

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday ♦ May 18, 2008 ♦ Confirmation Sunday

Entrance

*GATHERING

The people gather and informally greet one another in the name of Christ
Welcome Everyone! *We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time the ushers have a gift for you. As the registration book is passed during the service, please give us your name, address, phone number and email address. If you would like to become a member of First United Methodist Church, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office.*

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements and Joys

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

*Call to Worship ***“Rise Shine and Give God the Glory”***

Acolytes

(see insert)

*OPENING PRAYERS AND PRAISE

*Opening Prayer

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn # 261 ***“Lord of the Dance”***

*Apostles Creed **page 35** (8:30 a.m. only)

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Proclamation and Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION # 602

Confirmand

SCRIPTURE

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-5

Christian Hoffman

*Please stand in praise as you are able

Children’s Time

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-6 & 15-16

Allie Hoffman

Third Lesson

Romans 12:4-6a

Conner Foulds

*Hymn # 77

“How Great thou Art”

*Gospel Lesson

John 15:12-17

Spencer Corbett

SERMON

“Lifelong Journey”

Doug Sasser

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Everything to Me”

Allie Hoffman

by Avalon

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Offertory

“”

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD’S PRAYER # 895

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sending Forth

*HYMN # 2173

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Carrying the Light of Christ into the world

Acolytes

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Go in peace to serve in love.

Serving in Worship this week:

Calendar of Events May 18 – May 25, 2008

Today	Confirmation Sunday Noon Covered Dish in honor of our Confirmation Class 2:00 p.m. VBS Training in the Parlor 4:30 p.m. Parent/Youth Mission Meeting
Monday	6:45 p.m. Worship Meeting-Parlor 4:30 p.m. Deadline for items to be included in the June newsletter. 8:00 p.m. Laity Meeting-Parlor
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. J.O.Y.S. (Join Our Yarn Stitches) 4:30 p.m. Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin. 5:15 p.m. 3-F Dinner (last meal until the fall) 6:15 p.m. Upper Room Daily Devotional Discussion Group, Led by Bobby Dick (last class until the fall) 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir
Friday	6:00 p.m. Discovery Preschool Graduation & Reception
Saturday	8:00 a.m. CPR Class in the Chapel
Next	8:30 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday	Blood Pressure Clinic after both services and during Sunday School in the nursery across from Pastor Doug's office. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. No Regular Youth

<p>Deadline for submitting ALL information for the June Church Newsletter is Monday, May 19. Contact the church office by note, phone, or e-mail.</p>	<p>Contact the church office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to have your event listed on next week's calendar. 540-662-3151 or kristen@fumcwinchester.org.</p>
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FIRST WORD BULLETIN NEWS

MAY 18, 2008 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

JOIN OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM !

We need YOU if you:

- love to sing praise to God
- play a musical instrument (guitar, keyboard, drums, other?)
- want to share the word of God through scripture
- know the power of prayer
- have Power Point skills

This summer we will be offering a monthly

Prayer and Praise Worship experience at our Apple Pie Ridge Campus. To join our team contact Mary Vorous or Becky Cloud at 662-3151.

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UPCOMING DATES FOR CPR:

Four hours for a two year certification to save lives!
What better way to spend your Saturday!

- June 21**
- July 19**
- August 23**
- September 20**
- October 25**
- November 22**
- December 20**



American Heart Association strongly advises that each student have their own book and CD for on-going reference. Those of you who would like to help defray the cost of your CPR class, may donate \$25.00 toward the cost of the course book. Please see Ellen Cavanagh or Ann Hoffman to register. Each class is limited to 8 students.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

Church Picnic Sunday, June 29th
With Silent Auction & Pound Auction
(to benefit the Youth Mission Trips)
at the Apple Pie Ridge Campus

A complete Prayer Concerns List is included in the monthly "First Word" newsletter. Names to be added to that list will appear here in each weekly bulletin insert.

Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Boyd Ramey, Bonnie Keplinger, Larry Cooper & Family, Bucky Davner.

Please remember to add the following friends and family in your prayers:

Melvin & Virginia Fawcett, Stacey Fritts.

Condolences to the Family of...

 The Stanley Family.

Special Music for Summer Worship

Anyone interested in providing special music during the months of July and August, please contact Wayne Corbett. Remember: To "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" every offering of talent is pleasing to God.

Camp Overlook

The church has a discount available for Camp Overlook. Parents of youth going to Summer Camp at Camp Overlook, please coordinate with Donnie Newcome (888-3489).

Submitting a group of 5 or more applications together will save \$10.00 each off the registration fee. There are also discounts available for adults wishing to reserve rooms in the Blessings Lodge.

We will be camping at Camp Overlook over Memorial Day Weekend. Anyone interested in a tour of the camp contact me at 888-3489.

Thanks,
Donnie

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS!

