

The CHIMES

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Do I Have Anything to do with the "Outreach Ministry"?

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE "OUTREACH MINISTRY" ?

By: Pat Hobbs, Outreach Chair

Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus Christ? Do you expect the "church" to be responsible for discipleship or do you have any role in it? I think we often forget that we are the church. When Jesus said "Go and make disciples of all the nations" this wasn't direction for an institution – this was His intention for every Christ-follower – that's *you* and *me*. For too long, we've assumed that making disciples is something the "church" is supposed to do. Unfortunately, when that happens it creates some real challenges like: disciples aren't involved in discipleship (isn't that us?); or the preacher is the one responsible for discipleship (really?); or we get unhappy with church programs because they aren't "producing" new members and new disciples when in

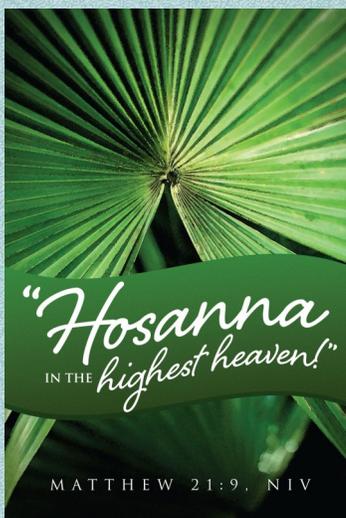
fact discipleship was never intended to be a "church" program.

Over the last couple of years, FUMC has made incredible strides to renew our commitment to Outreach in our community – but what exactly does that mean? It doesn't mean knocking on doors and asking people "Have you found Jesus yet?". No, Outreach is about sharing our lives and our beliefs and intentionally interacting with those in our community (and in our lives in general) to bring them to know our Savior as we do. When we have worship opportunities at church – and "worship opportunities" includes far more than Sunday morning services – we can all share ourselves by participating and interacting with all who come. Have you ever been guilty (as I have) of making a point to welcome a visitor

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LENT



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the fun! Franconia UMC hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th. Activities, including crafts, face painting, and more, begin in Cokesbury Hall at 10:00 a.m. Egg hunts for ages 2–12 will occur by age groups from 10:15 a.m.—11 :30!





March 1

- 1904— Glenn Miller, big bandleader
- 1954—Ron Howard, "Opie" on "Andy Griffith"

March 2

- 1779—Joel Roberts Poinsett, American Ambassador to Mexico brought Poinsettias to America
- 1904—Theodore Seuss Geisel, "Dr. Seuss"

March 3

- 1847—Alexander Graham Bell, invented the telephone

March 6

- 1475—Michelangelo, Renaissance painter

March 15

- 1767—Andrew Jackson, 7th U.S. President(1829-1837)

March 16

- 1751— James Madison, 4th U.S President (1809-1817)

March 17

- 1837—Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th U.S. President(1885-1889, 1893-1897)

March 19

- 1813—David Livingstone, physician, explorer
- 1848—Wyatt Earp, Wild West lawman

March 20

- 1928—Fred Rogers, "Mr. Rogers"
- 1948—Bobby Orr, hockey player

March 21

- 1685— Johann Sebastian Bach, musical composer

March 22

- 1923— Marcel Marceau, mime
- 1948- Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer

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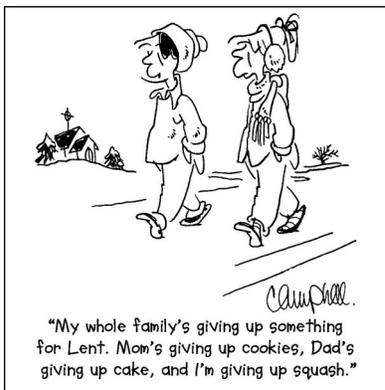
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and then point them to the Cokesbury door and sort of “invite” them to go on back and have some coffee and then we go about our business talking to friends. How about we all try doing this differently? Let’s not point and hope they will walk through that door by themselves only to stand in a roomful of strangers but instead, let’s take them with us – “please join ME for some coffee” – and once we get into Cokesbury, don’t abandon them! It might see like a small thing, but guess what – you would be doing what Jesus charged us all to do. One of my favorite Scriptures is from something Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, “We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our very own lives, too”. We can do this!

