

The Chimes

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 2
7:30 PM Living Last Supper



THE LAST SUPPER

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5



Friday, April 3
7:30 PM Service of Darkness



6:30 AM
Sunrise Service
Followed by
Pancake Breakfast



Easter Services

8:30 and 11 AM
Traditional
Services

Holy Week

Holy Week is the annual Christian observance commemorating Jesus' last week on earth and the events leading up to his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week is the final week of Lent, and the week prior to Easter Sunday.

Holy Week commences on Palm Sunday and includes the Christian observances of Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Holy Week does not include Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday immediately follows Holy Week and is its culmination – a day of joyous celebration.



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

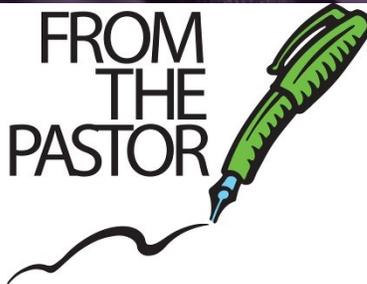
PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK-BEGINS

EASTER SUNDAY

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By: Pastor Catharine Guest

This is the day that the Lord has made – let us rejoice and give thanks for it! Is that your mindset as you turn off the alarm each morning and begin your day? If not, why not? It is something I really try to pay attention to because some days, I am just ‘not feeling it’ and it’s up to me to figure out why! Why am I not glad to have another day to celebrate life? Why am I not excited about serving God in the world? What’s going on?

Then I realize that perhaps I haven’t been living into my purpose – perhaps I have not been receiving my agenda for the day from the Lord, but have been setting my own agenda. When I go my own way, I can never see what lies ahead, and it’s the not knowing that steals my joy. When I go God’s way, I KNOW that the One Who is the Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end – knows what lies ahead. Such knowledge replaces the pressure I feel to perform with the assurance I need to trust!

There was a time when these words were just words – trust is fine for children, but I’m a grown up! I can handle this! And then, I was led to read the scripture again – beginning to end – as though for the first time. I didn’t even get through the first three chapters of Genesis before a spotlight came on. Each moment of time that God created was counted in an unfamiliar way: by evening begins the day – not morning. Each creative act began in the mind of God in the evening! God creates and plans while we are asleep. When morning comes

all we have to do is wake up and live into His plan.

But how? By becoming intentional in how we begin our day that God has made: by becoming present to our Lord and receiving the good news He has for us as we read His word and pray before we do another thing – taking the time to acknowledge Him in the stillness of the new day before hitting the showers, grabbing the coffee and immersing ourselves in all the bad news of the world that chooses to acknowledge anything and anyone BUT God. It makes a difference – I know because when I begin any other way – it just isn’t pretty!

We are in the season of Easter and it might do us well to remember: as the disciples slept in the midst of their grief – our Lord rose from death to life eternal. The plan of our salvation was complete even before the light dawned that first Easter morning. When the disciples awoke uncertain of what the future held – the plan was already in place. The stone was rolled away. The Lord lives! The road to glory lay before them if they chose to walk into God’s plan! It would be a hard road to be sure – but at the end would come the joy of knowing that as they – and we acknowledge Him as the Creator and Savior of our lives – we can trust Him to work in and through us for His glory! Our lives are not our own! Our Lord lives! A new day has dawned! Rejoice and be glad!

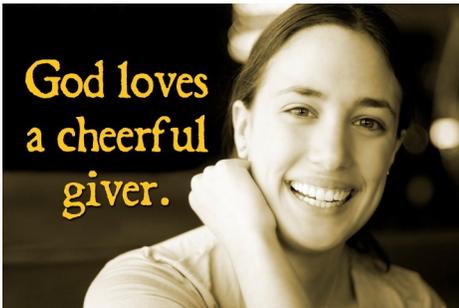




Cindy Langan, Finance Chair

The winter weather caught up with us in February and our budget offerings of \$28,159 were \$3,212 less than our monthly average of \$31,371. This shortfall led to a deficit of \$6,518 as of February 28, excluding All God's Children (AGC). Including AGC reduces the deficit to \$1,730.

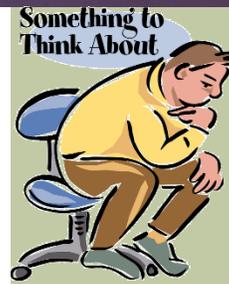
March continued to have offerings below average for the first 2 weeks. Thankfully, the weather and offerings improved in the third week. As of March 15, our offerings for the month totaled \$23,504. With five Sundays in March, if the improvement continues we should be able to reduce our deficit.



