

August 2011

For updated calendar information contact Liz Needham or checkout the Church wall calendar or weekly bulletin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Hard copies of the Newsletter are available in the Welcome Center.</i></p>	<p>1 9am French II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 9am Origami: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish I: Summer Academy (Preschool B) 4pm Mommy & Me: Spanish, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Boy Scouts (Social)</p>	<p>2 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am French II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 9am Origami: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish I: Summer Academy (Preschool B) 9:30am Music Together (Murphy) 9:30am Knit 1, Pray 2 (too) (Welcome Center) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) 10:30am Mom's Club (Nursery) 4pm Music Together (Murphy) 4pm Mommy & Me: Spanish, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Small Groups (Mason's House)</p>	<p>3 9am French II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 9am Origami: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish I: Summer Academy (Preschool B) 9am Music Together (Murphy) 4pm Mommy & Me: Spanish, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Praise Band Practice (Social) Meals on Wheels Dalton/Blackburn Team</p>	<p>4 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am French II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 9am Origami: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish I: Summer Academy (Preschool B) 4pm Mommy & Me: Spanish, Summer Academy (Preschool A)</p>	<p>5 9am French II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 9am Origami: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish I: Summer Academy (Preschool B) 6pm Friday Night Frank (Youth) Meals on Wheels Dalton/Blackburn Team</p>	<p>6</p>
	<p>7 8am Outdoor Worship (Chapel in the Woods) 9am Contemporary Service (Social) 9:30am Fellowship (Welcome Center) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>8 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 4pm Mommy & Me: French, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Boy Scouts (Social) 7pm Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)</p>	<p>9 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 4pm Mommy & Me: French, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Small Groups (Mason's House) 7pm SPR Committee (CASS)</p>	<p>10 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 4pm Mommy & Me: French, Summer Academy (Preschool A) 7pm Praise Band Practice (Social)</p>	<p>11 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 4pm Mommy & Me: French, Summer Academy (Preschool A)</p>	<p>12 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9am Spanish II: Summer Academy (Preschool A) 6pm Friday Night Frank (Youth)</p>
<p>14 8am Outdoor Worship (Chapel in the Woods) 9am Contemporary Service (Social Hall) 9:30am Fellowship (Welcome Center) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>15 9am Mandarin Chinese: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 7pm Boy Scouts (Social) 7pm Preschool Board Meeting (CASS)</p>	<p>16 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Mandarin Chinese: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 9:30am Knit 1, Pray 2 (too) (Welcome Center) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) 7pm Small Groups (Mason's House)</p>	<p>17 9am Mandarin Chinese: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 7pm Praise Band Practice (Social) 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (CASS)</p>	<p>18 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Mandarin Chinese: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C)</p>	<p>19 Youth Retreat (Sandy Cove Camp) 9am FAP Training Setup (Social) 9am Mandarin Chinese: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Passport Program: Summer Academy (Preschool C) 6pm Friday Night Frank (Youth) Meals on Wheels Dalton/Blackburn Team</p>	<p>20 Youth Retreat (Sandy Cove Camp) 8am FAP Training (Social)</p>
<p>21 Youth Retreat (Sandy Cove Camp) 8am Outdoor Worship (Chapel in the Woods) 9am Contemporary Service (Social) 9:30am Fellowship (Welcome Center) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3pm Church Picnic (Pavillion)</p>	<p>22 9am Introduction to German: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Introduction to Russian: Summer Academy (Library) 7pm Boy Scouts (Social) 7pm Finance Committee Meeting (CASS)</p>	<p>23 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Introduction to German: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Introduction to Russian: Summer Academy (Library) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) 5:15pm Trustless (CASS) 7pm Small Groups (Mason's House)</p>	<p>24 9am Introduction to German: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Introduction to Russian: Summer Academy (Library) 7pm Praise Band Practice (Social) 7pm Vision Committee Meeting (CASS)</p>	<p>25 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9am Introduction to German: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Introduction to Russian: Summer Academy (Library)</p>	<p>26 9am Introduction to German: Summer Academy (Murphy) 9am Introduction to Russian: Summer Academy (Library) 2pm JCOC-Cook (Kitchen) 5pm JCOC-Serve (JCOC) 6pm Friday Night Frank (Youth) Newsletter Entry Deadline</p>	<p>27 8:30am Parent's Morning Out (Nursery & Preschool)</p>
<p>28 8am Outdoor Worship (Chapel in the Woods) 9am Contemporary Service (Social) 9:30am Fellowship (Welcome Center) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11am Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>29 4:30pm FA Women's Study Group (Murphy) 7pm Boy Scouts (Social)</p>	<p>30 8:45am Stroller Strides (Social) 9:30am Knit 1, Pray 2 (too) (Welcome Center) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) 7pm Church Council (Murphy)</p>	<p>31 10am FAP Meet & Greet (Social) 7pm Praise Band Practice (Social)</p>	<p>1 ATTENTION: All requests, changes, and/or cancellations to the calendar and/or use of the church facilities must be communicated to Liz Needham. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>	<p>2 Meals on Wheels Dalton/Blackburn Team</p>	<p>September Newsletter Deadline: Friday, August 26th, 2011 Please, leave your articles on the secretary's desk or you can email them to: office@francisaburyumc.org</p>



