



JULY

First Word

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Meet and Greet Our New Pastor Rev. Will White

Rev. White, our new pastor as of July 1st, is eager to meet members and friends of the church, to hear your stories, and to share a little about himself as together we discover God's future for FUMC.

First, we are looking for 5 or 6 families who would be willing to act as hosts, of informal gatherings to meet and greet the pastor. We want central locations for these gatherings so that many of your church neighbors will find it convenient to attend. Church members can volunteer to bring a dessert to the host home. We are hoping to have host families and dates of the meetings set up so they can start by the weekend of July 18th. Please pray about these meetings and call the church office if you feel moved to be a host family. We would like locations in the following areas:

- City of Winchester Area East of Route 81
- Apple Pie Ridge Area Area West of Route 37
- Stephens City Area

The dates, times and locations of these gatherings will be communicated as soon as the details are finalized.

Second, please come! Sign-up sheets to attend will be available before and after Sunday services (once the locations are finalized), or call the church office to sign up. These meetings will be most suitable for adults and older youth.

Thanks!
Kathy Baccary, Susie Brown, Bobby Dick, & Ralph Gronlund
(The Laity Team)



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Hands and Feet of Jesus

Worship at First United Methodist Church July 12-August 23, 2009

There is something you have that God needs. God needs **your** mind and body. He needs these things to accomplish His purposes in the world. God is Spirit and He needs a physical vehicle to carry out His intentions on the planet Earth. He needs **you** to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

July 5, 2009
"Balcony People" (introduction of Pastor White)
Philemon 1-7

July 12, 2009 (celebration of a new appointment, reception between the services)
"Devotion is Motion"
Acts 1:8-11

July 19, 2009
"Growing Hope"
Acts 3:1-8

July 26, 2009
Preacher: Bishop Ray Chamberlain

August 2, 2009
"Use Me!"
Acts 6:1-7

August 9, 2009
"Heaven on Earth"
Acts 9:1-22

(School supplies for children should be brought to the Church on or before August 9th.)

August 16, 2009
"We're on a Mission"
Acts 16



Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus: School Supplies for CCAP

Going back to school is a stressful time for all children. It is a particularly stressful time for children who do not have the school supplies they need to complete their classroom and homework assignments. One of the ways that you can be the "hands and feet of Jesus" is to help provide disadvantaged children with some of the basic items needed for school. By providing these items you will become a positive influence in the lives of children. You will also be serving our Lord.

Items can be dropped off in the large container in the Church Annex. Children can also bring school supplies forward during Time with Children in the regularly scheduled worship service. The following items are greatly appreciated:

Pens, Pencils, Rulers, Composition books, 3 ring binders, Notebook paper, Protractors, Glue sticks, Tissues, Compass, Book Bags, Lunch boxes, Spiral note books, Crayons, Dry erase markers, Book covers, Colored pencils, Scissors, Pencil case, Index cards





Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,

The year was 1976. Jim Boice was Pastor of First United Methodist Church and he had been chosen to lead a confirmation retreat for youth from the churches that together made up the Winchester District of the United Methodist Church. I was one of the 50 children who attended that retreat, went to classes, played games and slept in sleeping bags on the floor of First United Methodist Church. Since that time, much has occurred in my life and in the life of First United Methodist Church, yet I am once again called to be part of First United Methodist Church. I stand in awe of the way God works and feel honored to become your Pastor and return to Winchester to serve you and God!

I want to thank Dan and Susan Garrett, Becky Cloud, and Doug Sasser for their ministries through First United Methodist Church. Each of these pastors has made important contributions toward the work of the Kingdom. I know their input and inspiration have become intertwined in many positive ways with the vibrant life of this congregation. I also want to thank the church staff and lay leadership for their ongoing support of the church's ministries and for making the necessary arrangements to bring me and my family to Winchester.

God has blessed me with gifts in ministry and I am eager to share these gifts. I believe it is important to connect the church with the poor globally and locally through the mission work of the United Methodist Church and through the mission efforts of the local congregation. I believe it is important for the church to develop ministries to the young and to provide solid adult education so that young and old alike are transformed into servants of the living God. I believe it is important to engage in outreach and evangelism; in fact, I am passionate about these activities.