The Capital Fund received offerings of \$1,025 in February and the balance as of February 28 was \$15,500. Capital Fund offerings through March 15 totaled \$4,095, which included a very generous gift for the new video display system in the Sanctuary for the new Praise and Worship Service.

Our Reserve Funds totaled \$18,003 as of February 28th, which is a decrease from the Reserve Fund balance on 12/31/14 of \$21,522.

Please continue to support Franconia with your prayers, service, gifts, presence and witness, so that we can continue to follow where God is leading us to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world!



I Was Wondering . . .

Why does the date of Easter move around so much?

The celebration of Passover took place just before the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ and the two holidays have been entwined from the beginning.

Passover celebrates the night in which the Angel of Death 'passed over' the homes of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt prior to their liberation from Pharaoh under Moses' leadership. The Angel of Death would see the blood of the slaughtered pascal lamb smeared on the door posts and lintels of the Hebrew homes and spare those inside.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of the Son of God following His sacrifice on the cross. Jesus is called the Lamb of God and it is as we believe in His sacrifice and resurrection that we are covered by His blood and saved from eternal death and redeemed to eternal life. The word Pasch, originally meaning Passover, came to mean Easter as well.

In order to insure that the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord remain in conjunction with Passover, Easter has become a 'moveable feast' – a feast contingent on the Jewish calendar. Consequently since the Jewish Passover is celebrated on the 14th day of Nissan following the full moon (the vernal equinox). Easter is celebrated the Sunday following. This year Passover is celebrated from April 3-11 and Easter is on April 5.

Concert: Music for the Easter Season



On **Sunday, April 12th at 4 PM**, 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 provided and a reception will follow.

Easter Symbols

From: American Bible Society: Bible Resource Center ([Click here](#))
 bibleresources.americanbible.org

What do the symbols of Easter mean? What do they have to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Below is a brief description of some familiar (and not so familiar) Easter symbols and their meanings:

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies bloom in the spring close to Easter time. Because they are shaped like trumpets, lilies are symbols of immortality (1 Corinthians 15:52).

Butterflies

The life cycle of a butterfly is a symbol of eternal life. While in its cocoon, it undergoes a metamorphosis and emerges in a new and beautiful form (1 Corinthians 15:53,54).



Eggs

When some people think of Easter, they immediately think of eggs. Eggs symbolize the new life that returns to nature during the spring. The egg is a symbol of fertility and immortality. Thus, Christians also view it as a reminder of the tomb from which Jesus Christ arose (Luke 24:1-4). Early Christians used red colored eggs to symbolize the Resurrection.

Lights and Candles

Lights, candles, and bonfires are used as a way to celebrate Easter in some countries. Many Christians often light seven candles in the church on Good Friday and then extinguish them

Shift: From Fellowship to Hospitality

Michelle Sutton, Mission Team Chair

Henri Nouwen (priest, author, spiritual guide) who was born in 1932 and died in 1996, defines hospitality as “making room.” By this he means opening of our lives, and life together, to welcome the stranger – accepting them, knowing them, loving them, and engaging them in our lives.

Like all churches we call ourselves a friendly church. We do lots of things to encourage this friendliness – we have fellowship time in worship, fellowship meals, some fellowship groups, and in Cokesbury, a space designed for fellowship activities. These are all good things.

However, God did not call us to just gather together and enjoy each other. From the very beginning – see Abram in Genesis 12, the people of God are called to be a blessing to others (all nations/people groups.)

We are the ones God has called to share the Good News of God’s love with others.

That’s the shift from Fellowship to Hospitality.

The Shift team (Michele Sutton, Pat Hobbs, Sharon Sheldon, Barbara Lawrence, Lisa Dickinson and Pastor Guest) along with the Church Council are currently exploring four dimensions of hospitality including:

- ◆ Interpersonal Hospitality (how we build authentic relationships with the congregation).
- ◆ Intentional Hospitality (how we intentionally welcome the stranger in our midst).
- ◆ Invitational Hospitality (how we extend the welcome of the stranger beyond our existing walls).
- ◆ Incarnational Hospitality (how we build relationships beyond the church to invite others to discover God’s love for them).

We are assessing what FUMC currently does to be hospitable and ways we could strengthen this dimension of our ministry together.