ALL THE NEWS
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August 2011

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The 100 days of summer are certainly passing quickly and I trust that you and your family have been enjoying the warm (hot) weather.

As we begin the month of August, we have much for which to give thanks. Vacation Bible School was such a wonderful event for our children and youth this year. We want to thank Kristen Gregory for doing a super job of planning the event and building a wonderful team of adult volunteers. We also want to thank Vickie Greatwood for coordinating and leading the youth team of volunteers. It was wonderful to have all ages participate in helping our children "Shake it Up!" during VBS.

Our Marion Mission Team has just returned from Marion, Virginia. This year we had more than 35 folks participating! It was an excellent trip of serving Christ by serving others through construction projects on their homes. This annual trip is also a great time of fellowship and fun. This year all of the monies for the trip were raised by the team through fundraisers and did not impact our church budget at all. We thank Brian Cox for being such a dedicated team leader and example to us all.

During August we hope to begin construction on our new Contemporary Worship Stage to be built in the Social Hall looking out into the world. The stage is an Eagle Scout Project of Billy Burgess and will be a multipurpose platform that can be used for many functions in the Social Hall. As Gary Colehamer was very involved in our praise band, and in the planning of the stage, his family and friends have asked that his memorial contributions be used to help pay for the cost of the stage. The construction of the stage will include audiovisual aspects as well and shows our commitment as a church to a broad range of worship styles.

Looking ahead to September, we will be offering a church wide study of the book "The Me I Want To Be" by John Ortberg. If you are ready to become more deliberate in growing, then this book is for you. This is a straightforward guide to spiritual growth and for living our very best life under the direction of God. Each of us is a unique person created by God. Rather than striving to become better than others, this book guides us in becoming the very best version of ourselves that we can be. Our Christian Growth and Development Committee is very excited about the impact that this can have upon our lives and our congregation. Be watching for details and opportunities for you to participate in a variety of ways.

Author in residence at UVA, William Faulkner once observed that there is a unique quality of light during the month of August. May the special light of God shine upon us and guide us in becoming more faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Under the Mercy,

Pastor Ed

Happy Birthday to:

08/01 Brian Leonard
 08/02 Beverly Holladay
 08/02 Joy Grushkin
 08/02 Leslie Drehoff
 08/03 Jane Stephens
 08/03 Polly Edwards
 08/03 William Blackburn
 08/05 Ernie Palacios
 08/06 Peggy Skinner
 08/06 Carolyn Waddell
 08/06 Harry Kellett
 08/07 Shawne Owen
 08/07 Marcia Mock
 08/07 Jenn Mello
 08/08 Betty Shick
 08/09 Cailyn Gregory
 08/10 David Cypert
 08/11 Donna Stalls
 08/11 Stevi Sisco
 08/11 Johnathan Mello
 08/11 Patrick Hasty
 08/11 Graham Hasty
 08/12 Evelyn Hamblen
 08/12 Claire Nixon
 08/12 Georgia Blackwood
 08/12 Georgia Kubic
 08/12 Andres Drehoff
 08/13 Harry Hampson
 08/13 Dorothy Davis
 08/14 Dick Reeks
 08/14 Gail Watson
 08/14 Barbara White
 08/14 Karen Guthrie

