield
 Johnathan Price
 Sarah Adanitsch
 2/09 Jeff Foster
 2/10 Greg Bowman
 Jayne Goode
 2/11 Brandon Whiteside

2/12 Harold Ford
 Paula Brady
 Alisa Scott
 2/13 Gail Guy
 Alexander Shenk
 2/14 Gordon Lee
 Rita Biggs
 Valerie Starr
 2/15 Sandi Hult
 Holly Adams
 2/16 Nancy Nagi
 Trevor Whiteside
 2/18 Jim Alexander
 2/19 Bob Knerr
 Lindsey Orndorff
 2/20 Bill Herbaugh
 Jody Lee
 Michael Hanson
 Jonathan Grigsby
 2/22 Ray LeMay
 Jessica Hrbek
 Vanessa Girvan
 Daniel LeMay

2/23 Patrick Carter
 2/24 Tyler Jenkins
 Harry Batchelder
 2/25 Charlie Butler, Jr.
 2/26 Mark Baker
 2/27 Natalie Johns
 2/28 Cullin Moore
 Kenny Tewalt



UM Men Launch New Year !

Bob Cullers



Nearly 30 UM men, plus a handful of ladies, kicked off the New Year at our regular second Monday dinner meeting on January 9th. Chaplain Chad Hrbek's introductory message was followed by a mouth-watering tomato smothered port chop dinner with all the trimmings. Then we learned about the trials and tribulations endured to get Methodism established in the state and the valley, as presented by Patrick Farris, Executive Director of the Warren County Heritage Society. Thanks to the tenacity of the Circuit Riders, Methodism was able to break the yoke of the Church of England.

Following our speaker's presentation at the January meeting, the year's budget and a brand new set of By Laws were passed. Vice President Dave Hardy has put a lot of time, effort and revisions into vesting these By Laws. As far as we can determine, only one other UM Men's group of the 32 in the Winchester District has a set of By Laws. So it's hoped that these can stand as a model—again the Front Royal UM Men shine forth!

We will continue in the same vein at our next dinner meeting on February 13th, when Richard Hoover takes us on a pictorial tour to the cathedrals around the world. Enhanced by an impressive video presentation, he'll show us how religious practices and rituals from medieval times have influenced church architecture of the past centuries. A career foreign service officer posted in eight different countries, he has visited most of the sites we will see.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm every second Monday for these interesting and informative programs, plus a prodigious dinner!

Free Spirits Sing...Eat...Travel !

Bob Cullers

The "Promised Land Quartet's" 11th Anniversary Dinner Concert lived up to its advance billing on January 7th, when a bus load of Free Spirits traveled to Woodstock to participate. Fifteen FRUMC Seniors enjoyed a delectable buffet dinner served up by Shaffer's Catering, enhanced by the fact our table stretched out in the second row from the stage—right up front. The Quartet joined with their guests, the "Brothers Reunion" to present an outstanding evening of gospel music.

Then on January 25th, FRUMC Seniors held our traditional "Christmas Re-Gift Auction Exchange." Although we had been snowed out last year, postponing the event until May, this year's festivities went off with great energy raising nearly \$156.25 which was donated to House of Hope. In addition, the assembled seniors enjoyed a heart-warming, home made chili, coleslaw and cornbread luncheon concocted by the Free Spirit Board members.

February 22nd marks the date for our traditional Valentine's and Presidents' Day festivities, which we will celebrate with an appropriate luncheon and movie, to be announced. You can bet that cherry pie will be on the menu and the movies will be guaranteed to raise your spirits!

We'll be returning to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico on March 28th. Since our trip there two years ago, they have added three more display rooms. For April, we are planning a trip to Ash Lawn, home of James Monroe, the nation's fifth President. This will complete our "educational tours" of Virginia's five Presidential estates.

Make sure you're signed up for all of these fun and exciting favorites.

The Front Royal Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a 3 day-2 night trip to the Amishlands of Pennsylvania. From April 16 through 18, the White Star Tours will travel through Lancaster County and its many attractions. The trip includes a new presentation, "Jonah" at the Millennium Theatre, hotel accommodations, 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners and many other things. A flyer is located in our church office if you are interested.

For reservations and more information you may contact Elsie Upchurch at 635-4841.





One of the most common questions asked among those involved in music ministry is, “Where do I go to find new and exciting worship music?”

About fifteen years ago, I discovered that music about God could be a relevant and even essential part of my daily life. That discovery was pivotal in my path toward following Jesus. Since that time, some of the most exciting moments of my musical and personal life have involved fresh and vital new songs, albums, larger works, performances, composers, songwriters, musicians, bands, and other ensembles, as well as moments of rediscovering older musical gems that have been too long forgotten. And, there are few things I enjoy more than sharing new (or new-to-me) music with others.