On **Saturday and Sunday, May 31 & June 1**, First Church is hosting a youth choir from Murfreesboro Tennessee. They will be sleeping overnight at the church and performing at both worship services on Sunday. We are looking for showers for 55 individuals Saturday evening. If you can provide a shower or 2 please contact Wayne Corbett at 667-5822.

Please also plan to bring a covered dish and join us for a meal after the 11:00 service Sunday to honor our graduates and meet the members of the choir. Our UMW will provide chicken for the meal.

United Methodists Respond to Disaster Around the World

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working to provide aid and support to disaster zones in the United States and abroad, ensuring that its assistance is delivered directly to those who need it most.

UMCOR is helping the Arkansas, Mississippi and Virginia Conferences respond to storms. An estimated 200 people were injured in Virginia in a series of tornadoes on May 1. Violent storms last week killed more than 20 people in Missouri, Oklahoma and Georgia.

In China the toll of the dead and missing soared as rescue workers dug through flattened schools and homes in a desperate attempt to find survivors of the nation's worst earthquake in three decades.

Meanwhile heavy rains pelted cyclone survivors in Myanmar's Irrawaddy delta after the powerful cyclone of May 2. "The United Methodist Committee on Relief is persistently pursuing all avenues to provide relief in Myanmar," said UMCOR director Sam Dixon.

Donations to disaster relief online can be made at <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/>

You can make donations through First UMC by designating your gifts as follows:

"Domestic Disaster Response" Advance #901670,

"International Disaster Response" (for China earthquake) Advance #982450.

"Myanmar Crisis" Advance #3019674.

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

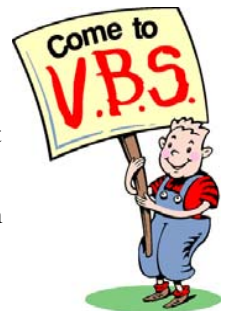
Are you ready for a vacation to Jerusalem?

We have many exciting things planned for the week of June 23-27, 2008. We will meet from 6:00 -8:00 PM. A light supper will be served prior to VBS. This is meant to be a family event, so please plan on attending with your family. Remember we are all part of the church family.

We are in need of several outdoor canopies to make our marketplace. If you would be willing to loan one to the church, please contact Amy Shepley at 667-7621. We also need a few more actors and tribe leaders.

Training for actors, marketplace vendors and tribe leaders will be held on May 18, 2008 at 2:00 in the Chapel. We look forward to seeing you there.

Amy and Alex Shepley



Offerings to God

	Received	Budget	52 Week Avg.
General Fund –May 11	\$ 7,210.10	\$ 8,929.00	\$ 7,277.32
Year to Date	\$ 134,618.39	\$ 169,651.00	
APR/Building Fund –May 11	\$ 145.00	\$ 0	
Year to Date	\$ 5,500.91	\$ 0	
Bell Tower Repairs	\$ 46,740.79	\$ 65,000.00	
Hunger Offering	\$ 735.87	\$ 0	

Worshiping God Last Sunday

8:30 a.m.	115
Sunday School	75
11:00 a.m.	126
52 Week Avg. in Worship	241

Summer Events

Senior & Junior High Youth

June 1st– Graduation Sunday, we will have a covered dish meal in honor of our seniors. We are also hosting a visiting youth choir for breakfast and covered dish meal after the 11:00 service.

June 7th– Help men with Bar-B-Q meal @ property 11-2.

June 21st-27th– Junior High Mission trip to Fieldstone “SPY” we will be doing housing projects for those less fortunate than ourselves.

June 29th– Church wide picnic with the pound auction and silent auction sponsored by the youth, all the proceeds will go toward summer missions.

July 6th-11th– Senior High Mission trip to Delbarton, West Va. Working on housing projects for those less fortunate than ourselves.

July 21st-23rd– “Passage of Life” Beach trip for 11th and 12th graders.

July 27th-Aug. 1st- FUMC hosting Sing camp, youth are asked to help out.

July 12th– Youth help men with Chicken Bar-B-Q 11-2

Aug. 2nd– Youth help men with Chicken Bar-B-Q. 11-2.

“Mission Mondays” on July 14th, Aug. 4th, 11th, 18th. These are days we will do local mission work, watch for the details.

Summer Bible Study @ Mary’s on July 2nd, 16th and Aug. 6th, 13th & 20th. We will start bible study at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00, after the study you may stay for lunch and swim.





MISSION PROJECT

Food for Thought from God’s Word


“Whoever is kind to the poor
 lends to the Lord,
 and will be repaid in full.”
 —Proverbs 19: 17

+ YOUTH NEWS THIS WEEK +

MAY 18TH, 2008


Tonight @ 4:30

Notice to all youth and adults that will be participating in either mission trip this summer:



There will be a mission meeting tonight at 4:30 it is mandatory you attend with one of your parent’s. This will be the only time we will meet about the trips. Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We will NOT have a meal this evening. Thanks, Mary


Today after the 11:00 service there will be a covered dish meal in honor of our confirmands. Please plan on joining us and bring a dish to share in the celebration of the youth on this very special day!