The Outreach Ministry provides all of us opportunities to be disciples and

that’s what we are told to do – I didn’t say it, Jesus did! Our Ministry Team is always looking for anyone interested in helping to plan some of our worship opportunities like A Night in Bethlehem, Turkey Dinner, working with Franconia Elementary School, summer activities, Pancake Supper, Easter Sunrise, making visitor packets – so many wonderful things that can all use your help. If you have an interest in any of these kinds of activities, please talk to any of our Outreach Ministry Team members: Kathy Woodley, Debbie Gordon, Janet Hedrick, Barb Lawrence, Pastor Guest, or Pat Hobbs.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Teens Hunt Eggs in the Dark

“Glow in the Dark” Easter Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday, March 29
6:30—8:30 PM

Free event for teens ages 13 & up



FROM
THE
PASTOR

By: Pastor Catharine Guest

Psalm 46:10, Luke 10:38-42, John 14:8-14

We are all familiar with the verse from Psalm 46: *Be still and know that I AM God.* For most of us it conjures up visions of monks sitting in dimly lit sanctuaries – hands folded – head bowed – trying to empty themselves in order to ‘be still’ in the presence of God. That is a wonderful spiritual discipline, but it can’t be sustained 24/7 365 (or 366 depending on the year!).

We think of Mary and Martha in the Lucan scripture. Martha was a busy, albeit grumpy, little bee in the kitchen, while Mary set at Christ’s feet and listened to Him teach her – and Mary is declared as having made the better choice that day – but who exactly was going to do the dishes, the Type As among us ask?

And in John 14, we hear Philip ask Jesus *to show him the Father and he would be satisfied.* And Jesus says the equivalent of: *really Philip? How long have we begin together and you still don’t get it? You are looking at Him!* Jesus’ frustration is apparent – they have been together for almost three

years!

All these scripture come together in a way far different from that vision of the monk in the sanctuary. Yes, we are to spend time settling in the presence of God and just be. But to just be and to be empty isn’t intended to become a void. It is rather to become empty of our distractions; like the distractions Martha held onto as she worked herself to a nub trying to please Him. It is to become empty of our expectations of what Jesus is supposed to be – the expectations of Philip – in order to truly know Who Christ is. Phillip apparently hadn’t been still in his spirit as he worked alongside the Lord in order to truly see the One he followed.

That is why Mary chose the better path. She wasn’t ignoring work that needed doing – don’t you imagine she had been doing her share to prepare for Christ before He came? But in the presence of God, she was able to still herself in order to truly *know,* in order to truly receive, so that she could continue on in the work Christ would call her to do. A work that would continue through the harrowing days to come as her Lord was crucified, died and buried. A work that would continue through to Easter and beyond – as she served her Lord into the future as a witness to all the world that JESUS LIVES! But to do all of this she must *know Him* to the core of her being.

We are in the midst of Lent. Some of us have chosen to *do things* for Jesus – things that really have no lasting spiritual benefit at all. We have grumpily given up chocolate, video games, and the like with the full intention of picking them up again with vigor on Easter. But what if...instead...we chose a different thing. What if we chose to be still and know God. Not like a monk in a sanctuary but by spending time in the devotional study of Word each morning, then taking that Word into our hearts to inform the rest of our day; by joining a Bible study not to learn another theological tidbit, but to receive whatever God longs to fill us with in order that we might know Him more completely; by preparing for Sunday worship before we arrive, so that we are fully present before God and participate in the service with our whole hearts, rather than begrudging this time as we plan our afternoons. What if we took on something that will bring spiritual transformation in our lives? *Being still, choosing the better way, recognizing the One Who has always been with us.* If we choose to be with God this Lent, we will never be the same – and it’s never too late to begin – we still have several weeks – we still have a LIFETIME left to live into this choice! Surely it is better than giving up chocolate.....and to God be the glory! AMEN.