As we work through the SHIFT program and process, we will be developing some specific goals to help FUMC shift from being a “good” church to a “great” church. As these goals are developed, we will be sharing them with everyone and asking you to pray to see if God is calling you to help. Please contact anyone listed above if you have any questions or thoughts you’d like to share as we move forward. It is an exciting path before us and we are all on it together!

This article is one of a series to keep the congregation of Franconia United Methodist Church informed about the Shift process. Franconia UMC is part of a network of several churches in the Arlington and Alexandria UMC Districts that were invited to participate in this program, which is designed to lead churches to greater effectiveness.



Easter Sunday 2010 –2020

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See page 3 for more on the date of Easter.

Year	Date
Easter Sunday 2010	April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday 2011	April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday 2012	April 8, 2012
Easter Sunday 2013	March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday 2014	April 20, 2014
Easter Sunday 2015	April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday 2016	March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday 2017	April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday 2018	April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday 2019	April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday 2020	April 12, 2020



Update on Financial Peace University

A biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way.

Franconia United Methodist Church's first-ever Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University course is headed into its seventh week on Monday, April 6.

Sixteen members are enrolled in the course--three of whom are members of FUMC. Thom Hostetter and Cindy Langan are the course coordinator and co-coordinator, respectively. Heather Basnett, Bruce Bartolain, and Glenn Sutton have volunteered to serve as accountability persons for students.

Accountability persons serve as unbiased "sounding boards" and "encouragers" for students as they

plan their financial budgets, debt-reduction, and various saving strategies, all of which are designed to provide personal financial peace.

Classes occur Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for nine weeks and cover Dave Ramsey's recommendations for super saving, relating with money, cash flow planning, dumping debt, purchasing strategies, insurance, retirement and college planning, real estate and mortgages, and the power of generous giving.

Classes include 50+-minute Dave Ramsey DVDs followed by group discussion sessions and homework.

Thanks to free child care service, attendance has been regular and discussions have been lively and instructive.

Easter Symbols

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one by one as Jesus' seven last words are read. At the end of the service, worshipers leave the church in darkness and silence. Candles are lit again with the Pascal Candle, or Easter Candle, on Easter Day.



The Cross

The cross is a symbol of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Crucifixion was a common way to punish criminals and to publicly humiliate them in the ancient world. In Jesus' day, the Romans used crucifixion to put criminals to death. A person was tied with cords and nailed to a wooden cross that was shaped like a T or like a plus sign (+). Jesus was accused of starting a revolt against the Roman government by allowing himself to be called "King of the Jews" (Mark 15:6-15). Jesus' resurrection is his victory over the power of sin and death (Romans 3:25,26). That is why the cross has become the major symbol for God's power to forgive sins and give new life to people (1 Corinthians 1:18). People often bake hot cross buns to symbolize this event.

The Lamb



The lamb is another symbol associated with Jesus. He is often referred to in the Bible as the "Lamb of God" (Revelation 5:6-14). John the Baptist described Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John

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Easter Symbols

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1:29). The Passover lamb (Exodus 12:1-11) has been interpreted by Christians as foreshadowing Jesus' sacrificial death (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Below is a description of some of some less familiar symbols associated with the Easter season:

Lion

Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah in Revelation 5:5.



Whale

Sometimes the story of Jonah and his encounter with a large fish is compared to the story of Christ's death and resurrection. Jonah spent three days in the belly of a fish, before being spit up on a beach (Jonah 1:17; 2:10). Christ spent three days in the grave and rose on the third day.

Sand Dollar

The markings on this shell symbolize components of Christ's birth and death. The five-point outline on the front of the sand dollar represents the star of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1,2). The five holes in the sand dollar represent the pierced hands, feet, and side of Christ (Psalm 22:16; John 20:26,27). When the sand dollar is opened, it reveals five tiny objects that look similar to flying doves. Doves symbolize the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21,22).



Men Can Listen!

Women often complain about the men in their lives not listening to them. Our society expects men to be problem solvers who attempt to solve problems as fast as possible, which may result in a failure to listen to the full story someone wants to tell them before they jump into action. That same self-reliance may keep men from sharing deep personal problems with other men.

Stephen Ministry is a program to help all hurting adults, both women and men. More women typically seek Stephen Ministers, but the program also provides care for men. However, women talk only with women Stephen Ministers, and men talk only with men Stephen Ministers. The pairing of people from the same gender helps to alleviate some of the issues that could arise when sharing details about a serious problem.