Confirmation

Attention High School and College Graduates:

Graduation Sunday will be on June 1st. with a reception following the 11:00 service in your honor. It will be a covered dish meal. We also will be hosting the visiting youth choir for the meal so please bring an extra dish to share with our guests. Help is needed with the reception if anyone is interested please let me know.



Graduates please get in touch with me with a short Bio of yourself and gather some memorabilia to share with the congregation on Graduation Sunday.

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HOSPITALITY TEAM NEEDED

At our Renewing and Envisioning Weekend with Dr. John Savage in January, Outreach to the Winchester area community was identified as a priority ministry area for our church. Discovery Preschool provides an opportunity for outreach without leaving our own church building.

On Friday evening May 23rd, families of our Discovery Preschool will gather to celebrate graduation. The Sanctuary will be overflowing for the ceremony and the Fellowship Hall will be teaming with activity at the reception. If you would like to be part of the **Hospitality Team** meeting at the church at 5:00 pm on the 23rd to welcome families to our church, direct them to various rooms and facilities in the building, and set up and serve the reception (preschool families bring the food), please contact Bobby Dick at 667-6645. Thank you for being a people who desire to welcome the stranger in our midst.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”
Matthew 25:35

Welcome Cindy Zirlott. – We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Zirlott has transferred her annual conference church relationship to First United Methodist Church while on transitional leave from ministry appointment. We are already enjoying the blessing of Cindy’s ministry gifts through worship leadership, training our

“Coloring Across the Borders”:

This month the Virginia Conference Children’s Initiative Committee is asking conference churches to have their children create 8½” x 11” drawings of certain items which will be reproduced for children in Brazil to color. Mission teams and missionaries to Brazil will transport and distribute the coloring sheets and pencils and crayons, as well as pick up similar coloring sheets from children in Brazil that can be reproduced and distributed here. Picture themes are: my church/my Shade & Fresh Water center/my home, my favorite local animal, my favorite food, and “celebrating Christmas where I live.” Drawings should be black and white outlines, so other children can color in the drawings. The committee would also ask for this description written at the bottom: “I’m a (boy/girl) named (first name), (age) years old. I live in (state or town). I like to (hobby).” Children can also add a short description under the drawing. The coloring pages from Brazil will be distributed at local schools of mission, conferences, or by other ways. Mail all coloring sheets by May 30 to Steve Hassmer, Calvary UMC, 2315 S. Grant St., Arlington, VA, 22202. For more information, e-mail <pastor@calmeth.org>. Reprinted from the *Sunday Advocate* for May 11, 2008:

Living Faith Sunday School Class in a method for weekly "conversational encounter" of the lectionary scriptures, and suggestions for expanding the reach of our prayer

Bishop asks for help in responding to tornadoes

Dear Friends in Christ,

As many as eight devastating tornadoes did significant damage in our conference on April 28. There are upwards of 145 homes in the Suffolk area alone that are destroyed or uninhabitable.

Our conference is already reaching out with the hands and feet of Christ. Disaster response teams are already providing damage assessment, supporting other faith based and voluntary agencies in their efforts to provide hot meals to first responders and victims. A candlelight vigil was held at Beech Grove United Methodist Church providing the presence of Christ to a community that needs spiritual uplifting. By this week, early response teams will be assisting with debris removal and providing spiritual care to the affected neighborhoods. We have an opportunity to reach out into the affected communities as the body of Christ and provide hope and help to those who have lost so much. Disaster response offers our church a unique means to reach out in the world with the love of God.

In past disasters, the Virginia Conference has provided leadership and financial support

to victims of disasters. As we move from response to recovery we will need your prayers, financial support, and volunteer time to help these most recent victims recover not just their belongings but their lives. Your generous contributions will support case management efforts, provide materials to assist in rebuilding, help to replace necessities for everyday living and continued recovery.

I would ask you to join with me and the whole global church in remembering the victims of the tornadoes in your prayers. If you would like to provide additional help, please send monetary donations to the Treasurer’s Office, Virginia United Methodist Center, P.O. Box 1688, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Make checks payable to the Virginia Conference and note “Tornado Relief Virginia” in the subject line. Send e-mails to <ginnychambers@vaumc.org> with details of resources you have available, or call Kitty Kent, the Portsmouth District coordinator, at (757) 217-7915 with information.

As God’s love holds you securely, may God’s comfort be very present to you in these days.

Charlene Kammerer, Resident Bishop

Study on the Book of Revelation: You are invited to join the Maverick’s Sunday School Class for a study of the Book of Revelation beginning Sunday, May 25th. We meet in the Church Parlor. Bring your Bible and an open mind as Pastor Becky Cloud leads us. Contrary to appearances, the Maverick’s Class is not limited to women. Everyone is welcome.