Happy Birthday cont:

08/15 Craig Boyd
 08/15 Jonathon Grace
 08/15 James Campbell
 08/16 Kay Lawson
 08/16 Robin Kassir
 08/16 Bea Daniels
 08/16 Emma Blackburn
 08/17 Andy Shanks
 08/17 Ann Miller
 08/18 Kristian Gustafson
 08/18 Leah Guthrie
 08/19 Roberta McCrory
 08/19 Cathy Combs
 08/23 Deirdre Dean
 08/23 Caitlin Burton
 08/24 Robin Freihofer
 08/24 Spencer Johnston
 08/25 Barbara Bonds
 08/25 Kevin Peek
 08/25 Joanne Cypert
 08/25 Matt Tuckman
 08/26 Brian Fentress
 08/27 Jeremy Talton
 08/27 Dennis Dexter
 08/27 Timothy Journigan
 08/28 Dan David
 08/28 William Ittner
 08/29 Ann Marie Workman
 08/30 Kevin Rigotti
 08/31 Tracy Anderson
 08/31
 Maddie Damon-Billings

Happy Anniversary to:

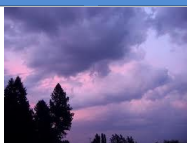
08/02 Greg & Jane Law
 08/02 Bill & Joy Longworth
 08/06 Christopher & Julie Norton
 08/08 Bernard & Mary Diggs
 08/10 Art & Linda Halstead
 08/11 John & Betty Jean Payne
 08/14 Turner & Rachel Scott
 08/15 Niel & Betsy Mason
 08/16 Edwin & Deirdre Dean
 08/20 Hal & Cathy Higginbotham
 08/21 David & Stevi Sisco
 08/25 Jack & Barbra Stehlik
 08/27 Kevin & Dorothy Kemick



Do you have information about an event or group activity that you would like the members and visitors of FAUMC to know about?

Make your announcement in the Newsletter. It's a great media format that is distributed monthly.

Check for deadline dates on the monthly newsletter calendar.



Remember In Prayer:

Dan David
 Jack Bramble
 Allegra Midget
 Oleta Wood
 OUR MILITARY

HOME BOUND

Ellie Myers	Margaret Camp
Ginger Anderson	Mary Diggs
Herb Schriener	Mildred Joyce
Lou Bunch	Thelma Face
Maddie Meekings	Win Lawson

Prayer Chain:

When prayers are needed, please call Eva Henley at 481-6991 or Mary Blackburn at 481-3755 to activate the prayer chain.

**RECEPTION COMMITTEE
 CALENDAR - August**

Co-Chairs:

Hazel White & Juanita Peek

Team Leader:

Carol Tiedemann

Team Members:

Pat Bailey	Jeanette Reeks
Barbara Bonds	Donna Ripley
Beth Johnston	Dorothy Young

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Volunteers	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Acolytes	Jamie & Sarah Hughes	Becky Valodin & Riley Lawson	Payton & Paige Harris	Leo Hickey & Nicholas Meyers
Coffee & Snacks	Strach Family	OPEN	Jean Harrell	OPEN
Head Usher	Bill Hodson	Bill Hodson	Bill Hodson	Bill Hodson
Flowers	Joy & Bill Longworth 66 th Wedding Anniversary	OPEN	OPEN	Jack & Barbra Stehlik 49 th Wedding Anniversary
Greeters	Brian & Kristi Emerson	Oscar & Eva Henley	Joe & Gail Watson	Peggy Skinner & Nancy Richardson
Lector	Elizabeth Journigan	Beverly Johnson	Bruce Doyle	Nikki Smead
Nursery **To sign up to volunteer in the nursery, see Amy in the nursery or email her at amy@francisasburvumc.org	9 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer 9:45 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer 11 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer	9 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer 9:45 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer 11 am Mrs. Amy Ryan Balzer	9 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown 9:45 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown 11 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown	9 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown 9:45 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown 11 am Mrs. Amy Ms. Brown