I’d like to invite you on this journey of discovery with me over the coming months.

This month, I want to share with you a growing playlist that I and my good friend and fellow worship musician David Merrill are building together. It’s called the “Two Daves Worship Playlist” and it’s available to anyone with a free account on Spotify. If you haven’t heard of Spotify, it’s a vast online library of free streaming music covering a wide range of genres. As Dave (Merrill) and I find new worship pieces that inspire us or we think are worth sharing, we’ll add them to the playlist, assuming they are available on Spotify.

You can subscribe too! All it takes is a (free) Facebook account and a free Spotify account. You can download the application and sign up at Spotify.com. The playlist is available at <http://spoti.fi/A2vcSj>. Once you’ve opened the playlist in Spotify, click “Subscribe” at the top and it will appear among your playlists (on the left) and stay updated whenever we add to it. Questions? Email me at dave@davidechavez.com and I’ll be happy to help you get connected.

On the journey with you,

Dave Chávez

dave@davidechavez.com

Lay Servant Academy

The second annual Conference Lay Servant Academy will be held February 24th-25th at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The purpose of the academy is to create a culture of call by engaging, equipping and empowering laity, in order that they may effectively partner with each other and their pastors to live out God’s call as they lead the church in transforming the world as disciples of Jesus Christ. In addition to the traditional courses there will be four new courses and 24 mini-courses in a wide range of specialties. Taking 5 of the mini-courses will count towards advanced certification. All members are encouraged to attend—you will not be asked to preach. Please see Susan Schall for more information.

Emmanuel UMC to host Chad Hymas



Emmanuel UMC in Stephenson is extending an invitation to attend an afternoon of inspiration, motivation, humor and transformation with Mr. Chad Hymas. He will be speaking on leadership, mastering conditions and achieving the unachievable in life. His messages of Accept, Adapt and Act upon Change are just some of the themes to be explored at the free event to be held **February 26th beginning at 2:00 pm**.

Registration deadline is February 1st. Please contact Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 540-662-1269 or emmanuelfriends@comcast.net to register.

You are also invited to visit Chad’s website, www.chadhymas.com for more information.

Melissa Hipple is interested in organizing a trip to Fredericksburg to see Chonda Pierce, a Christian comedienne. The performance is March 24th and always sells out, so tickets need to be ordered very soon. You may purchase a ticket through iTickets (online) or contact Melissa at 636-1223.

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Deborahs 7pm (L)	2	3	4
5 Super Bowl Lunch 12 noon (FH)	6 EBS 1:30pm (L)	7 Marthas 1pm (FH) Naomis 7pm w/ Lorraine Hultquist	8 Free Spirits 10am (L)	9 Trustees 7pm (L)	10	11 Church Planning Day 9am-3pm (FH)
12	13 UM Men Dinner (FH) 6pm	14 UMW General Meeting 12 noon (FH) Finance 5pm LFK Fellowship Dinner 6pm (FH)	15	16	17	18
19 Coffee Hour Education 12:15pm (L)	20 UM Men Dinner (FH) 6pm	21 Shrove Tuesday  Supper 5:30pm (FH)	22  ASH WEDNESDAY	23 POPS 1pm-8pm	24 EBS Parent's Night Out 4pm-?	25
26 Pastors Bible Study (LFK) 6 pm	27 Worship 7pm (LFK)	28 UMW Exec. Bd. 7pm (LFK)	29	23 Congregational Care (FH) 10am	Dinner & Movie 5pm (FH)	

—Desmond Tutu, God Has a Dream Has a Dream

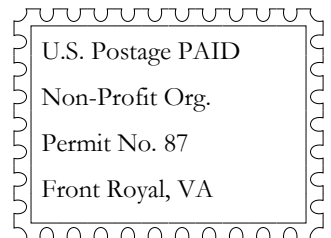
All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us. What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

Transfiguration

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Return Service Requested

Staff:

- Gary Heaton, Pastor
- Rhonda Thompsen, Administrative Assistant
- David Chavez, Minister of Music & Worship Arts
- Tom Bowen, 11:00 am Organist
- Donna Quarton, Bookkeeper
- Barbara Robinson, Church Sexton
- Marty Shannon, Groundskeeper
- Cary Burke, Director of Education
- Jeanne Haley, Director, EBS Childcare/ Preschool

Office Hours 9:00 -4:00 pm

Sunday Schedule:

- Early Service 8:30 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Second Service 11:00 am



February