I know that God also has blessed the congregation of First United Methodist Church with many unique gifts in ministry and that God's call and claim is upon you. I want to learn what your gifts are and about your dreams for the future. I am confident that by working together, we can blend our gifts to make a positive impact on our community and world in the name of Jesus.

In His Service,

Will White





Biography for Rev. William M. White, Pastor

William M. White was born in Winchester, Virginia. He grew up on South Stewart St., and graduated from Handley High School. As a teenager, he was President of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship at Braddock Street United Methodist Church. He also played football, wrestled and was active in scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout through Troop 3. Will graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with honors in 1985 and was a member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He worked as Assistant Dean of Admissions at Hampden-Sydney prior to entering Duke University where he earned his Master's of Divinity degree. Will became ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1991. He has served the Virginia Annual Conference in a variety of roles including Associate Pastor, Church Planter, and Senior Pastor.

As a pastor, Will strongly believes in the mission and outreach responsibilities of the church. He has led his congregations to serve others through participation in such opportunities as the Korean Pastors-Exchange Program, Mountain Top, TOPS, Potato Project, Youth 30-Hour Famine, Local Food Pantries, Nothing But Net Campaign, Petersburg Urban Ministries, and work opportunities after community and national disasters.

Will's wife, Donna, is a reading specialist at Newton-Lee Elementary School in Ashburn, Virginia and holds national certification in that field. Will and Donna have an adopted Korean son named Joe who is twelve and will be entering the seventh grade at Daniel Morgan Middle School. They also have a son named Benn who is ten and entering fifth grade at Daniel Morgan Middle School. Joe enjoys sports of all kinds but especially lacrosse, football, and basketball. Benn enjoys computer games and Webelos.

What's that all about?

“HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHILDREN’S MISSION BIN IN THE HALLWAY BY THE HISTORY CASE? DO YOU ASK WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT?”

HOMELESS KIDS IN OUR SCHOOLS.....”YES, IN OUR COMMUNITY!”

These kids need clothes; shoes; socks; underwear; hygiene products; school supplies; washcloth/s; towel/s. Why (you might ask) would the schools need these everyday items (which each of us probably take for granted). **THINK ABOUT IT:** having these supplies available would give the homeless child an opportunity to prep him/herself for a day at school, leaving the child with a



“feeling of fitting in.” What age/grade?? K-12.

This is an on-going mission that our children will be involved

in. Have more questions? PLEASE ASK: Kathy St. Amand or Jennifer White





Right Here at Home

“You don’t have to go overseas to be a missionary. I used to think you had to be white, older, single, wear your hair in a bun and never use makeup to qualify as a missionary—and here I am, a black married woman with a family! But I’ve learned you don’t need a degree in missions to be qualified to love people. You just go into the world and do your best to make a difference. A century ago, there were no social agencies like the welfare system—the church met the needs of the poor, the widow, the hungry, the orphan. If Christians took a more active role in reaching people—no matter what their color—that would take care of a lot of our social problems.

However, we have to ask ourselves: *Do we really want to get*

our hands dirty? For example, a few years ago, my integrated church bussed people in from the inner city to see our large singing Christmas tree. It was a great idea—but we had problems we didn’t expect. These people were homeless, so the kids had lice. Some had wet their pants. Men and women hadn’t bathed. So here they were in this affluent suburban church, watching the Christmas pageant with the rest of us. There were a lot of complaints from our congregation.

But what is the church for? **We are the hands and feet of Christ.** We need to do what Christ would do. If people are hungry, feed them. If they’re naked, clothe them. If they’re lonely, talk to them. If they’re discouraged, encourage them. Do it by

whatever means you can— if you can bake, take them some banana bread. If you can read, then go to the youth detention center and read to the people there. Do what you can to make a difference in somebody’s life— one life at a time, right here at home.”

