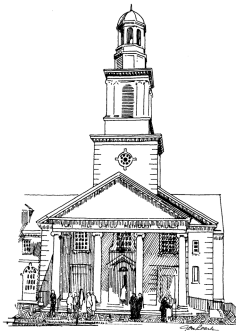


# From the Hill



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## Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates!

This year's high school, college, and vocational school graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, June 12th! Please make plans to attend and celebrate these fine young folks! Fort Hill UMC's 2011 graduates include:

- **Hannah Roark**, graduated from Heritage High School and plans to attend Radford University.
- **Martha Blanks**, graduated from Brookville High School and plans to attend George Mason University and major in music education.
- **Mary Ann Robertson**, graduated from E. C. Glass High School and plans to study pre-law at UVA.
- **Kelly Huber**, graduated from Liberty University with a Masters in Religion.
- **Sarah Johnson**, graduated, from Randolph College with a BA in History and a minor in Sociology.
- **T. J. Beuerle**, graduated, Cum Laude, from Christopher Newport University with a BS in Business Administration
- **Karen Seale Beverly**, graduated from the University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies with a teaching certificate and plans to teach in a school system in the Lynchburg area,
- **Matthew Bingham**, graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law with his Juris Doctorate. He plans to take his bar exam this summer and search for employment.
- **Benjamin Blanks**, graduated from Lynchburg College with a degree in English and Religious Studies. He plans to attend a graduate school in the south and study library sciences.



## 2011 Annual Conference will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center



The theme for the 2011 Annual Conference will be "Being Christ to others: Snapshots of the Kingdom." Scripture is Matthew 10:7-8.

To assist in the voting process for General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates, dates for the 2011 Virginia Annual Conference have been adjusted to June 15-19, according to an announcement by Bishop Charlene Kammerer.

Annual Conference will begin with the Clergy Session and Laity Session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15. Selection of a nominating ballot for clergy delegates for General and Jurisdictional Conference will be included as part of the Clergy Session. An opportunity to meet laity candidates for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences will be offered following the Laity Session.

As in years past, a special offering (goal of \$250,000) will be received to aid the following:

Mozambique – Leadership Development/Living Well Society: \$50,000  
Brazil – Shade and Fresh Water/John Wesley Medical Boat: \$50,000  
Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Inc. – Eastern Shore: \$50,000  
Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries – Roanoke: \$50,000

If you would like to contribute to this special offering, please earmark your check "Conference Special Offering" and place in the collection plate. Also, please keep the Fort Hill clergy and lay members to the Conference, Ray and Dee Booth, in your prayers as they travel and participate in the meetings.

# A Word From Our Pastor

## We Can Learn From The Ants

Have you ever kicked over an ant hill that had been built in your lawn? When we do, we totally shatter the dirt home of the ants. We do so in the naïve assumption that we permanently rob the ants of their little city.

Instead of scampering away in fear and despair or calling a meeting to plan for a new home, each ant begins grabbing the nearest lump of dirt and starts pulling it back into location. Within a few hours the ants will have completely rebuilt their city. They do it with a lump of dirt at a time and with each ant carrying what seems to be more than its share of the load.

Many overwhelming problems exist in our world. It's as though reckless and cruel intruders are plummeting civilization into an abyss. The environment is threatened with poison and depletion. Nations and ethnic groups seek to destroy one another. Violence stalks our cities. Hunger and starvation threatens millions of our brothers and sisters. Drug and alcohol abuse destroys minds and bodies. Sin is alive and thriving.

Giving up in despair seems to be a reasonable response. After all, our resources are limited. What can one person, or one church, do against such overwhelming odds?

Part of the answer, however, lies with people taking hold where they are and working, piece by piece, for a better world. A piece of the solution to every problem which plagues our world is within our reach. We may not be able to remove all violence, hatred, starvation, addiction, injustice, and evil. But each person, each congregation, can do something. After all, there is more at work in the world than our own efforts. It's amazing what God does with even a little faithfulness.