Special Services Nursery	Parents Morning Out Saturday, August 27th, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Mrs. Amy, Ms. Brown, & Ms. Shirley
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Frank Youth Group Friday Dinner/Chaperone 6:00-9:00 pm	August 5 Lawson	August 12 Combs	August 19 Retreat - NO FNF	August 26 Lundstrom
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Meals on Wheels Dalton/Blackburn Team	Wednesday, August 3	Friday, August 5	Friday, August 19	Friday, September 2
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Elizabeth-River District **LAY SPEAKING TRAINING**

When: Friday, October 14th ~ 6:00-10:00 PM
Saturday, October 15th ~ 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Where: Community United Methodist Church
1072 Old Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach, VA
Cost: \$12 Registration

Here's your opportunity to attend a Lay Speaking Ministries Training Even without having to leave town, and with a minimal investment. All interested lay persons, Local Church Lay Speakers, and Certified Lay Speakers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. **Certified Lay Speakers must take an advance course every three years to maintain certification.**

Basic Course: The Basic Course is for certification to become Local Lay Speaker. The local church lay speaker may serve his/her local church in which membership is held, by witness of the spoken work, vital leadership service, and care-giving ministry. All Lay Leaders should take this course to enhance knowledge of the ministry of the baptized, leading, caring, communicating, and into the world. Will need to purchase the participant book **Lay Speaking Ministries**, bring to class along with your Bible. Taught by Betty Marshall

Advance Courses:

1. **Spiritual Gifts and Our Call to Be the Church:** We have been equipped, empowered and gifted for success. God's Word proclaims it! Yet the question is, "In whatever role we have or by whatever means that we serve. You will start by finding your Spiritual Gifts as you complete the Spiritual Gifts inventory prior to class using the booklet "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" by Kenneth Cain Kinghorn (ISBN Number 9780310750611). We'll continue together on this wondrous journey learning to use your gifts, talents, resources, and more in building-up the Body of Christ and God's Kingdom. Please bring your Bible and completed Spiritual Gifts Inventory to class. Additional materials and resources will be provided. Taught by Janet Moore

2. **Survey of Apologetics for Lay Speakers:** There are many believers and skeptics who have questions about logic, philosophy, science, and truth related to Christianity. These questions are often stumbling blocks to faith and belief. We will identify the most common questions. The text is **Holman QuickSource Guide to Christian Apologetics by Doug Powell**. ISBN – 10: 080549460x or ISBN-13:9780805494600The text is not an optional purchase. The text is the course outline and notes. We will work through the text in class, reading from the text. Taught by C. G. Miller

3. **United Methodist Heritage:** Topics covered in this course will be: Our Methodist Roots; Our United Brethren Roots; Our Evangelical Roots; United Methodist Beliefs; Standards of Doctrine and Discipline; A connectional Church. The text book recommended, but not necessary is "The United Methodist Primer." Taught by Rev. Tom Strohecker

4. **Go Preach: A Primer for Beginning Preachers:** This advanced class will help you understand the workings of answering a call to serve in the pulpit. We will examine the place of the sermon, the use of the lectionary, preparing a sermon, and the follow-ups. You will need the text, your Bible, and a devotional that you have already used at least once. In the class we will prepare a short sermon and deliver it to our congregation. The name of the book is "Go Preach" by John Gilbert. Cokesbury has it for about \$14.00, but Battlefield Blvd has one copy, will need to order the book on line. Taught by: Arnold Lindblad

