

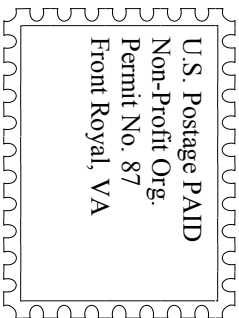
Front Royal United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 Monday through Friday
 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 Sunday School: 9:45 am

Return Service Requested




Sunday Services:
 8:30 and 11:00 am.
 Sunday School at 9:45 am

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS			
02/01 Amy Maddox	02/11 Brandon Whiteside	02/22 Ray LeMay	<p>5 Talent Academy Ministry with the Poor Join us February 21st from 9 am to 3 pm for our Ministry with the Poor event featuring Shane Claiborne, author and visionary leader of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia that has helped connect radical faith communities around the world.</p> <p>We will be commuting from the church to Macedonia UMC, where the event will be live streamed from Stafford.</p> <p>Registration is open to everyone. Lunch will be provided. You must advise Pastor Denise if you plan to attend, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5th.</p>
02/02 Martha Davis	Victoria Bowdey	Jessica Hrbek	
Sam Slater	02/12 Harold Ford	Vanessa Girvan	
Daniel Pond III	Paula Brady	Daniel LeMay	
Andrew Bowman	Alisa Scott	02/23 Patrick Carter	
Carter Crawford	02/13 Gail Guy	02/24 Tyler Jenkins	
02/03 Lorraine Hultquist	Alexander Shenk	Harry Batchelder	
Mary Frances Bukva	02/14 Gordon Lee	02/25 Charlie Butler, Jr.	
02/04 Julia Tewart	Rita Biggs	02/26 Mark Baker	
Linda Way	Valerie Starr	02/27 Natalie Johns	
02/05 Betty Oden	02/15 Sandi Hult	02/28 Cullin Moore	
02/06 Shane Keatts	Holly Adams	Kenny Tewart	
02/07 Jennifer Huff	02/16 Nancy Nagi		
Matthew Pearson	Trevor Whiteside		
Kara Athey	02/18 Jim Alexander		
02/08 Sharon Ripple	02/19 Bob Knerr		
Vicki Baird	Lindsey Orndorff		
Leigh Stansfield	02/20 Jody Lee		
Johnathan Price	Bill Herbaugh		
02/10 Greg Bowman	Michael Hanson		
Jame Goode	Jonathan Grigsby		



Circle Meetings:

Deborahs—First Wednesday, February 4th. at 7:00 PM.(Call Violet Carter, 635-8401 for further information)
 Marthas—First Tuesday, February 3rd. in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM. Program "Call to Prayer". (Call Jean Brown ... for further information 631-9185)
 Naomis--First Tuesday, February 3rd. at 7:00 PM with Judy Ford in the Fellowship Hall. (Call Pat McMillen for further information, 636-9818)
 Ruths--Fourth Tuesday. Will not be meeting during the winter months of January and February. (Call Shirley Taylor for further information, 635-2045)
 Sarahs- --First Wednesday, February 4th in the Fellowship Hall...WEATHER PERMITTING ! (Call Ginger Marlowe for further information, (635-7560).

UMW News:

UMW ladies are still collecting cancelled postage stamps. As of December, 20/13 our stamps have generated \$4,526.00. for UMCOR. Cut or tear the stamp from the envelope leaving 1/4 in. border around the stamp. Do not peel the stamp off the envelope. If there is a row of stamps, leave the row intact with a 1/4 in. border. For postcards, save the whole card! Give them to your circle leader or to Mary Burke to give to a District Officer.

COMING EVENTS:

UMW Day @ Assembly on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Visit the Assembly and see your state government at work. (Call Violet Carter 635-8401 for registration and further information).

UMW General Meeting on February 10th at 12 Noon, in the Fellowship Hall, the Marthas will be hostesses, Lunch will be served. Joyce Wimmer will present the Reading Program.

February 17th, at 6.00 pm Pancake Supper by the **Deborahs** in the Fellowship Hall. Come to a Maudi Gras, with decorations, games, etc.

UMW Executive Committee Meeting is to be held **on Tuesday, February 24th** .in the LFK room at **7:00 PM.** All officers and circle leaders are to attend. If you are not able to attend, please ask a substitute and call Mary Burke (635-5045)

Saturday, March 7th Winchester District Prayer Breakfast at the Lee Jackson Banquet Room @9:00 AM. The **Rev. Wes Astin** will be the guest speaker with special music by **the Austin Grove UMC Choir.** The Cost is \$13.00 each. We will car pool from the church leaving at 7:45 AM. Call Ginger Marlowe at 635-7560 for information and registration. This is a very well attended program, for the Winchester District with seating of up to 500 and is often filled. Please make your reservations and \$\$\$\$\$ to Ginger (635-7560) SOON !!!!!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 9	UMM Dinner Program 6pm in Fellowship Hall
Feb.10	UMW General Meeting 12 noon in Fellowship Hall
Feb. 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Services at First Baptist Church
Mar. 07	Winchester District Prayer Breakfast

Free Spirits Kick Off New Year

Kicking off the New Year, the Free Spirits celebrated a Bingo Blast in Fellowship Hall. On **January 21**, after a delectable, home-made soup and sandwich banquet, we competed for some truly unique prizes. Where else can one warm up on a cold winter day for only three bucks!!