Peace,  
Philip

# Spiritual Formation



## June Prayer Focus is the Virginia Annual Conference

Our congregational prayer focus for June is the Virginia UM Annual Conference, which will take place in Roanoke June 15 through 19. Please pray for the business, worship, Bible studies, and fellowship which are a part of this event, including the election of delegates to the 2012 General Conference. Those attending from Fort Hill will be Rev. Waltz and Rev. Hawkins, clergy, and Dee and Ray Booth, laity. Fred and Dodie Fauber will go as members from the Lynchburg District. Please pray for safety as people travel from all parts of the Virginia Conference.

### Prayer Chain Available

Remember to contact Mary Potter, 239-3470, [mwpotter13@comcast.net](mailto:mwpotter13@comcast.net), with your prayer requests to be circulated on our prayer chain.

## Prayer Walking Set to Begin in June

On Sunday, June 5, there will be a kick-off for this year's prayer walking. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this spiritual exercise as we prepare to walk throughout the Fort Hill neighborhood, praying as we go.

A skit will be presented by our youth during the announcements at the 10:30 a.m. service. Immediately following the service, a sign-up opportunity will be held in Oxford Hall. Prayer walking will be done during June, July, and August. A new feature this year will be the freedom to walk at any time that suits the walker. Scheduled get-togethers for walkers will also be available.

Come and be a part of this meaningful activity. God will bless you and the neighborhood through you. For more information, contact Dodie Fauber, 384-5637, [catandjog@aol.com](mailto:catandjog@aol.com).

# Newsflash!

## Exciting News!

There is exciting news to share about our church! We are preparing to enter a process of spiritual discernment that will affect the future of our ministry and mission.

Based on the understanding that Jesus' prayer for his disciples in John 17:

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

includes the people who are part of our fellowship, we will consider how we can live into the reality of Jesus' prayer for our church. Responding to Christ's call, we can help our church live in the vision of joy and unity in Jesus, to the glory of God and in the mission of being followers of Jesus sent into the world.

Will you join your friends, in this time of personal renewal and congregational vision for our church, with your prayers?

### Dates of Importance:

**June 12** Pentecost Sunday: A special worship service focusing on the question "What is My Dream Church?"

**July 9:** Strategic Visioning Retreat at Tabor Retreat Center—We are working to provide some childcare for those individuals interested in attending.

**August 13:** Strategic Visioning Follow-up at Fort Hill U.M.C.

**August 28:** Church Fellowship Event –

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Sunday School (note change in dismissal time)

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Worship Outdoors (Weather Permitting)

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal and Small Group & Program Fair

Our church's future is bright. Now is the time to claim the promise that Jesus has made and align our mission and ministry, as well as our lives, with the vision God will place before us in the weeks and months to come. Pray daily that that vision will be made manifest through the work of the now-forming Strategic Visioning Group.



## Fort Hill Children Make Heifer Project Purchase

The children of FHUMC have been collecting money all winter and spring to purchase an animal through the Heifer Project. Each Sunday, during the Children's Message time, they would bring their coins and bills and place them in a fishbowl. Can you guess how much they collected? Would you believe \$504.55?! At a brief meeting after church on May 22, the children decided to purchase two water buffaloes to be given to families in a third world county so they can help produce crops. The children are to be congratulated on accomplishing this worthwhile goal.