Concert: Music for the Easter Season

On Sunday, April 12th at 4PM, the music ministry will present a concert of music for the Easter Season. The concert will include works of William Billings, George Frederick Handel, John Ireland, Anders Nyberg, William Bradley Roberts, and Carl Schalk, along with Sacred Easter Music from the Southern Harmony and France. Childcare will be provide and a reception will follow.



Lenten Mission Offering

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noontday. Isaiah 58:10

By: Michelle Sutton

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

At Franconia United Methodist Church, Lent has traditionally been a time of year when we ask our members to consider donating to selected missions of the church. This year, the FUMC Missions Ministry team has selected the following missions:

The Koinonia Foundation is a faith-based organization, located right in our backyard, called to support adults and children in the Franconia/Kingstowne community. Koinonia helps them to meet challenges of daily living by providing food, clothing, learning and emergency financial assistance.

The Rev. Nancy Robinson is based in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The roots of United Methodist

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By: Sharon Pappajohn

March will find the children of All God’s Children (AGC) celebrating the arrival of Spring and preparing for Easter. The preschoolers have already had an Ash Wednesday service with Pastor Catharine and will spend time in March learning new

Bible verses and making wonderful Easter projects. As always, the children are learning about the world around them and are making progress learning our alphabet, numbers, and pre-reading and writing skills.

AGC is still welcoming applications for the 2015-16 school year.

The AGC Easter program will be on Tuesday, March 25 at 11: 00 AM in the sanctuary. You are invited to come and enjoy beautiful singing by wonderful preschoolers.

Food for Children

Children whose families need assistance are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches (and in some schools, breakfasts). For many, the school meal is the only healthy meal the child will have that day. For some, it’s the only meal the child will have all day.

School breaks are difficult for families who are food insecure. Having enough food to feed the family is a challenge when children are out of school.

This coming Sunday, March 15th, is the last Sunday that we will be collecting food to support the students at Franconia Elementary so they have food to take home over the Spring Break. If you miss bringing food on Sunday, you can still bring items to Cokesbury up until Wednesday. We will be delivering the food to the school on Thursday the 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Hobbs.



NEEDED:

- ◆ Cereal—18 boxes
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce—19 jars
- ◆ Juice Boxes—14 packs
- ◆ Pasta or Rice—10 pkgs.
- ◆ Cash for Fresh Fruit

Girl Scout Day—March 12

On March 12, 1912 Juliette Gordon Low started the first Girl Scout group in Savannah Georgia with 18 girls. The Girls Scouts became a national organization and was chartered by the U.S. Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, millions of girls are involved with Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Day recognizes and celebrates the Girls Scouts of the USA(GSUSA).





Your assistance is needed! Please help update the Franconia United Methodist Church prayer list. Please review the following lists and let the church office know what changes are needed. You can call Shelly at 703-971-5151 or [click here](#). Thank you!

Requesting Ongoing Prayers:

Phil Agee, Bobby Anderson, Mike Anzelonie, Olive Atkinsonya, Brother Gerald, Roland Baugh, Billy Bell, Margaret Brown, Tish Cadwell, Bob Clark, William Clyde, Emma Conway, Nancy Copeland, Christine Cunningham, The Cure Family, Jim Devlin, Evelyn DeVries, Brenda & Justin Hall, Bill Hampton, Patrick Hannigan, Ann Hostetter, Andrew Igo, Jessica, Julie, Peyton Jones Family, Dale Jovero, Cecil King, Julia Lee, Doug Mitchell, Lulu Molina, Christine Morris, Fred Mullins, Richard Myers, Nathan Nguyen, Mrs. Parker, Edwin Peña, Perry Family, Roy Rankin Family, Kenneth Richard, John Richbourg, Roseanne, Rose Marie, Tim Ryan Family, John Scavens, the Schulman triplets, Susie Seay, Edna Smith, Clyde & Maggie Spray, Ken Taylor, Ora Titus, Paul Turpen, Margaret & Lyn Welch, Clint Willard, Kathy Woodley and all caregivers.