Author: Babbie Mason

Scripture to read:
Matthew 10: 5-10

Annual Potato Drop

37,000 lbs of potatoes were dropped in the Ghent UMC parking lot for those attending Annual Conference to bag. Bagging began at 5:30 am and ended at 7:30 pm. After the potatoes were bagged they were delivered to local food pantries. The photo is our own Ralph Gronlund, our Lay Leader, Angie Williams, Di-

rector of Youth, Adult and Single Adult Ministries, Steve Jennings, Director of TOP (Teens Opposing Poverty), and Ben Berghuis.





July Youth Happenings!



First United Methodist Youth Mission Statement

“We are servants of Christ witnessing to His people through our words and actions as we grow in discipleship.”

Dear Youth and Parent’s,

As most of you know we have a summer program that keeps us connected throughout the summer. I know summer is a busy time for families and should be time to connect with you families as well. So, that being said, enjoy the summer, but we would love to see you a bit so when the fall comes around we are not foreign to each other. Look over the schedule and see if any of the dates suit ya! Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any question.

*Blessings and enjoy the summer,
Mary*

Summer Schedule:

Mission Monday’s – from 11:00-2:00: July 27th, Aug. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Meet in the youth room and bring a packed lunch. Every mission Monday will look different. Be assured we will be in service to those less fortunate than ourselves and that we will serve locally.

Wednesday Bible Study/Swim party and cook-out – from 11:00 -2:00: July 1st, 8th, 29th, Aug. 5th, 12th and 19th. Ben Berghuis has created a DVD presentation of his trip to Israel. He will discuss and teach on the history and what is going on there in this present day. After the study, we will have lunch and swim. Please bring a side dish to share for our meal. I will provide the burgers, hotdogs and drinks. This is at my home, please contact me if you need directions.

July 11th– Youth are helping out with the Bar-B-Q. I am still in need of a couple of families to help out. Remember all proceeds help support our summer missions.

July 11th– We leave at 2:00 for our Junior High Mission trip to Christiansburg and will return on July 17th around 2:00. Watch for more details in the mail.





Youth Birthdays!

- July 3rd James Morse
- July 14th Ryan Seabright
- July 30th Kelly Morse



Need to get in touch with Mary?
 252 McGuire Road
 Winchester, VA 22603
 678-4014
 mvorous@fumcwinchester.org

If your birthday was not listed and you are a youth, please let me know. I apologize for any oversights. - Mary

Youth Web page:
www.youth.fumcwinchester.org

Many Thanks

The Hoffman family wishes to convey their many thanks for the wonderful words, prayers and thoughts during Dale's illness and after his passing. Words can not express the appreciation and what it has meant to us

these many weeks and months.

Blessings to you all.



Welcome!

Those who are interested in providing food or restaurant gift cards to Pastor Will and his family please see Sam Torian or call him at 664-1077, or email at SamT@Susqtech.com The Whites will be arriving

Wednesday and we'd like to keep them fed through the weekend if possible. Thank you from your Staff Parish Relations Committee.





July Church Calendar

July 1

11:00 am Youth Bible Study/Swim Party
12:00 pm Rev White & Family arrive.
4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

July 4

Happy 4th of July.
7:00 pm Out of Town Youth Group staying at the church.

July 5

Youth Group leaving.

July 6

Office closed for the holiday.
6:45 pm Worship & Laity Meeting

July 7

6:30 pm VBS Team Meeting

July 8

11:00 am Youth Bible Study/Swim Party
4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

July 11

8:00 am United Methodist Men's Meeting
12:00 pm Chicken BBQ at the APR Campus
TBA VBS
2:00 pm Junior High leave on their Mission Trip.

July 12

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School begins

July 13

6:00 pm VBS
6:45 pm Trustee Meeting
8:00 pm Finance Meeting

July 14

2:00 pm Faith Based Organization Mtg
6:00 pm VBS

July 15

4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00 pm VBS

July 16

6:00 pm VBS

July 17

2:00 pm Jr. High return from Mission Trip

July 19

10:45 am Background Checks Notarized

July 20

4:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

July 21

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

July 22

4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline

July 25

8:00 am CPR Class-Chapel

July 26

9:30 am Blood Pressure Sunday

July 27

11:00 am Youth Mission Monday
7:00 pm Church Council

July 29

11:00 am Youth Bible Study/Swim Party
4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline





FUMC Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Protection Policy

Effective July 1, 2009

Over two years ago, committees in our Church began to look at our outdated policies relating to our children and youth and after many hours of discussion have finalized the current FUMC Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Protection Policy that was approved by Church Council earlier this year. The effective date for this policy was set for July 1, 2009. The following may help to answer some questions you may have about the current policy:

Q: What is the Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Protection Policy?