# Music Ministry

## Worship Participation for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Announced

<b>June 5</b>	Sanctuary Choir
<b>June 12</b>	Sanctuary Choir
<b>June 19</b>	Sanctuary Choir & Instrumental Ensemble
<b>June 26</b>	VBS Sunday (no Sanctuary Choir)

## Fort Hill Women's and Men's Summer Ensembles Forming

Come one, come all! The Women and Men's Ensembles are back, by popular demand, for the sixth summer. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone (ages fifteen and older), who likes to sing, to join the Sanctuary Choir for a short term commitment. All rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Contact Janet or a choir member for more information. The scheduled rehearsals and worship participation dates are as follows:

August 3 (Wednesday)	Men's & Women's Ensemble rehearse
August 10 (Wednesday)	Men's Ensemble rehearse
August 14 (Sunday)	Men's Ensemble sings for 10:30 worship
August 18 (Thursday)	Women's Ensemble rehearsal
August 21 (Sunday)	Women's Ensemble sings for 10:30 worship

## Hug A Choir Member Today!

June is a wonderful time to thank choir members for their faithful service. These dedicated musicians attend rehearsals from September through June, often making numerous personal sacrifices, in order to provide spirit-filled worship leadership. Please take this opportunity to express appreciation to Fort Hill's faithful singers, ringers and instrumentalists.

## Fort Hill Musicians on the Road Again

Six Fort Hill Musicians will travel to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina to attend Music and Liturgical Arts Week (MLAW) June 19 – 24, 2011. MLAW is a wonderful week of music, continuing education, worship, spiritual renewal, fellowship, and just plain fun! Warning: All participants guaranteed to return home armed with creative worship ideas for use in our local church.

## Choir Celebrates End of Season with Picnic

The Sanctuary Choir has scheduled a covered dish picnic at the home of Don & Joyce Baker on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. If you have served as a choir member this year OR if you are interested in serving in this capacity and would like to attend this picnic, please contact Janet Hawkins (847-1251)



**Can you help us by collecting some items to help decorate our  
V.B.S. Biblical marketplace?**

**We are looking for the following items to borrow:**

- Large and small baskets
- Woven rugs
- Painted earthenware
- Wooden bowls or other similar item
- Old wooden benches and stools
- Large dried flowers or reeds
- Artificial palm fronds
- Ferns and other plants
- Artificial trees or vines
- Canopy style tents



Use your imagination! If you can think of other items that would help us decorate the church to look like we have stepped back in time to a Nazarene marketplace, please let us know! Thank you!

# Bits and Pieces



## Weddings and "Red Garters"

Presenting red garters to a bride-to-be ensures wealth and a happy marriage. This Irish superstition is what motivated my mother-in-law to give them to me. It worked! We always had plenty to eat and lots of love.

Fort Hill UMC provides a beautiful setting for weddings and girls are planning their ceremonies to be held . . . .right now!

So . . . .folklore tells us that "a couple who weds in June (the most popular month) when roses grow over land and sea you'll go." "Marry in January when the year is new, he will be kind and true." "A marriage in May and you'll rue the day" and so on. The bride should wear "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue." Some predictions are "change the name and not the letter, you'll marry for worse and not for better." Another saying, "The one who makes the first purchase after wedding will have the upper hand." Not to worry brides - these are just "old wives tales."

I will soon pass my red garters on to Rachel when she marries Patrick, my grandson. I hope they will be as happy as we were.

*-Jo Griffin, Historian  
Janie Jessee History Room*

## Lunch Out Group to Meet in June

Join us for LUNCH OUT on Sunday, June 12, at Applebees, 3624 Candler's Mountain Rd. immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Dutch treat - Come enjoy lunch with church friends. Everyone is welcome.

## Wednesday Night Suppers End for Summer Months

Much appreciation is expressed to all those who have worked so faithfully to make the Wednesday evening dinners possible from September through May. Assisting Fred Fauber, lead cook, with weekly or monthly help, have been Judy Hall, Betsy Kempf, Jimmy Mays, Joan and John Cocke, Bonnie Kiger, Nancy Marsh, Patty and Les Marsh, Carolyn and Frank Coleman, Pat Staton, Nancy VanZant, Sandi Kiger, Greg Starbuck, Sue and Ron Wright, Don Knott, and Jean Fielding. Special recognition is given to Audrey Padgett, Ronnie Seale, and Louise Beverley for coming in early and assisting with food preparation.

Others have helped from time to time, including dinners done by Jim Kiger and the Genesis Circle. Wednesday evening dinners will not be offered during the summer months. Have a safe summer!