Prayers for those serving - Military/Civilian:

Heather Anderson, Maj. Christy Barry, Danny Becker, Peter Beullens, John Burt, Jerome Bussey, Jr., Capt. Ryan Cohen, Mark Friermood, Colin & Vanessa Guest, Emily Guest, Seth Gregory, Jonathan Guffey, James Henderson, Daniel T. Hernandez, Lance Hunter, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Karl Maier, Logan McGraw, Nick Neuroth, John Pappajohn, Maritza, Adrian & Breck Perry, Andrew Robinson, Craig Romeo, Nate Seymour, Capt. Thomas Strain, John Waller, Bernadette Watson, Charles Wells, Will Watson, and Mende Jo Wentzel



For Everything There is a Season

Lenten Mission Offering

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1855, and the current annual conference was formed in 1984. The church operates a network of elementary and secondary schools, four hospitals, and several other health facilities with the latter of being of critical importance as Sierra Leone continues to struggle with the Ebola crisis.

Rising Hope United Methodist Church is a mission church of the Alexandria and Arlington UM Districts. It was established with the mission of bringing the “power of Christ” and the “support of the church” to the community living in poverty on the Rt. 1 Corridor of Fairfax County.

The Missions Ministry asks for your prayers and your support.



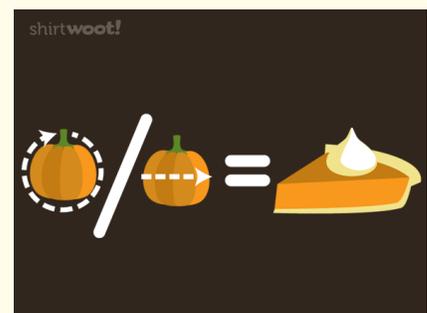
That All May Know Him

Ultimate Pi Day: Once in a Lifetime

Know why this date and time are significant?

3.14.15 9:26:53

That's the first 10 digits of pi... happens once a century.



Month of March:

- Irish American Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Craft Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Women's History Month
- Red Cross Month

Did you Know? March was named for the Roman God "Mars"

Special Days in March, 2015

- 1 [National Pig Day](#)
- 1 [Peanut Butter Lovers' Day](#)
- 2 [National Anthem Day](#)
- 2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday (1904—1991)
- 3 [Peach Blossom Day](#)
- 12 [Girl Scouts Day](#)
- 12 Plant a Flower Day
- 14 [National Pi Day](#) - Why today? Because today is 3.14, the value of Pi.
- 14 Birthday of Albert Einstein (1879—1955)
- 15 [Ides of March](#)
- 17 [Saint Patrick's Day](#)
- 18 [National Agriculture Day](#) (date varies)
- 19 [Poultry Day](#)
- 21 [National Quilting Day](#) - third Saturday of month
- 23 National Puppy Day
- 25 [Pecan Day](#)
- 25 [Waffle Day](#)
- 30 [National Doctor's Day](#)

March 31: [Bunsen Burner Day](#)

Celebrates the birthday of German chemist Robert Wilhelm Eberhard von Bunsen, who was born on March 31, 1811. And, you guessed it, von Bunsen created the Bunsen Burner.

**Cindy Langan, Finance Chair**

Franconia UMC was blessed with a good start to the year financially. Offerings for the month of January were \$30,279 which was only \$453 short of our January average and much better than last January offerings of \$25,505. This generosity allowed us to finish January in a surplus position of \$3,391 when we include All God's Children income and expenses and a surplus of \$1,911 when we exclude it. Both of these are a big improvement over last January when we had a deficit of \$2,680 with AGC and \$3,998 when we excluded it.