5. **This Holy Mystery:** What's so mysterious about Holy Communion? What is the United Methodist understanding of the theology and experience of the sacrament of Holy Communion? This Holy Mystery contributes to the congregational understanding of Holy Communion. It shows the connection between sacrament and evangelism, the response to Jesus' command to extend the gospel to all people. It reminds us again of the holy mystery of our life in God's grace. Book is "**This Holy Mystery – A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion**" by **Gayle Carlton Felton**; which is \$11.20 on the Cokesbury website (20% of \$14.00). Taught by Rev. Bert Cloud

REGISTRATION FORM BELOW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please submit no later than September 30, 2011)

Lay Speaking Training – October 14-15, 2011

Please return registration to:
ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT OFFICE
Lay Speaking
P.O.Box 12654
Norfolk, Va 23541-0654

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ U M C

_____ **Basic Course** Pastor's Signature _____
(Pastor's Approval Signature required for 1st time attendees – Basic Course)

Advance Course: (Indicate preference: 1-2-3-4-5)

_____ **Spiritual Gifts** _____ **Go Preach** _____ **Apologetics**
_____ **This Holy Mystery** _____ **UM Heritage**

\$12.00 Enclosed (check# _____; payable to Elizabeth River District UMC)

Signature _____

For additional information contact: Barbara St.Jean – CLS, Co-District Director LSM
Cell Phone: 650-1577 email: bstjean@cox.net

All are invited – you can take the class and not be Lay Speaker.

There are a number of excellent eating establishments near Community UMC for Saturday lunch.

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Thank you Acolytes

One of the assets we have in our church is our Acolyte Ministry. I want to say A big "THANK YOU" to those who have served as acolytes this past year. I am greatly moved by your service to our God and to our church.

It is a special mark of your love for the Lord that you give willingly of your time to bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary every Sunday.

Tasha, a special word of praise goes to you as their leader.

Dear Reader, when you see any of them, let them hear your appreciation.

Juanita Peek

THANK YOU MARION MISSION TEAM!!!



NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

Please note that all volunteer signup boards including Alter Flowers, Head Usher, Snacks, and Greeters will be relocated to the wall outside of the church office next to the church calendar. The purpose of this is to make the volunteer process more organized and efficient. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to this church in making it a success.

2011

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CHURCH CALENDAR

The church calendar for the entire year is posted on the wall outside of the church office.

The calendar is coordinated by our Church Secretary -

Liz Needham. Please schedule all meetings, events or cancelations that you may plan, with Liz. This may be done by email, telephone, or by using the request forms on the wall beside the calendar. When doing so, please mention the date, time frame, & room(s) needed for the event. This will allow us to all be on the same sheet in our ministry together!



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church

31 monthly active users 8 since last week
 110 people like this 0 since last week
 4 wall posts or comments this week
 54 visits this week 9 since last week

JOIN THE FUN



STAY IN THE LOOP!

JOIN the FAUMC E-MAIL NETWORK TODAY!

Are you a member of the "FAUMC E-MAIL NETWORK"?
 Join the 265 church members with e-mail to receive the monthly FAUMC Newsletter and other important church announcements.

All members with e-mail capability are invited to join the FAUMC E-MAIL NETWORK

Simply send your name and e-mail address to Dick Edwards at

exyardbird2@juno.com or dedwardssenior@gmail.com

Note: Please remove any blocks on above email addresses to receive FAUMC e-mails

Please advise if you change your e-mail address

Visit FAUMC Web Site:
www.francisasburyumc.org
 Click on: "Contact Us"
 Select: "Email Network"
 Add: Name and Email Address
 Select: "New" or "Update"



The youth with the 2500 lbs of corn we picked for underprivileged families at our Gleaning Retreat!

Frank Meetings

The Frank Youth Group meets three times each week for Sunday School, Sunday Night Youth, and Small Groups.

Sunday School meets in the youth room every Sunday morning 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in between services. If you are in 6th – 12th grade you are welcome to join us for an interactive bible study and fellowship!