## UMW Circle Meeting Dates

**Judy Matheny** - Tuesday, June 7, 12 Noon at the home of Liz Thornhill, 3020 Cardinal Pl. Remember to bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Diantha Hodges** - Tuesday, May 31, 12:00 Noon at Gerald's, 112 Tradewynd Dr., Wyndhurst

**Genesis** - Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. at Famous Anthony's on Lakeside Drive



## June Communion Offering to Benefit Churches for Urban Ministry Camp Timothy



**One half of the communion offering** at Fort Hill United Methodist Church, received on the first Sunday of June, will be given to Churches for Urban Ministry, for their Camp Timothy Program. What is The Timothy Program? It is a program that was organized in 1952 for the purpose of providing summer enrichment for children and youth, ages 5-13, living in the inner city. The tuition for a child to attend the summer program for six weeks is approximately \$30. This is quite a bargain, considering the actual cost per child is close to \$400. For many parents, even the \$30 is difficult to come up with. Will you please provide a scholarship for a needy child to attend camp? Your generous contribution to the June Communion Sunday love offering will make some child happy and enriched by allowing him/her to attend Camp Timothy. **The other half of the offering** will go to our own Local Relief Fund, which is sent to Interfaith Outreach Association to help those in need of rental or utility assistance, etc.

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel with Holy Communion            9:15 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary</p>			<p><i>1</i> M &amp; M's to Fredericksburg</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p> <p>6:45 <i>Christian Believer</i> Study</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>7:00 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>TOP Street Ministry in Miller Park</p>
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Softball Games</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7:00 NOW Team Dessert &amp; Conversation</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting            12:00 J. Matheny Circle            6:00 Genesis Circle            7:00 Dist. Common Table</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:00 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>7:00 District Youth Council at FHUMC</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>8-5 Scrapbooking Event</p> <p>9-10:30 VBS Training</p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>PENTECOST Graduate Sunday</p> <p>Softball Games</p> <p>5:30 Choir Picnic            6:00 Youth LaVilla Dinner &amp; Putt-Putt</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Finance Committee            7:30 Church Council</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>5:30 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>4:30 Cash/ Staton wedding</p>
<p><b>Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke June 15 - 19</b></p>						
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Annual Conference Ends</p> <p>Softball Games</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30 Witness Team</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>10:00 VBS Decorating Day</p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>VBS SUNDAY! Softball Games VBS Kick-off</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>During summer months, watch newsletter and bulletins for upcoming events.</p>	
<p><b>Vacation Bible School—See schedule on back page of this newsletter.</b></p>						

# June Birthdays



6/1 Jason Spence  
6/1 Allison Simmons  
6/1 Elizabeth Ruhland  
6/3 June Plunkett  
6/3 Ann Vincent  
6/3 Steve Huskin  
6/4 Liz Thornhill  
6/4 Karen Beverly  
6/5 Jessie Blanks  
6/6 Jeanette Seale  
6/7 Les Marsh

6/8 Greg Starbuck  
6/9 George Laubenstein  
6/9 Rick LaReau  
6/9 Jessica Sumpter  
6/10 Emeline Hanway  
6/10 Jeanette Almond  
6/10 Louise Beverley  
6/11 Christina Dore  
6/13 Anne Gillispie  
6/13 Greg Sullivan  
6/14 Willie Moseley  
6/14 Terry Thompson  
6/14 Megan Marsh  
6/17 Ken Knott  
6/17 Bob Alvis

6/18 Cindi Allen  
6/19 Jared Jones  
6/19 Jesse Mays  
6/19 Klare Tatum  
6/20 Patty Marsh  
6/21 Jim Hill  
6/22 Sloanie Green  
6/22 Tommy Wyant  
6/22 Valerie Perrow  
6/24 Laura Elliott  
6/24 Mark Elliott  
6/26 Hank Bollmer  
6/26 Gail DeNoon  
6/26 David Glass  
6/26 Annette Moseley