The Capital Fund received offerings of \$3,150 in January to give it a balance of \$14,475 up from \$11,325 at the end of December. This is good news because the Trustees have several projects planned and we will also be purchasing equipment for the new Praise and Worship Service that will start later this year.

Budget offerings through February 15th total \$22,081. Capital Fund offerings total \$815. With only one more Sunday in the month, both these amounts are down from January. Hopefully, it's only down because of the holiday weekend and we will bounce back.

Please continue to bless Franconia with your prayers, service, gifts, presence and witness, so that we can make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

St. Patrick's Day – March 17

Saint Patrick's Day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, the missionary who brought Christianity to the Irish people in the 400s A.D. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs.

Are you Irish perchance?! Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

Erin Go Braugh is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means "Ireland Forever"

Did You Know? Over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent. That's almost nine times the population of Ireland!

St. Patrick Day is celebrated with parades and by **wearing of the green.**

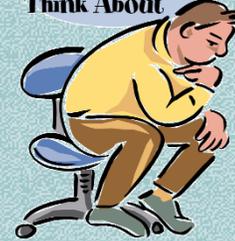
Emerald Isle is the poetic name for Ireland due to its green countryside, first referred to in print by William Drennan in his poem "When Erin first rose". According to legend, Saint Patrick used the three-leaved **shamrock** to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish pagans.



Emergency Numbers

1. When in sorrow call John 14
2. When you have sinned.....call Psalm 51
3. When you worry..... call Matthew 6:19-34
4. When you are in danger..... call Psalm 91
5. When your faith needs stirring.....call Hebrews 11
6. When you feel down and out..... call Romans 8:31
7. When you want peace and rest.....call Matthew 11:25-30
8. When the world seems bigger than God..... call Psalm 90
9. If your pockets are empty..... call Psalm 37
10. When you are lonely and fearful.....call Psalm 23
11. When you grow bitter and critical.....call I Corinthians 13
12. For how to get along with others.....call Romans 12
13. If you are depressed.....call Psalm 27

Something to Think About



I Was Wondering . . . What is Lent?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.”

The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

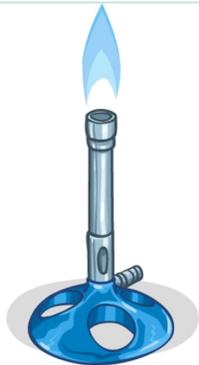
The First Sunday describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

The color for Lent is purple or ash gray.

Easter Breakfast



Following Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 5, a FREE Pancake Breakfast will be available in Cokesbury Hall. Since the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (or Fat Tuesday) on February 18 was canceled because of inclement weather, we will share the pancakes on Easter instead!

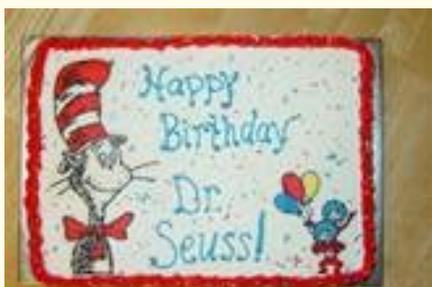


March 31: Bunsen Burner Day
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Healing Prayer

Lord Jesus, heal me.
Heal in me whatever You see needs healing.
Heal me of whatever might separate me from you.
Heal my memory,
heal my heart, heal my emotions,
heal my spirit, heal my body
heal my soul.
Lay Your hands gently upon me and
Heal me through Your love for me.

Amen.



March Birthdays

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March 24

- 1874— Harry Houdini, magician

March 25

- 1947—Elton John, singer, songwriter, musician

March 26

- 1874—Robert Frost, poet
- 1911—Tennessee Williams, playwright

March 27

- 1845—Wilhelm Roentgen, scientist, discovered X-rays
- 1970—Mariah Carey, singer

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Easter Flowers

Purchase an Easter Flower
In memory or in honor
of a loved one.