Franconia UMC is blessed to have a number of men trained to be Stephen Ministers, as well as trained women. Stephen Ministers aren't there to solve problems for anyone, but they are trained to actively listen as

someone pours out their concerns, and maintain strict confidentiality about what is shared. The Stephen Minister then tries to help an individual to think more clearly about what is going on and how to handle the future. Most importantly, the Stephen Minister reminds an individual that God loves them, no matter what is going on.

If you are interested in hearing more about Stephen Ministry, or know of someone who seems to need help in remembering God's love, please contact [Barbara Lawrence](mailto:Barbara.Lawrence@franconiaumc.org) by email or call her at 703-628-5283. Stephen Ministry is strictly confidential, so no one will know if a Stephen Minister or just a friend is caring for you or your friend.



By: Sharon Pappajohn

All God's Children begins the month of April enjoying Easter Break. Upon return, the preschoolers will take in the season of Spring by focusing on the theme of "new life" as they watch

the seeds they sow grow into plants, the caterpillars for which they care turn into butterflies, and the reawakening that comes this time of year. Thoughts of Easter will stay with the students as they memorize Bible verses about redemption.

A few openings are still available for the 2015-16 school year. Please contact [Myleen Lankford](mailto:Myleen.Lankford@franconiaumc.org) for more information.

For the latest photos from All God's Children, take a look at the AGC bulletin board in Cokesbury Hall!

Caregiver's Corner

Barbara Lawrence

Caregivers can be categorized as professionals, volunteers, a relative or a friend. You, as a caregiver, are in a life-affirming and rewarding situational career. This can also be exhausting and draining if you do not take care of your own needs. So I am going to put in a few things to ponder that come from a book called "Caregiver Therapy" by Julie Interrante and Victoria O'Connor. It is a small book and "suggests ways to deepen and enrich your caregiving experience - as you open your heart to others during difficult times, as you open your spirit to lessons of love and trust."

#12—Soothe and comfort with well-timed and appropriate touch. Your hand on an arm or shoulder, a hug or a gentle massage for a homebound patient can provide support, connection, and healing.

#15— Self-care is essential part of caregiving. If you feel guilty when you want to take time off and care for yourself, remember you can give more freely and effectively when you've replenished yourself.

#28—You may feel angry at times in your caregiving. Maybe there's been



FROM
FRANCONIA
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

Good morning. The food distribution has been wonderful. All of the families have been very appreciative. The students have been very excited, as well. (I have even had a few students who don't receive assistance ask about it).

unclear communication or you've forgotten to take care of yourself. Find a safe and appropriate way to express your anger, and know it will clear the path for closeness and love. (often times your family and friends do not clearly understand your need for help)

#36—When someone you have cared for dies, a sense of relief may accompany your feelings of sadness and loss. This a common response for caregivers. Acknowledge this and other feelings that arise. They're all part of grieving.

These are but a few suggestions -

If you feel the need to talk, please do not hesitate to call me. I will be glad to meet with you over coffee to "just talk".

The Nurture and Care Ministry is in the process of putting together a team to visit the Homebound and are looking for those interested in becoming part of this ministry. This too is a vital part in the role of Caregiving - taking care of those who are alone.

Peace to you all
Barbara Lawrence
703-628-5283

Please extend our thanks to all the members of the church. They have made a such a difference in people's lives that they will never really know. We are so thankful for this church and the wonderful love and support shown to our families.

*Thank you,
Sofia Echaide-Viafara
School Counselor
Franconia Elementary School*

Luggage for Children

The Franconia United Methodist Women (UMW) has been reorganized and meets monthly. The group has adopted the mission projects that were started by the Bucky Circle. Franconia UMW continues to donate luggage to the United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) for children in the UMFS foster care program. The luggage will provide a level of self-respect for a child who is being relocated into or between foster homes. Otherwise, the child's possessions are stuffed into a garbage bag. The luggage project was adopted when the Franconia UMW learned that a child in foster care almost lost the only "family" possession—the family photo, which fluttered from a garbage bag as the foster parent took the freshly emptied sack to the trash.

You can help by donating used, small luggage. For more information, contact [Vikki Beaty](#).



Pictured above:
Laura Giunta, Regional Director, UMFS;
and Letty Holden, Franconia UMW.