6/26 Eric Mitchell  
6/26 Kyle Wrabley  
6/27 Eloise Saville  
6/27 Tracy Lee  
6/27 Scott Winnagle  
6/28 Bonnie Kiger  
6/28 Ethel Lloyd  
6/29 Mary Potter  
6/29 Meriel Wiley  
6/29 Neal Cassidy  
6/29 Aaron Lee  
6/29 Hailey Gibson  
6/30 Shirley Roberts  
6/30 James Blanks  
6/30 Cassidy Elliott

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it may be because we do not have the date in our data base. Please call the church office at 847-1251 with your information.*

## June Wedding Anniversaries

6/1 Joe & Liz Coleman	20 years	6/25 Tim & Kim Beuerle	28 years
6/12 Gardner & Martha Blanks	61 years	6/26 Marc & Karen Beverly	12 years
6/17 Mike & Ellen Hill	67 years	6/27 Wiley & Carolyn Green	41 years
6/17 Jon & Lori Roark	22 years	6/27 Eddie & Cindy Englund	30 years
6/18 Ron & Sue Wright	29 years	6/27 Philip & Katherine Waltz	30 years
6/21 George & Norma Almond	53 years	6/28 Ed & Jean Fielding	42 years
6/22 John & Macy Hamilton	20 years	6/28 Dennis & Sallie Johnson	36 years
6/22 Mark & Meredith Adams	9 years	6/28 Greg & Ann Vincent	36 years



**Thank you to** the Fort Hill congregation for their calls, prayers, cards, food and love extended to me while I am ill and throughout the years that I have been a member of Fort Hill UMC. It is these acts of kindness that have sustained my family and me during such a difficult time. Please continue to pray for me as I will for you.  
*In Christian love, Ruth Burford*

**Thanks to each of our friends** at Fort Hill UMC for the visits, flowers, cards, prayers and food which were so helpful in my recovery from a recent fall. The fall was painful, but all of the above was a big help in my recovery, which is going slowly, but I am improving. One lesson I have learned is that hard flooring is made to walk on - not fall on! Hope all of Fort Hill members can stay on our feet, and thanks again for all you have done. A special thanks to my shepherd (lay pastor) who went above and beyond the call of duty with visits, food, and anything I could possibly need.  
*Sincerely, Nell Boswell*

**Thank you so much** for the nice reception you provided for our father. We certainly understand why he loved Fort Hill UMC. We were very comforted by all the nice words that were said.  
*Sincerely, The Family of Ralph Spearly*

**Thank you** for your prayers, cards, food, and love. You are my special church family; throughout all of my years at Fort Hill, you are always in the wings for whomever needs you.  
*Love, Tillie Hunter*

**We extend our deepest sympathy to** the family of Ralph Spearly who died on April 23; to the family of Luther Booth who died on April 25; and to Anne Gillispie and family upon the death of her sister, Claudia Gillispie, on May 11.



# More Bits and Pieces



## Java Stop to Continue During Summer Months

In order for the Java Stop to continue throughout the summer, we are in need of Hosts/Hostesses. If you enjoy the Java Stop, please see the sign up sheet on the stand in Oxford Hall and put your name by the date convenient for you. You may want to get a friend to help you on your Sunday. Some folks have been asking what is expected as a host or hostess. Please see details below.

**Please REMEMBER THE PURPOSE OF JAVA STOP:** To provide a welcoming, friendly environment complete with beverages and snacks on Sunday Morning in the Oxford Hall between 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. If you have not attended, you would enjoy the experience. Even if you don't want to eat or drink, drop by and enjoy the fellowship around the tables.