Easter Flowers will be on the altar
on Easter Sunday—April 5
for all services

6" pot—Tulip—\$12.00
6" pot—Easter Lily—\$12.00

Your name and the name of the
person you are honoring will be
listed in the bulletin on
Easter Sunday, April 5.

Flowers can be taken home after
the 11:00 AM service on Easter
Sunday. Those flowers not picked
up will be taken to Manchester
Lakes Retirement Community.



PREPARING FOR
Easter

Easter Flowers

Your Name: _____
(Please Print)

In Memory In Honor

Name of person _____
(Please Print)

Flower: 6" Pot Tulip \$12.00 each
 6" Pot Easter Lily \$12.00 each

Please drop the completed form with your check in the offering plate
by Sunday, March 29, 2015. You may attach information for
additional flowers to the form.

Positive Self Image **SLEEP**
FOOD 2015 **CELEBRATE NUTRITION**
HEALTHY INTO A **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**
ENERGY vegetable **fruit**
Fitness **Bite**
Move **Balanced CHOICES**
Wellbeing **CHOICES**
Natural Organic Brought to you by
NCES
HEALTH & NUTRITION EDUCATION

March
National
Nutrition
Month

March Birthdays

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March 28

- 1955—Reba McEntire, country western singer

March 29

- 1790— [John Tyler](#), 10th U.S. President (1841-1845)
- 1867- Cy Young, baseball pitcher

March 30

- 1853— Vincent van Gogh, painter

March 31

- 1596—René Descartes, philosopher, mathematician
- 1732— Franz Joseph Haydn, composer
- 1935— Herb Albert, musician

Survey Says . . .

Last fall, the Ministry Team Leaders (MTL) of the Church Council developed a survey. The MTL wanted to get a sense of the effectiveness of the ministries of the church both within the context of the congregation and as we are in ministry in the community and the world. This was the congregation's opportunity to share their thoughts, their helpful insights, and their affirmations all FUMC is doing and more than 50 of you graciously responded.

With the results in hand, each MTL compiled data pertinent to each particular ministry and below are the results. The names and contact information of each of the MTLs is included as well. The Ministry Teams are doing amazing things and are excited about the road in ministry that God is revealing each and every day. The Ministry Teams are also excited that every single person in our congregation will feel led to be 'plugged in' to a ministry team – the more of us involved in God's plan for FUMC – the more we as church become change agents for Him in the world. Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve – it's going to be an adventure you don't want to miss!

Worship – Lisa Dickinson

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In reviewing the responses to the Church-wide survey related to elements of the worship service, the vast majority of responses were positive (generally like or strongly like) regarding the Order of Service (83%); content of service (87%); sermon length (74%); sermon content (94%); and sermon delivery (97%). Overall, the responses regarding music were similarly positive (89%), with choir anthems receiving an 85% positive rating. Bulletins were viewed positively by 86% of respondents; communion by 95% of respondents; welcoming by 92% of respondents; and Audio Visual by 57% of respondents.

Notwithstanding the overall positive responses to the elements of the worship service, there were constructive suggestions made related to numerous aspects of the worship service including sound issues, inclusion of a psalter, and the service of communion. Based on these suggestions, we have begun making appropriate modifications to address areas of concern. With regard to comments and suggestions related to the music in the worship service, there were a number of comments seeking both traditional hymns and more blended music as well as more solos and duets for choir anthems. Both the Pastor and the Music Director had begun taking

steps to incorporate more diverse music in the worship services, and are continuing to balance the interests of a congregation which seeks both traditional and more contemporary music as part of its worship service.