Month of APRIL

- Jazz Appreciation Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Food Month
- National Garden Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Soft Pretzel Month
- National Yogurt Month
- School Library Month
- Stress Awareness Month

National Pecan Month



Special Days in APRIL 2015

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 2 Maundy Thursday
- April 3 Good Friday
- April 5 EASTER SUNDAY**
- April 7 World Health Day
- April 9—12 Masters Golf Tournament
- April 15 Tax Day
- April 20 Boston Marathon
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 23 Birthday of William Shakespeare
- April 24 Arbor Day
- April 25 World Malaria Day

Resurrection SUNDAY



2015 National Cherry Blossom Festival



Washington, DC welcomes the arrival of spring with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, a tradition that showcases the beautiful gift of 3,000 cherry trees that the city of Tokyo gave to our nation's capital. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual three-week, city-wide event featuring more than 200 international cultural performances and over 90 other special events.

The blossoming cherry trees symbolize the arrival of spring and brighten the area surrounding the Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin with their vibrant pale pink and white flowers.

In 1912, the people of Japan sent 3,020 cherry trees to the United States as a gift of friendship. On March 27, 1912, First Lady Helen Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador, planted two Yoshino cherry trees on the northern bank of the Tidal Basin. These two original trees are still standing today near the John Paul Jones statue at the south end of 17th Street. Workmen planted the remainder of the trees around the Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival continues through Sunday, April 12.

Peak Bloom for 2015 is predicted to be April 11-14.

The peak bloom date is defined as the day when 70% of the Yoshino Cherry blossoms are open. Peak bloom varies annually depending on weather conditions. The most likely time to reach peak bloom is between the last week of March and the first week of April. Extraordinary warm or cool temperatures have resulted in peak bloom as early as March 15 (1990) and as late as April 18 (1958).

The Yoshino trees typically bloom for a period of several days. The length of the blooming period depends on weather conditions. Cool, calm weather can extend the length of the bloom, and a rainy, windy day can bring an abrupt end to the ephemeral blossoms. A late frost can prevent the trees from blooming at all.



Photo by Tom Brown

WELCOME

New Members

Franconia UMC welcomes the following new members: Michael Cagle, Victoria Martin, Marie Stravlo, Erin Snider, Ryan Snider, Alice Chadbourne, Joana Arthur, Jess Posey, Dana Harrison, Christine Cunningham, and Linda Keefer.



Franconia UMC shares the joy of parents, Brianne and Jeffrey, and big brother Taylor as they welcome the triplets to their family: Evander, Evelyn, and Emmalee.

Below: The triplets and Taylor after worship service on Sunday, March 22.



It's not too late! While Palm Sunday was the last Sunday in Lent., you can still make a contribution to the Lenten Mission offering.

- The missions chosen for this year are:
- Koinonia which provides food, clothing and financial assistance to the needy in the Franconia/ Kingstowne community;
 - Rev. Nancy Robinson, Franconia UMC's missionary in Sierra Leone; and
 - Rising Hope UMC, a mission church of the Alexandria and Arlington UM Districts.

Every man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Photo by Tom Brown

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

You are invited to join us for a pancake breakfast following Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.



You may still contribute to the Lenten Mission Offering on Easter Sunday, April 5. Please indicate that your gift is for the Lenten Mission Offering.



Squashing mosquitos,
one lemon at a time.

What do lemons
and mosquitos
have in common?



Sip your way to
saving lives.

Squashing them
saves lives.
Host a lemonade
stand in your
neighborhood
and help support
Imagine No
Malaria.

World Malaria
Day,
April 25!



Bishop Young Jin Cho is asking all churches in the Virginia Conference to observe World Malaria Day — **Saturday, April 25** — by selling lemonade to raise money for Imagine No Malaria and "sip your way to saving lives."

Every church and every United Methodist in the Virginia Conference are urged to take part in this Virginia Conference initiative, approved at the 2014 Annual Conference session, to raise enough money before 2015 Annual Conference to save at least 100,000 lives from the deadly disease of malaria.

"World Malaria Day is Saturday, April 25," Bishop Cho said. "This day is used to bring awareness about the preventable and treatable disease of malaria around the world. The Virginia Conference is excited to announce our plans for the day. We would like all of our churches across the state to participate by hosting lemonade stands in our communities. We want to connect our neighbors with our churches and help save the lives of thousands in Africa suffering from malaria. I imagine more than a thousand lemonade stands all over the conference."

Wondering why? Wondering how?

But maybe you're asking, "Why should we do this? How do we do this?" Or maybe you're thinking, "We don't have any children in my congregation. We're all too old for

lemonade. I don't know how to build a lemonade stand." Well ... [click here](#) to view videos that might help you find answers.