1. All cups, plates, napkins, plastic ware, stirrers, cream, sugars are provided in the Oxford Hall kitchen.
2. Fix coffee (decaf and caffeine), hot water (hot chocolate & hot tea) - Items provided in the kitchen.
3. Juice - please check and see if some is in refrigerator from previous Sunday - if not purchase.
4. Please check kitchen for items that may be left from previous Sunday. Snacks - Be as simple or creative as you wish in providing some type of breakfast snacks. **This is not intended to be a full breakfast.**
5. Clean up area after worship.
6. REIMBURSEMENT: The church budgets \$700 each year for the expenses for this activity. If you wish to turn in receipts for items purchased, please look for a blank church voucher in the passageway mailboxes (lower right) between the parlor and hallway outside of Oxford Hall. Please attach receipts, have the voucher approved by Sarah or Becky, and place in mailbox marked JAVA STOP in that same area. You will be reimbursed by mail.
7. More detail instructions for coffee pots, amounts, etc. available on the Oxford Hall refrigerator.

If you have further questions or are interested in serving in this area, please call Sarah Housley at 385-6070 or Becky Spangler 586-6009.

Our many thanks to Jim and Sandi Kiger for their leadership in coordinating the Java Stop the past few years. However, at this point, we are looking for a new coordinator.

## Help Us Assemble 20 Cleaning Buckets!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in need of Cleaning Buckets (formerly called flood buckets) to send to areas hit by the powerful storms and tornadoes this Spring.

Fort Hill is currently collecting supplies for these buckets. We hope to have **20 buckets** assembled for delivery to this year's Annual Conference. Here's how you can help:



- Visit the display in the parlor to see what items are needed and return items back to the parlor by June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Go to <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/> for details on the supplies needed to fill the buckets.
- Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase items for the buckets and to cover shipping costs.
- Plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour to prepare and assemble the buckets.

## Meet Our Newest Members

On May 8, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Fort Hill UMC welcomed three new members to its congregation.

**Kevin and Crystal Wheelous** joined by profession of faith and transfer from other denominations. They have two children, Landen, age 3, and Isabella, age 1. Also joining by transfer was **Susan Murphy McDonald**, daughter of Mary Murphy. Susan lives in Maryland but considers FHUMC home.

Please make these newest members feel welcome and part of FHUMC. A reception in their honor will be held at a later date.

If you, or someone you know, wishes to join the church, please see Reverend Waltz or Reverend Hawkins.



# Children & Youth



## UPDATED KIDS' CORNER IN THE NARTHEX!

Children's worship bags, Bibles and simple activities for use during worship can be found in the Kids' Corner of the narthex. Please be sure to check them out! A special thank you goes out to Jennifer, Chris, Ryan, Andrew, Les and Patty Marsh for helping to update this area for our children.

**Please note that Children's Church will be suspended for the summer.** The Children's Message Time in the worship service for all children will continue this summer. We hope that the updated worship bags and children's Bibles will help to provide something exciting for little minds and hands during the worship services.

## LOOK AT WHAT ELSE IS COMING FOR KIDS THIS SUMMER!

Watch your bulletins and emails for details!

*July - Kids' Fun Day*

*August - Kids' Backyard Campout*



We would like to thank all the individuals who gave so generously in order that the church could purchase new children's Bibles for use in the Sanctuary (Kid's Corner), as well as new teen study Bibles and reference books for the youth department. Your investment in the spiritual lives of our kids and teens is so appreciated!

## McPherson Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

It is a great privilege to offer scholarships from the McPherson Scholarship Endowment again this year. Applications can be picked up in the church office and must be returned no later than June 15. All 2011 high school graduates and current college students, who are members of Fort Hill UMC, are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards will be made in July.

Though our youth are not planning a week-long retreat or mission trip this summer or having Sunday night UMY meetings, we do plan to be busy! Plan now to be a part of the upcoming events IN June!



\* Every Sunday afternoon – Church softball games! Come support the teams.

\* June 3 – Lynchburg Relay for Life at Heritage High School – Adult & youth volunteers are needed to help with registration and the dinner for cancer survivors! Please contact Stacey Wilkes if you are available. She is coordinating the event. [hoki-esw@comcast.net](mailto:hoki-esw@comcast.net)

\* June 4 – TOP Street Ministry trip to Miller Park 3-5pm. Meet at church at 12:30 to prepare.