Nurture and Care – Sharon Sheldon

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65% of the surveys completed were by those age 45 or older; 31% were under age 45. Online surveys 11 completed (7 over age 45, 4 under 45); Paper surveys 18 completed (12 over age 45, 5 under age 45, 1 did not provide)

Past Nurture and Care events were well received by those attending; those who did not attend cited scheduling conflicts as their reason for not attending. This implies a need to publish an events calendar in advance for folks to make attending FUMC events a priority if possible. Nurture and Care events included the All Church Birthday party, The Follies, and a Luau. We also will continue to team with Outreach on church community events because more than a few of our goals for our respective ministries overlap.

As Nurture and Care plans future events, we will continue with our goal of quarterly fellowship functions and try to add in other items as the calendar and volunteer support permits. Those responding to the survey indicated the following types of events would be of interest: events

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Favorite Irish Sayings:

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
 May the rain fall softly upon your fields. And the sun shine warm upon your face.
 Top of the mornin' to you.....(and the rest of the day to 'me self!)

May there always be work for you to do.
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Survey Says . . .

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for parents w/kids under 12; community events (i.e., meals, fairs); educational/self-improvement (i.e., finance/healthy lifestyle); social functions such as themed events, movies at the church, potlucks, drama or musical events. There was also an interest in creating opportunities for church members to socialize by attending outside-FUMC events, as well as events for singles. The suggestion of a mid-week meal was also of interest.

Moving forward we will be offering childcare at many of our Nurture and Care events when appropriate. If you don't see it advertised, please ask the event coordinator about it! (This goes for all events at FUMC; help us help you be a part of our programs!)

Outreach – Pat Hobbs

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The Outreach Ministry is one of FUMC's best opportunities to interact with our local community as a whole and as defined in our Vision statement. Outreach's focus is outside our church doors, which is where our mission field lies. We all are equally charged with making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and it is the role of Outreach to help facilitate this effort in response to our Lord's direction.

Outreach strives to provide opportunities for relationship building between FUMC members and our neighbors, as the first step in sharing our faith and bringing them to know our Savior as Lord. Critical to the success of our heavenly charge, is the participation of each and every FUMC disciple, i.e. all of us. With that in mind, the survey questions pertaining to Outreach were designed primarily

to determine knowledge of, interest in, and participation in Outreach opportunities.

Over 80% of respondents indicated that A Night in Bethlehem is of the greatest interest and has the highest level of participation. A few of those who responded, indicated they had no idea what we were talking about - hopefully as time goes on, each of us will be able to explain and invite all to participate.

The Free Turkey Dinner for our community also generated a great deal of interest and participation (78%) and of those who did not participate, most indicated they would be interested to participate in the future.

Other Outreach opportunities listed included the Super Bowl Party, Easter Sunrise service, support of Franconia Elementary school, Backyard BBQ and the church wide picnic at Mason Neck.

All of the above rated approximately 60% in both interest and participation – with about 20% of the responses indicating no interest in participating.

The results of this survey indicate work to be done on the part of Outreach and works to be done on the part of each of us to fulfill the charge we have been given.

The Outreach Ministry team has 5 members; the Outreach effort of Franconia United Methodist Church involves and includes EVERY member

Children's Education – Leslye Dwight
revleslye@gmail.com - with great gratitude to Sharon Pappajohn for compiling the results.

Sunday School and Children's Church

* Over 50 percent had no opinion or did not respond.

* Those who did respond generally liked or strongly liked the Sunday School and Children's Church programs.

* Those who responded to the specific statements in the survey had children.

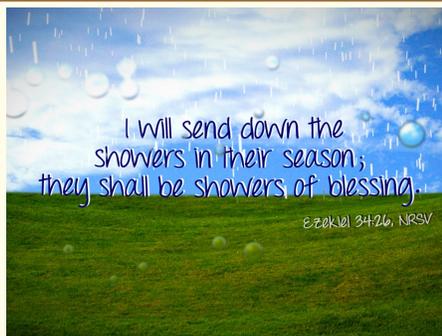
* Respondents who made comments who did not have children stated---

- ◆ They admired the adults who teach the children and youth.
- ◆ They would like more emphasis on singing.
- ◆ They thought Sunday School and Children's Church should be combined because "there isn't enough participation to justify the manpower duplication for leads, which is a problem right now."