Next on the agenda, **February 25**, is a trip to the magnificently restored Edinburg Mill. One of the most interesting of the 25 museums in the Northern Shenandoah Valley, it's a treasure trove of collections – three floors of artifacts depicting life as it was along the Valley Pike. We'll view the award winning film, "The Burning," and then conclude the day with "Dutch Treat" victuals at an historic Valley public house.

On **March 18**, we'll return to Fredericksburg's Riverside Dinner Theatre to dine and view the play "9 to 5," starring Sally Struthers from TV's long running "All in the Family." A full course meal, classic musical comedy, transportation -- all for only \$45. Sign up early for this event.

The Shenandoah Valley Museum and its Glen Burnie Mansion and gardens in Winchester is our destination for **April 22**. May's event is still open for proposals, while **June 24** marks the date for our Annual Picnic.

Last year the Free Spirits hosted 10 monthly events. In spite of our January program being snowed out, and the May trip being canceled, we still involved nearly 120 seniors in our fellowship, food and fun!

What better way to rid the winter blahs than to join the Free Spirits in our monthly activities?

Tower Notes Message from SPRC

Please join SPRC in welcoming Melissa Chavez as our new full-time Minister of Music and Worship Arts. After a thorough national search and diligent discernment, SPRC is pleased to offer this opportunity to Melissa to serve in this full-time capacity. Melissa's gifts and graces in both contemporary and traditional worship and music, along with her many years of church experience in formation and worship, as well as her deep commitment to Christ, will support a fruitful partnership with our music & worship laity, staff team and the church family as a whole.

Given Melissa's move into this full-time role, the Director of Youth Ministries and Music Ministry Assistant positions will need to be filled to give her the time and space to focus fully with our music ministry. Our Director of Children's Ministry position remains open as well. SPRC has once again reviewed the congregation's needs re: Spiritual Formation and is combining the Director of Children's Ministry with the Director of Youth Ministries to form a Director of Youth & Children's Ministries; the job description has been revised to reflect this change. The Music Ministry Assistant job description has also been slightly modified to reflect our experience with this role. We are beginning to advertise for these two positions across the VA Conference and other appropriate resources. If you know anyone that may be a good candidate, please direct them to our website (<http://frumc.org/about-2/jobs/>) for complete job descriptions and contact information. Our objective is to fill the positions as soon as possible, preferably this Spring. Melissa will continue to support both ministries until the positions are filled. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Schall, SPRC Chair (soschall@comcast.net), or Pastor Denise. Information is on the following page.

Lay Servant Academy

From Members to Disciples

Fri, 20 Feb, 2015 - Sun, 22 Feb, 2015

WHAT IS THE LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

--A collection of eleven of the courses required for becoming or recertifying as a Lay Servant. One is required every three years from a list of twenty-two --Five of the required courses for Lay Speaker qualification

--Ten exploratory classes that are only 2 or 4 hours in length. Designed for those interested in a topic and looking for some information about the ministry or the full course of study.

--The exploratory courses are available for all laity that want more information about a different ministry or to strengthen their existing ministries.

--And finally the LSA is an uplifting and informative experience delivered by the interactions with hundreds of fellow Christians on their faith journey and their mission of helping others move "From Members to Disciples."

Registration contact:
Cyndi Schnell at (434) 292-5308 CyndiSchnell@vumac.org
FAX: (434) 292-1212

Stewardship Reflections...

For many of us, the month of January usually represents a downward spiral from the excitement provided by December's Advent Season. In our church, however, the past month provided the opportunity to examine two significant Christian observances: Epiphany, the coming of the wise men to the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem, and the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

The kings brought with them their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, just as we offer our gifts to honor our Lord and Savior whenever we gather together as a congregation. Likewise, just as the Baptism of Jesus began His ministry, each of us in our own ministry and stewardship, should hear the words of God proclaiming, "You are my child, beloved, with whom I am well pleased", as we worship and serve in Jesus' name.

**February Fellowship Hour—February 15th
Hosted by the Mission Leg**

Mission Box 2014

The **February** Mission Offering will be donated to Heart Havens
The **January** Mission Offering was donated to House of Hope

Please pray for our infirmed and homebound...

