

September 2011

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
Hard copies of the Newsletter are available in the Welcome Center.	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.	October Newsletter Deadline: Friday, September 23 th Please, leave your articles on the secretary's desk or you can email them to: office@francisburyumc.org		9:30am 11:15am Stroller Strides (Social)	6:00pm 9:00pm Friday Night Frank (Youth)	
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ALL THE NEWS
FRANCIS ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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September 2011

CHURCH WIDE BOOK STUDY

Beginning September 18th

The Me I Want To Be

by John Ortberg

How to become all that you can be in God!

We are encouraging everyone in our congregation to read this straightforward guide to spiritual growth and living your very best life under the direction of God. Each of us is a unique person created by God. This book guides us in reaching our full potential in the Lord!

Here's how it works!

Purchase the book:

- At church on Sunday, September 4th & 11th
 (25 initial copies available - \$10.00 each)
- At a local bookstore: (i.e., Cokesbury, Barnes & Nobles, etc)
- On line: Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com, etc.
- Download to your E-Reader, iPad, smartphone, etc.

Read on your own

(You may follow the schedule of the Sermon Series.)

And/or participate in a study:

- Sunday morning Sunday School Class
 9:45 am - led by Sandi Cox
- Mid week evening Study at church
 7:00 pm Wednesday night- led by Sandi Cox



Come on Sunday Morning & invite a friend:

(Whether you read the book or not, you will be able to learn and grow through the messages.)

Sermon Series based on the book (Sept. 18th – October 30th)

September	18	Chapters 1-2	<i>"Bridging the Gap"</i>
September	25	Chapters 3-6	<i>"Go With the Flow"</i>
October	9	Chapters 7-10	<i>"Changing Your Mind"</i>
October	16	Chapters 11-14	<i>"The Energizing Impact of Scripture"</i>
October	23	Chapters 15-18	<i>"The Unstoppable Community of Love"</i>
October	30	Chapters 19-22	<i>"Up to the Challenge"</i>

Happy Birthday to:

09/01 Vivian Broun
 09/01 Adam Strach
 09/02 John German
 09/02 Alexandra Harrington
 09/03 Nancy Blackwood
 09/03 Karen Law
 09/04 Eldron Higgs
 09/04 Andrew Kubic
 09/05 Imogene Kelley
 09/06 Inga Freihofer
 09/07 Ian Lundstrom
 09/09 Brandon Snodgrass
 09/11 Linda Owen
 09/11 Allen Von Mosch
 09/11 Jackson Stoudt
 09/12 Jonah Burchett
 09/13 Dave Burchett
 09/14 Melissa Waddell
 09/14 Beverly Johnson
 09/14 David Waddell
 09/14 Robert N. Griffin
 09/15 Cindy Dillinger
 09/15 Vera Meekins
 09/15 Reid Lawson
 09/15 Hudson Lyon
 09/16 Elizabeth Duncan
 09/16 Elizabeth Linville
 09/16 Doris Jones
 09/16 Sean Combs
 09/16 Chris Blackwood
 09/17 Vince Nolan
 09/18 Rachel Roush
 09/18 Billy Maloney

Happy Birthday cont:

09/19 Nancy Probert
 09/19 Andy Grace Jr.
 09/20 Bill Maloney
 09/20 John Keffer
 09/20 Kirk Scifres
 09/20 Madison Guthrie
 09/21 Dick Bauer
 09/23 Robert Blackburn
 09/23 Ann Rippel
 09/24 Don Snodgrass
 09/26 Sally Beatty
 09/26 Ken Godfrey
 09/26 Nikki Smead
 09/27 Christina Cox
 09/28 Russie Peters
 09/28 Debbie Houck
 09/29 Jonathan Young

Happy Anniversary to:

09/01 Dick & Polly Edwards
 09/03 Jon & Sherry Miley
 09/05 Ron & Donna Ripley
 09/06 Boush & Lee Davis
 09/09 Dennis & Paula Dexter
 09/10 Joe & Tammy Moran
 09/18 Walter & Kelsey Yates Jr.
 09/20 Ken & Nikki Smead
 09/21 John & Sandra German
 09/22 David & Lynda Waddell
 09/22 Matt & Kristen Gregory
 09/28 Kevin & Rebecca Farley
 09/30 Lige & Betty Shick
 09/30 Ron & Sue Jerasa



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:

Allegra Midget
 Dan David
 Jack Bramble
 Jeanette Tennis
 Mackenzie Sanson
 Vicki Williams

HOME BOUND

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

OUR MILITARY

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 - September**

Co-Chairs:

Hazel White & Juanita Peek

Team Leader:

Cindy Burton

Team Members:

Nancy Doyle	Sue Rice
Joy Grushkin	Barbra Stehlik
Jean Harrell	Lorna Godfrey

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Volunteers	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Acolytes	Leo Hickey	Graham & Patrick Hasty	Katie Needham & Garlyn Greenhalgh	Payton & Paige Harris
Coffee & Snacks	OPEN	OPEN	Nancy Blackwood	OPEN
Head Usher	Hollie Tiedemann	Hollie Tiedemann	Hollie Tiedemann	Hollie Tiedemann
Flowers	Ron & Donna Ripley IHO 30 th Wedding Anniversary	John & Cindy Burton IMO Phil & Helen Fitzhugh	Matt & Kristen Gregory IHO 10 th Wedding Anniversary	Marcia & Clyde Perry IMO Ralph Boling
Greeters	Dick & Pat Hermit	Jeannette Reeks & Doris Bauer	Bill Hodson & Bob Rice	Paul & Barbara Battenberg
Lector	Dana Gustafson	Oscar Henley	Jeff Lawson	Jeannette Reeks
Nursery **To sign up to volunteer in the nursery, see Amy in the nursery or email her at amy@francisaburymc.org	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	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
Frank Youth Group Dinner/Chaperone 6:00-8:00 pm	September 2 LAST Friday Night Frank 6-9pm	Youth 6-8pm Parent's open house (Potluck dinner)	Youth 6-8pm (Tuckman)	Info Meeting for Christmas Play 5-6pm Youth 6-8pm (Valodin)

Special Services Nursery	Parents Morning Out Saturday, September 17th, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Mrs. Amy, Ms. Brown, & Ms. Shirley
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Meals on Wheels Jarvis/Roush Team	Wednesday, September 7	Friday, September 9	Friday, September 23
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth River District Historical Society

This is the meeting to attend for all of you who are interested in the histories of the newly combined United Methodist Churches of the Elizabeth River District of the Virginia Conference. We now have 16 Chesapeake Churches, 16 Norfolk Churches, 11 Portsmouth Churches, 5 Suffolk Churches, 23 Virginia Beach Churches and a church from North Carolina in our New District So you can see, there is much history to learn.

The Elizabeth River District Historical Society meets the third Thursday of the month at different host churches. We meet in the months of February, March, April, May, September, October and December. Registration begins at 6:15. Dinner, which costs \$6.00, begins at 6:30. After dinner there is a brief business session, which everyone is welcome to listen to, then a devotion. The history of the church is then presented followed by the evening's speaker or other special entertainment.

Whether a church is newly formed or old enough to be listed on the Historic Registry, there is a story to be told on how the church began. A church may have begun in a gymnasium or even a chicken coop, you never know! We invite you to come to the Elizabeth River District Historical Society meetings, meet new friends, and find out. By the way, there are no dues to join.

While most of the meetings do take place in the evenings, we have two day time meetings each year. The first is the February meeting which takes place at Virginia Wesleyan College, the date and time of this meeting is determined by the special programs offered by the college that would be of interest to the Historical Society. The second daytime meeting is on a Saturday morning. This meeting date is still to be determined for this year.

If you would like to be a host church, or if you have a speaker you think would be interesting to the Historical Society, please feel free to contact Jennifer or Bobbie, we would love to hear from you.

I look forward to meeting all of you.
Your Sister in Christ,
Elaine Yagen
President, Elizabeth River District Historical Society
EPY@aol.com

Jennifer Lindblad
Lynnhaven UMC
1st Vice President
Contact for Speakers
ellsworth1014@yahoo.com

Bobbie Fuicher
Salem UMC
2nd Vice President,
Contact for Host Churches
RBFulcher@aol.com

From the view of your church council

On 8/30/2011 Church Council met. Here are a few highlights:

1. We reviewed our amazing summer! Numbers alone don't tell how these ministries are doing but give a glimpse of involvement and enthusiasm . . . 35 hard workers had a marvelous time on the Marion Mission trip repairing houses in Southwest Virginia . . . 78 children attended VBS and 45 volunteers helped shepherd them through this transformational and fun week . . . 24 students are beginning preschool soon with 3 new teachers to guide them on their way. . . 120 fed Friday 8/26 at JudeoChristian Outreach Center.
2. We plan and are excited for our upcoming months which include a new study opportunity on Sunday at 9:45 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning September 18th "The me I want to be" and a full year's calendar of classes and opportunities going forward, reactivation of the food pantry, and many other opportunities for mission, growth and connection.
3. We note our ability to meet our financial obligations so far this year for salaries and basic costs of running the church. Our apportionment giving so far is \$17,400 (most of this also goes to missions), less than our goal but ahead of where we were last year. We all hope to see this amount increased by the end of the year (via giving to the general fund). We got a boost from our first Pirate's Cove Event, too. Our mortgage refinance will save us approximately \$14,000 per year since rates are lower - Wow! Progress is being made on setting up an endowment fund for the church (this helps with more long term financial needs of the church). And Egiving is here - a way to electronically, simply and safely do your giving. In these initiatives and many other ways we want to be good stewards of resources entrusted to us. All of us are enthusiastic about our church's future!

Respectfully
Betsy Mason
Lay Leader

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Food Pantry

Needs: Canned Tuna Fish,
Canned Veggies & Canned Treet

For the last several years, the food pantry has accepted food donations, but has not been distributing it. The time required to accomplish this being the primary reason.

The Church Council has approved a change in the manner in which the Food Pantry will function. Much of what we have will be transferred to Virginia Beach Christian Church. They distribute food 4 days a week and are registered with Social Services, Food Bank, etc. Some will be kept to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and JCOC.

You are encouraged to restart bringing in food. Monthly, we will be requesting donations of specific food items that are in short supply (and items for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets).

The continuing support of FAUMC's Congregation in feeding the needy will be deeply appreciated by many.

Thank you, Dick and Jeannette Reeks



OUTREACH

The following information went into the Virginia Beach Christian Church's August Newsletter:

"Food Pantry statistics: In June we helped 278 individuals in 71 households. In July we helped 295 individuals (including 138 children under 18) in 74 households. We give out 30 Wawa gift cards every month valued at \$15 for gas (not quite 4 gallons).

The congregation of Frances Asbury United Methodist Church is also donating food to our Food Pantry. Not only are they bringing supplies from their shelves, they have also agreed to post our needs in their monthly newsletter. What a Blessing!"

It is heartwarming to know that FAUMC is helping this program reach so many people. Thanks, Dick and Jeannette Reeks



NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

Please note that all volunteer signup boards including Altar Flowers, Head Usher, Snacks, and Greeters have been relocated to the wall outside of the church office next to the church calendar.

DON'T BUY FALL PANSIES

Until you shop our beautiful flower and pumpkin sale on October 15th and 16th at the church. Proceeds benefit the missions of the French Circle which focus on benefiting children, families and women in need. Thanks for your support! Betsy Mason

Monday Morning Bible Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study continues their walk through the Bible with I Samuel on September 19th at 10am. We begin promptly and end at 11am. You are invited to join us as we meet Hannah, Samuel, Davis and more, as we dig into scripture. Bring your favorite Bible. Juanita Peek, 481-3048.

Murphy Bible Class

The Murphy Bible Class begins the fall quarter with the continuation of Genesis 28 on September 11th at 9:45am. We invite you to join us as we look into the lives of Jacob and his family.

For a study guide call Juanita Peek, 481-3048.

RECIPE REQUEST

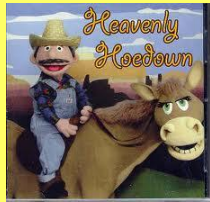
The families at FAUMC really know how to cook delicious food. If you are wondering who made a particular dish at a recent reception and would like the recipe, please call Juanita Peek, 481-3048 and she will guide you to the right person.

ATTENTION: Juanita has a recipe request for the Black-eyed Pea Salad that was brought to the 5th Sunday reception July 31st. It was dee-lish© Please call her if you have it.

Down Sizing?

So many of us are reducing the "stuff"/accumulation filling our closets & drawers. If you have clear salad plates (7"-9") needing a new home, the Reception Committee would be delighted to have them. There are times when having such would be a real blessing. Talk to Jean Adolphi or Juanita Peek if you are able to help.

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FA Preschool Scholarship Fundraising Event

September 10th, 11:00am-2:00pm,
Church Grounds

"Old Fashion Hoe Down" celebrating the first annual Field Day for the FA Preschool. Races, games, award winning barbeque and fixings, music, cloggers, pony rides etc. all with a Western flair. Reserve your place for \$10.00 per person, \$30.00 per family all inclusive. %100 profit for the Scholarship Fund. Inserts for the bulletin to follow.