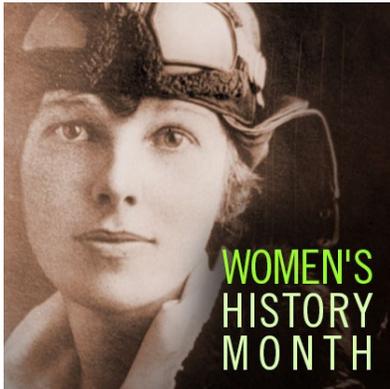
Fall Festival, Advent Wreath Making, Christmas Workshop, VBS

* All those who attended found the events met or exceeded their expectations.

* Approximately 70 percent of those who did not attend had a schedule conflict.



March: Women's History Month



The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society.

The Library of Congress:

[Rosa Parks Collection](#)

Special display through March 31

National Museum of American History: *The First Ladies*

This popular exhibition looks at the unofficial but important position of first lady and the ways that very different women have shaped the role.

For more information on Women's History Month, [click here](#).

Women in the Postal Service and Philately

From the depictions of prominent and remarkable women on American postage stamps to the role of women within the US postal system, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's website has something for everyone. A series of featured collections showcases the many and varied women celebrated on American stamps. Web visitors can learn more about the role of women in the history of America's postal system, from famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart, to relatively unknown colonial postmaster Mary Katherine Goddard.



Women's History Month Other Activities and Programs

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ Portrait Story Days: Clara Barton National Portrait Gallery
- ◆ Women in Aviation and Space Family Day Air and Space Museum Udvar—Hazy Center

Wednesday, March 18

- ◆ Women in Science and Leadership at the National Zoo Career Panel Discussion National Zoo

Saturday, March 21

- ◆ Women's History Month Family Day National Portrait Gallery

Sunday, March 22

- ◆ Portrait Story Days: Maya Angelou National Portrait Gallery

Thursday, March 26

- ◆ Eighth Annual Forum on Women in Leadership Then and Now: Women in Civil Rights Leadership National Archives, William G. McGowan Theater

Saturday, March 28; Sunday, March 29

- ◆ Portrait Story Days: Toni Morrison National Portrait Gallery

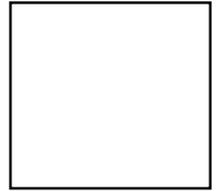
Sunday, March 29

- ◆ "Eye on the Struggle: Ethel Payne, the First Lady of the Black Press" Anacostia Community Museum



God has no phone, but I talk to him.
He has no Facebook, but he still is my friend.
He does not have Twitter, but I still follow him.

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Simple Suppers



Food ♥ Friends ♥ Faith
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 PM
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The April issue of The Chimes will be distributed before Easter Sunday, April 5.*

- ◆ **Saturday, March 21**
Franconia United Methodist Women
9:30 AM Stage Room
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 25**
11:00 AM All God's Children
Easter Program
- ◆ **Saturday, March 28**
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Activities begin at 10:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 29**
8:30 and 11 AM Palm Sunday Services
6:30 PM "Glow in the Dark" Egg Hunt
- ◆ **Thursday, April 2**
7:30 PM Living Last Supper
- ◆ **Friday, April 3**
7:30 PM Service of Darkness
- ◆ **Sunday, April 5** **Easter Sunday**
6:30 AM Sunrise Service and Pancake
Breakfast
8:30 and 11 AM Easter Services
- ◆ **Sunday, April 12**
4:00 PM Concert of Music for the
Easter Season; Reception to follow



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is a multi-generational, Christ-centered community called to reach out to the young adults and families in the Franconia/Kingstowne area. We welcome all and together respond to the challenges of daily life through worship, study, and fellowship. As led by the Holy Spirit, through dynamic and innovative ministries, we will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.