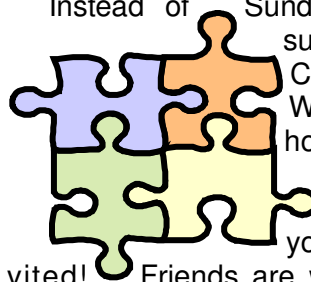
\* June 12 – Dinner at LaVilla on Timberlake Rd. and Putt-Putt, 6pm-10pm – Please call and let Kendra know that you are planning to attend. Bring money for your dinner and snacks or any "extras" you'd like at Putt-Putt.

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June – Connect Group starts! See article in this newsletter.

\* June 25-30 – Help with Vacation Bible School. See the schedule in this newsletter. Sign up to help with Carol Dee or Kendra.

## Youth Stay Connected This Summer!

Instead of Sunday night UMY meetings this summer, plan to be a part of a Connect Group this summer. We will meet at someone's house, the church or maybe even a park for fellowship, snacks, study and fun. All youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited! Friends are welcome. Contact Kendra if you are interested. Day of the week and time will be determined based on the availability of those participating.



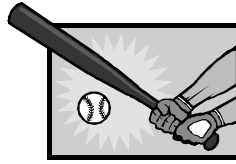
## theParentLink

For important parent information about Youth and Children's Ministries, please visit [www.forthillumc.org](http://www.forthillumc.org). Go to the children's or youth pages and click on the ParentLink logo. You may also contact Kendra Toney at 847-1251 or 546-0576 or [kendra@fortillumc.org](mailto:kendra@fortillumc.org).

# Miscellaneous

## Spring 2011 Softball Schedule

1. Timberlake UMC
2. **Fort Hill UMC Team 2**
3. **Fort Hill UMC Team 1**
4. Heritage UMC
5. Lane Memorial UMC
6. Lynchburg Fire Department
7. Mission Ministry
8. Mountain View UMC



*HUMC = Field at Heritage UMC on Leesville Rd.  
Timbrook = Field at Timbrook Park on Leesville Rd.*

### **Week 1: May 22**

**1:30 p.m.**      **1 vs. 2**                      **at HUMC**  
**2:30 p.m.**      **5 vs. 6**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:30 p.m.**      **3 vs. 4**                      **at HUMC**  
 Teams 6 & 8 have a bye & can make this up if they choose.

### **Week 2: June 5**

**1:00 p.m.**      **4 vs. 5**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **1 vs. 7**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **6 vs. 2**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **3 vs. 8**                      **at Timbrook**

### **Week 3: June 12**

**1:00 p.m.**      **3 vs. 5**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **1 vs. 6**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **2 vs. 4**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **8 vs. 7**                      **at Timbrook**

### **Week 4: June 19**

**1:00 p.m.**      **4 vs. 6**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **2 vs. 8**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **5 vs. 1**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **7 vs. 3**                      **at Timbrook**

### **Week 5: June 26**

**1:00 p.m.**      **6 vs. 3**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **5 vs. 2**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **4 vs. 7**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **8 vs. 1**                      **at Timbrook**

### **Week 6: July 3**

**1:00 p.m.**      **5 vs. 8**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **7 vs. 6**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **4 vs. 1**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **2 vs. 3**                      **at Timbrook**

### **Week 7: July 10**

**1:00 p.m.**      **7 vs. 2**                      **at HUMC**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **8 vs. 4**                      **at HUMC**  
**1:00 p.m.**      **6 vs. 5**                      **at Timbrook**  
**3:00 p.m.**      **3 vs. 1**                      **At Timbrook**

*Lawn chairs & bug spray are highly recommended for fans!  
Come out and support the home teams!*