Sunday Night Frank meets in the youth room every Sunday night from 6 – 8 p.m. Anyone between 6th – 12th grade is welcome to come out for dinner, fellowship, games, and devotional!

Small Groups is every Tuesday (except for the last Tuesday of the month when Church Council meets) 7 p.m. at the Mason's house. Come and enjoy a themed pot luck dinner, games, and a bible study in which the guys and the girls separate to discuss more gender related topics!

*For more information on meetings and events, please contact Youth Director, Vickie Greatwood Vickie@francisasburyumc.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

By the time you all read this, the Marion Mission Team will either be in Marion or just returned from the trip! I look forward to sharing our experiences with all of you in next month's newsletter!

For now, I just want to thank everyone in advance who attended and/or contributed to the trip through prayers, donations, etc. It all adds up and means a lot to the mission team and to those that we reach out to while we are there.

Upcoming Events

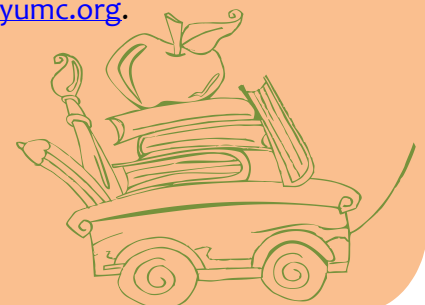
Our last trip of the summer will be to Camp Sandy Cove August 19 – 21st! Please make sure you have all the necessary paperwork (permission form and medical form) turned in before we leave. The first priority deadline for the youth is July 31st and then the trip will be opened to friends. We can only bring a maximum of 15 people (including chaperones) so make sure you get your forms turned in to secure your spot!

This trip is going to be fantastic and I am really looking forward to it! Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions!

HOW TO KEEP UP WITH UPCOMING EVENTS!

There is a youth calendar posted on the church's website on the youth page. To view this calendar go to www.francisasburyumc.org, click on ministries, then click on youth. There you will find a link to the 2011 calendar complete with dates and times of upcoming events as well as the food theme for Tuesday's Small Groups. If you have youth group related questions, please contact Youth Director, Vickie Greatwood Vickie@francisasburyumc.org.

God Bless!
Vickie Greatwood
Youth Director





Shake It Up Café! Vacation Bible School

What an awesome week we had at Vacation Bible School July 11-15th. 78 children age 3 through 5th grade, 7 nursery toddlers and over 45 youth and adult volunteers attended Shake It Up Café. The children learned about God's recipe for life through biblical festivals. They definitely shook it up throughout the week! Thank you to the congregation for all of your prayers, support, and donations for this invaluable mission of the church. We couldn't have done it without you!

Children's Sunday School Every Sunday, 9:45-10:45am

Don't forget that we hold Sunday School every Sunday during the summer! We have three children's classes – preschool (age 3-5), grades K-2nd, and grades 3rd-5th. The leaders work hard to prepare lessons each week, so come on out and join us!

Children and Youth Christmas Pageant December 4th, 5pm

Now that summer is coming to an end, we will begin working on the annual Children and Youth Christmas Pageant. Keep your ears open for an information meeting in September and rehearsals beginning in October. If you are interested in being in the performance or would like to volunteer to help with rehearsals, costumes, props, etc., please let Vickie or Kristen know. Christmas will be here before we know it!

BUGS

Parent's Morning Out! August 27th, 8:30am-1pm

Bring along your favorite pretend bugs, bug toys, bug books or anything else you may have bug-related. We will read stories about bugs, play bug games and have a special buggy snack. Snack and lunch are provided. Don't miss out on the fun! \$20 per child, \$10 per sibling. Please see Amy in the nursery to sign up before August 24th or register at www.francisaburyumc.org under Events. There is a 20 child limit, so sign up early! Email Amy with questions at amy@francisaburyumc.org
**Next PMOs: Sept. 17, Oct. 22



GREAT JOB

to all the children who participated in the services on VBS Sunday on July 17th. We were all blessed by your performances!

Enjoy the rest
of your summer!