A: The purpose of this policy is to:

- 1) Establish reasonable procedures to reduce the risk of physical, emotional and sexual abuse of our children, youth, and at-risk adults as they participate in Church events,
- 2) Protect our children, youth, and at-risk adults; and
- 3) Protect our staff and volunteers from false allegations of misconduct.

Q: How does this policy apply to our programs here at First Church?

A: Obviously this policy will impact our guidelines for activities involving our children and youth-- specifically: Nursery, Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, Sunday School and Children's Ministry. For the Nursery and Sunday School, one or two adults are often present alone in a room with one or more children. To comply with this policy there must be at least one adult in the nursery or Sunday school classroom who has passed an appropriate national background check. The same applies for Children's Ministry events and Youth events. There are also guidelines for overnight trips and traveling by van that will apply more to our youth groups.

Q: How do I get a Background Check done?

A: In order to complete your background check you will need to fill out a form (fairly short) and sign it in the presence of two (2) public notaries. There will be copies of the Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Protection Policy available at that time and there will be a form for you to sign acknowledging that you have read and understand the policy. We have 2 notaries that have agreed to be available in the Church Office on July 19, 2009 (3rd Sunday in July) before the 11 am service to help with background checks. Once the paperwork is complete it usually takes a month or so for the background check to clear. If this date does not work for your schedule, don't worry, there will be other dates in the near future.

Q: How much does a Background Check cost?

A: There is a \$16 charge for each background check. Given our current finances as a church, donations are greatly appreciated to offset the cost but are not required.

Q: If I have already done a Background Check for work or other reason do I need another one for First Church?

A: Yes.

Q: How long is a Background Check current?

A: Three (3) years. The office manager will keep a current list and will notify persons when their background check is about to expire.





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Q: Who will have access to my information and manage the records to tell me when I need to renew?

A: The actual background check information will be kept in the church safe and will be confidential. A list of persons with completed background checks will be maintained by the office manager and can be viewed as needed by child and youth coordinators.

Q: I completed a background check for First Church a year or two ago when we first began to look at the policy. Do I need another one?

A: No. Your background check is current for 3 years from the date it was completed. If you are unsure if you completed a background check, please check with the office manager.

Q: Do I need to have a background check done to help out with children/youth or volunteer in the nursery or Sunday school?

A: No. BUT, there must be at least one adult present that has passed the background check. The more people we have completing the background check the easier it will be to make sure we as a church are in compliance with the policy.

Hopefully this has helped to answer some of your questions about the Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Protection Policy. I realize that there may be many mixed emotions about the need for a policy like this here at First Church. It is unfortunate that the changing world we live in forces us to take the necessary steps to protect our children and youth even in a place where we all feel safe and secure. It is important to realize that this policy isn't only about protecting our own children and youth, although that is the primary objective. It is also about sending a message. It sends a message to anyone coming into our church wishing to do harm that it will not be tolerated here. More importantly, it sends a positive message to any family looking to join our church that we take the safety of our children and youth very seriously.

This policy is an important step in the future growth of our church. Thank you to all of those who spent so much time working to finalize this current policy. I encourage all members of First Church, especially those who work directly with our children and youth, to prayerfully consider having a check completed to help our church move forward compliance with this Child/Youth/At-Risk Adult Policy.

with our child-background towards protection Pol-

Melissa Barker
Nursery Coordinator
540-722-2342





Yard Sale!

Tell your friends and neighbors that Saturday, September 12th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm is a Yard Sale Day at the Apple Pie Ridge Campus! The Methodist Men will be preparing their finger lickin' chicken for a delicious lunch while you enjoy the day selling your lightly used or craft items. To add to the fun there will be a bake sale. So show off your talents by donating

your best baked goods.