## **Needed! Kits for Conference!**

It's time to do Kits for Conference again! Last year, our congregation assembled over 180 various kits to be used whenever disaster strikes. Can we match or exceed that amount again this year? If you want to help, you can find a list of the types of kits and their contents in the Narthex, Parlor or Oxford Hall. You can also go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) (click on 2011 Annual conference link) to find a list of kits and contents needed. Kits must be turned in to the church office no later than June 13 so they can be packed up and sent with our Conference delegates. Please remember to include \$1.00 per kit for shipping. **DO NOT PLACE MONEY INSIDE KIT BUT ATTACH TO KIT!** Checks for kits should be made payable to Fort Hill UMC. All shipping dollars as well as money for kits will be sent directly to the Virginia Conference office immediately.



*You Can  
Help!*

United Methodist Women: A list of the kits and their contents is in your 2011 UMW Handbook.

Thanks for your help!

## **Church Council Meeting Dates Changed**

In order to have better communication and keep abreast of the constantly changing schedules at FHUMC, it was suggested and approved at the Church Council meeting in April to begin monthly Council meetings. The meetings will still be held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to watch the church calendar in the bulletin and newsletter for dates and times.

# Miscellaneous

## THE BOX SCORE

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1*

Average worship attendance in 2010 — 167  
Average worship attendance as of  
May 22, 2011— 200

*"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse . . . And put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10*

### SUMMARY BRIEF OPERATING FUND REPORT

*Your first line of giving — mission and ministry!*

**Budget for 2011** as approved by the Church Council is:  
\$482,225.00

**We need** an average of \$9,273.56 per week to meet  
this budget.

As of 21 weeks, our weekly receipts  
have averaged \$8,936.35

**Thank you for your support of the mission  
and ministry of your church!**

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### Times of Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional; in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Staffed nursery provided from 9:15 a.m.- 12:00 Noon

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reaches out and welcomes ALL people  
by sharing God's LOVE through  
care, worship, education, and service."*

*-Fort Hill UMC Vision Statement*





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**Worship Times:**  
**8:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the Chapel**  
**10:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary**

**Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15 a.m.**

**Staffed nursery provided for all services and Sunday School**



**Vacation Bible School at Fort Hill**



Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories that Mary could tell about Jesus? This summer, children...and adults, if they wish...will go BACK IN TIME to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. Kids will visit Mary's home and stroll through a Nazarene marketplace where they will hear stories, experience foods, learn traditions, play games and make crafts of Biblical times. Participants will learn to stand up for their faith among people in the marketplace who doubt that the carpenter's son really is God's Son! Make your plans now to be a part of the fun! Ages 3 and up will get the most out of the activities. Parents and other adults are welcome to join the fun too! Invite your friends!

- May 29** - VBS Registration & Supply Drive Begins
- June 11**- VBS Volunteer Training , 9:00-10:30 a.m. with light breakfast foods in Oxford Hall
- June 25** - VBS Decorating Day
- June 26**-VBS Kick-Off Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. worship service  
 5:00 p.m. Cookout & Family Activities, 6:30-8:30 p.m. VBS Fun
- June 27-30** - 5:30-6:30 p.m. VBS Snack Supper  
 6:30-8:30p.m. VBS Fun

**Volunteer staff members are being recruited NOW! Check out the table in the Parlor for job descriptions. Individuals are needed to serve as shopkeepers, actors, tribe leaders, decorators, snack supper cooks, kickoff cookout helpers, registration helpers, nursery workers and behind-the-scenes people.**

**To volunteer or to find out more information, please contact Carol Dee Robertson (384-1998 or [cdeerob@comcast.net](mailto:cdeerob@comcast.net)) or Kendra Toney (847-1251 or [kendra@forthillumc.org](mailto:kendra@forthillumc.org)).**

**If your Sunday School class, group or group of families would like to help provide a snack supper Monday-Thursday of VBS week, please contact Jennifer and Chris Marsh at 929-0072 or [cmarsh18@verizon.net](mailto:cmarsh18@verizon.net).**