Would you and your family like to get involved and sponsor a lemonade stand on Saturday, April 25?

If so, please contact [Michelle Sutton](#).

The Virginia Conference has promotional materials available to help you sell lemonade. [Click here](#) to see the graphics available to help you notify church members and neighbors in your community; including posters that you can print out and put up in your church and around your community; graphics for your website, Facebook and Twitter pages; postcards to mail out or hand out around your neighborhood; "Thank you" cards (with facts about the deadly disease of malaria) that can be given to those who purchase lemonade or make contributions.

It doesn't matter what your lemonade stand looks like — you can use a card table, cardboard boxes, anything that's handy. But if you want to build something creative, the Virginia Conference website will direct you to resources.

FUMM Baseball Game Sign Up

Join the Franconia United Methodist Men (FUMM) and other friends from Franconia UMC for a baseball game:

Washington Nationals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 4:05 p.m.

Reserve your seat today! Ticket Order Deadline is Sunday, May 17th.

(Group tickets—Right Field Terrace Seats— \$12 each)

Number of tickets: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

All FUMC men (and their sons/"adopted" sons) are also invited to a pregame cook out hosted by the FUMM beginning at 12:30 PM at FUMC. Please join us!

You can sign-up on the sheet posted in Cokesbury Hall or email the completed form to: [Thom Hostetter](mailto:Thom.Hostetter@FranconiaUMC.org) (703-971-9107).



Feeding the Hungry



Bruce Bartolain and Michele Moorhead have re-loaded to continue passing out bagged meals to those who might otherwise go hungry. They are volunteering to serve the homeless and working poor through the **Phoenix Rising Food Ministry**. They not only share nourishment with those less fortunate, they share joy and the love of Christ.

Franconia UMC serves with four other churches to ensure delivery each Friday of the Month. FUMC delivers on the fourth Friday. We usually prepare the bagged meals on the

Phoenix Rising Food Delivery
February 27, 2015
Bruce Bartolain and Michele Moorhead

Thursday before the fourth Friday. We meet in Cokesbury Hall and kitchen at 6:30pm, to make sandwiches and place two meals worth of food items into brown paper sacks.

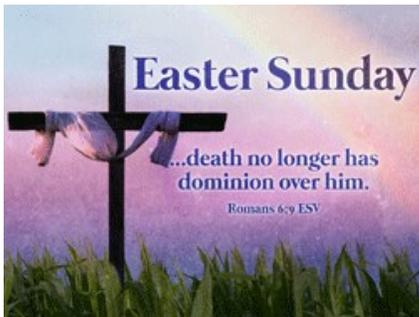
For more information see the display and brochure in Cokesbury Hall or contact Cindy Langan or Vikki Beatty or e-mail us at PhoenixRising@FranconiaUMC.org.

Consider helping with this ministry of Franconia United Methodist Church. The next time Franconia United Methodist Church prepares meals is Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM. Delivery will be on Friday, April 24, departing FUMC at 5:30 PM or meeting at the Route 1 Target at 6 PM.

Share Sunday Supports Phoenix Rising

Easter Sunday, April 5th, is also **Share Sunday** and this month FUMC is collecting food for our Phoenix Rising meal sack mission for the homeless on the Rt. 1 corridor. Donations of **small** canned meat, small cans/packages of fruit and pudding, individually wrapped cookies, chocolate bars, chips, and #8 paper sacks are welcome, as are peanut butter, bread, jelly/jam, and Ziploc sandwich bags for making sandwiches. Donations may be left in the donation bins in Cokesbury.

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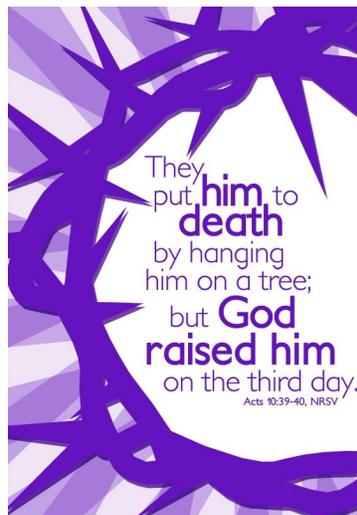


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Deadline for the May issue of The Chimes is Wednesday, April 15.



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- ◆ **Friday, April 3**
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6:30 AM Sunrise Service and Pancake Breakfast
8:30 and 11 AM Easter Services
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9:15 AM Mission Breakfast
4:00 PM Concert of Music for the Easter Season; Reception to follow



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