Helen Seekford, Clemence Bruce, John Smith, Carrie Baker, Myrna Mason, Herbert McCall, Debbie Llewellyn, Esther McConahy, Frank Carter, Bernie Stokes, Ida Dehner, Kathryn Hall, Dorothy Scott, O'Neal Foglesong, Rosalie Baldwin, Earl and Herbert McCall, Grace Green, Kathrine Biggs, Mary Beth Quist and Pauline Woodward

Please be in prayer the families of...

Ira Neff, Roy Leap, Earl McCall, Tommy Showers, Frankie Purdue and our service men and women.

Special prayers go out to our missionaries...

Clara Biswas in Cambodia, Ann Kolbe in VIM Cambodia, and Beth Ferrell in Arizona

Let us also remember the families of all service persons...

Aaron Tuten and Lindsey Tuten.

Lent—What is that????

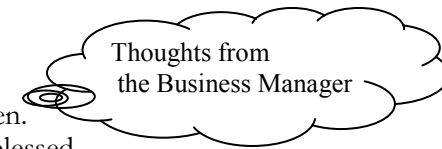
Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter Sunday (excluding Sundays) in which Christians, down through the ages, used as a time of penitence and preparation. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18th, 2015) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 4th, 2015), and is a season for preparation for celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and final preparation for baptism by converts, and then became a time for penance for all Christians. The liturgical color for Lent is purple, although black and ash gray are used on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Special attention and intention is paid during Lent to self-examination of one's life and relationship with God and others. Spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer and study of scripture are used to focus ones thoughts to be open to God's direction. The tradition of 'giving something up for Lent'—is best used when that space is then filled with something directed at growing ones relationship with God—such as worship, prayer or study; and ones relationship with others—such as service, visitation and other acts of charity and compassion.



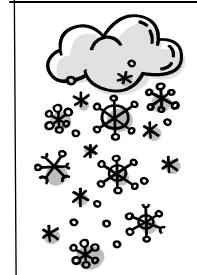
Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 7 pm @ First Baptist Church featuring music by choirs of FRUMC and First Baptist, and imposition of ashes; Pastor Denise preaching.

Pastor Denise will be out of town from Feb. 4 – Feb. 9. Rev. Dr. Dee Pendley will be providing coverage for pastoral emergencies. Please contact the church office if you have any needs.

Jesus tells us, "Let the little children come." We sing "Jesus loves the little children."



Here at FRUMC we are blessed to have the little children come every weekday to the Elizabeth B Sherman Child Development Center. I believe this is one of the most important ministries provided by our church family. We invite the youngest members of society into a safe and loving environment. From my office on the second floor I get the chance to interact with and watch these beautiful little folks grow and learn and play and, yes, sometimes cry. Our Center is truly blessed to have an amazing staff to teach and care for and love these children. When you pray for your FRUMC family be sure to include these children and their teachers. When you are out shopping, consider picking up some extra paper towels, a box of crackers, or 100% juice to share with the Center. Talk with Pam Waters, the Director, about how you can support this vital Ministry. Help us share this very important message every day of the week, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so . . ."
Donna Quarton



SNOW POLICY

The church and EBS/CDC follow the snow policy of Warren County Schools. When schools close early, open late or are closed, the church and EBS will do likewise.

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, part-time (24 hrs/wk), Front Royal United Methodist Church

Front Royal United Methodist Church, a faith community committed to sharing God's love and serving God's people, is seeking an experienced, creative and dedicated person to provide staff leadership for Youth and Children's Ministry. The successful candidate for this outstanding opportunity will be a creative, relational, spiritually-mature person who is experienced in hands-on ministry to children, youth and their families, including mission, spiritual formation, worship and fellowship. This person must be gifted, graced and passionate about discipleship in children and youth and able to engage parents and volunteers. Please visit www.frumc.org for the full position description. Please submit resume electronically to pastordensie@frumc.org by Feb. 10.

Music Ministry Assistant, part-time (10 hrs/wk), Front Royal United Methodist Church

Front Royal United Methodist Church, a faith community committed to sharing God's love and serving God's people, is seeking a Music Ministry Assistant with collaborative keyboard skills (guitar a nice plus), vocal gifts (tenor or high baritone especially preferred) choral and praise direction experience, who enjoys working in a team environment. This person will work with the Minister of Music and Worship Arts and laity to support high quality worship opportunities, provide leadership to age-level choirs, praise band and adult choirs (bells and vocal), and foster spiritual growth through music and worship arts. *Job share a possibility for this position; excellent opportunity for high level student or music education professional.* Please visit www.frumc.org for the full position description. Please submit resume electronically to pastordenise@frumc.org by Feb. 10.