It is only a \$20.00 dollar donation to First United Methodist Church that reserves your 12 X 12 foot place on the lawn. Bring your own tables, chairs and tents if you wish since none will be provided. This is an all weather event open to the church and community. Save the date and make plans because the

Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you there.

Hurry and reserve your spot today by calling Paula Corbett at 667-5822 or the church office at 662-3151. Questions should be directed to Paula Corbett.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 pm for a VBS Team Meeting in the chapel. Anyone helping or wanting to help should attend this important meeting.

Any Questions contact Jennifer White at 723-0289.



Pool Party!!!!

Saturday, August 15th is bound to be HOT!!!! Let's all cool off at Clearbrook Pool from 7:00 to 8:45 pm. Bring your favorite finger food and a 2 liter drink to share. We can swim, snack and have fun together. There will be a collection box on

the doughnut hole table to help pay for the pool rental. We look forward to seeing everyone there. For questions call Paula Corbett at 667-5822.

have a whale of a time!





Prayer Concerns

Please let the church office know if there are persons in your family serving overseas and need to be added to the prayer list. *Please remember in your prayers all the men and women serving our country especially those that have been injured and are recovering physically or mentally. There are many service personnel that will never be the same. Remember we owe our freedom to them.*

SHUT-INS

Ruxton Health Care Elma Anderson
(110 Lauck Drive Winchester, VA 22603)

Hilltop Mary Everline, Clara Kerns,
Elsie Ramey
(111 Denny Lane Winchester, VA 22603)

Westminster-Canterbury Virginia Lee
(290 Westminster-Canterbury Drive Winchester, VA 22603)

The Willows Hazel Fries, Jean Loy
(1881 Harvest Drive Winchester, VA 22603)

Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Doris & Ray Harding, Nancy Palmer, Dan Dutchess, Alice Shell, Courtney Lowe, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton, Kathy Dunn, Ray Keplinger, Jr., Velma Ritenour, Elsie Ramey, Katherine Dix, Pearl Gaines, Ann Hoffman, Edith Anderson, Jennifer Lewis' brother Harry, Margaret Johnson, Robert Spaid, Christine Inglis, Carole Lineberg, Faye Weidig, Polly McIntire, Our church and church leaders, Roger McGaffick, Melvin Wine, The Hoffman Family, The Ramey & Johnson Families, The Torian Family, The Cooper Family, The Settle & Russell Families.

**“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!”
Psalm 130: 1-2**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Don Smallwood, Mike McKeirnan, Janice Dickerson, Evelyn Harrison, Bill Morris, Des-sie Taylor, Ricky Mitchem, Gary Houck, Jennifer Carper, Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Sonny Cooper, Kim Bennington, Bob Shields, Geraldine Saville, Ellen Suite's parents, Ralph Miller, Rita Holly, Jeanette Shickle, Lorraine Vann, Rebecca Brennan, Ruby Boyd, Ian Corcoran, Sarah Kingery, Al Mier, Ann Denkler, R. C. Simmons, Leo & Katie Feeley.

Please keep this page from your newsletter and include those listed here in your daily prayers. Additional names to be included in your prayers, will be listed in the weekly bulletin insert. A complete updated prayer list will appear in next month's newsletter.





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from the Apple Pie Ridge
Elementary School**

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**Ralph Gronlund
Lay Leader**

**Jennifer White
Treasurer**

**Ellen Cavanagh, RN
Faith Community Nurse**

**Queenie Dockenev
Custodian**

**Wayne Corbett
Organist and Music
Director**

**Gary Fisher
Choir Director**

**Melinda Russell
Hand Bell
Director**

**Amy Costello-Wilfong
"Ignite" Music Director**

**Wayne Corbett &
Melinda Russell
Children's Choir
Directors**

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Red Cross Blood Drive



**Mark the date of
Tuesday,
August 4, 2009.
First Church will host a
Red Cross Blood Drive in the
church social hall from 12:00
to 6:00 pm.**

**Our goal is to get 30 units of blood.
If you would like to provide a snack for
the donors or help with the blood drive
in any capacity please contact Tim
Anderson at 667-4228. Be a **HERO**, save
a life by donating blood.**