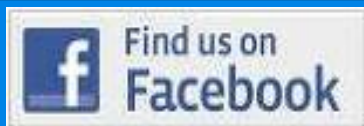
FRANCIS ASBURY UMC ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Saturday October 8, 2011
Fellowship Hall

Used books, videos, CDs, puzzles and games will be accepted. The collection and information center is located in the Welcome Center Hallway. If you need help with delivery or have questions, contact Sue Rice at 481- 4755 or ricehome7@verizon.net.

YES, volunteers are also needed for set-up and sales. A sign-up sheet is located at the collection and information table in the FAUMC Welcome Center.

BOOK SALE PROCEEDS benefit the church mortgage, missions and reception.



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church

50 monthly active users \uparrow 26 since last week

111 people like this \uparrow 0 since last week

6 wall posts or comments this week \uparrow 5 since last week

51 visits this week \uparrow 25 since last week

JOIN THE FUN



FOOD STORAGE

The Health Department of the City of Virginia Beach requires that all food and beverages stored in public refrigerators and/or freezers must be labeled with the preparation date of the item being stored. From this point forward, all items placed in the refrigerator or freezers at FAUMC must be labeled with your Name/Group and the date of preparation or open date.

NOTE: Items not labeled will be discarded!
Thank you for your cooperation, Liz Needham



GREETERS

Did you notice how nice it was to have greeters meet you when you came to Church today?

Would you like to join this outstanding group of volunteers in promoting fellowship at FAUMC?

Sign up with the best before it's too late.
Greeter dates available:
Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30; all of Nov./Dec.



STAY IN THE LOOP!

JOIN the FAUMC E-MAIL NETWORK TODAY:

All members with e-mail capability are invited to join to receive the monthly FAUMC Newsletter and other important church announcements.

Simply send your name and e-mail address to Liz Needham, Church Secretary at office@francisasburyumc.org

OR

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

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

Please advise if you change your e-mail address



Francis Asbury Preschool



It's hard to believe that our second school year is beginning in a few days! We feel so blessed to have 21 students enrolled at FAP for this fall with many additional families interested. Our Pre-K class (Mon, Wed, Friday option) is full. We will continue to work towards increasing the enrollment in our 2 ½, 3 and 4 year old room on Tuesday and Thursday's. Please continue to refer your friends and family! There are many great things happening at FAP, starting with our new staff members. We look forward to sharing this with you!

Our Staff

We have been joined by three energetic, kind and warm-hearted ladies. Ms. Nancy will be leading our energetic 2 ½ year old bunch. She has 6 years of experience working with 18 month – 3 year old children. She is extremely excited to be part of our team. Ms. Suzy is our 3 year old leader. Ms. Suzy has been a 3 year old teacher for 4 years. She is eager to begin working with her gang of little ones. Ms. Katie, has recently graduated with her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and is ready to begin leading our Pre-K team! I urge you to pop in the classroom to meet these great teachers! They are eager to meet you and to become part of the FAUMC family.



The Rooms

So what have we been up to during the summer? We have been extremely busy painting the rooms, installing cabinets and hanging bulleting boards. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Cindy Burton, who was instrumental in



helping with the painting of the classrooms. Also, please join me in thanking Dick Bauer and Dave and Beth Johnston. They worked feverishly to install the cabinets in the Pre-K and 3 year old classroom in just a few short hours! Once again, please join me in thanking Dave Johnston and Neil Mason for assisting us in hanging many bulletin boards throughtout the preschool! Last but not least I must thank Dan Fowler for donating a beautiful cabinet structure for our 2 ½ year old class and Kristen Gregory for assisting me in putting this item together! Thank you all for your many donations that have snuck into my office throughout the summer (and those that I have picked up)! You have all been instrumental in making our preschool the school it is today!



The First Day

Our first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 6th. If you are able to stop in to meet some of our new FAP families please do so!

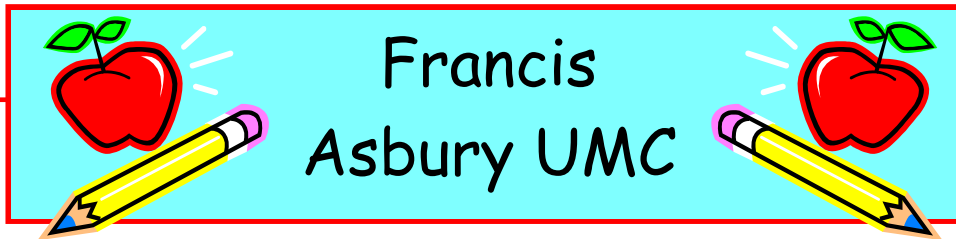
Special Thank YOU!

Lastly, I would like to extend a special thank you to Dana Gustafson and her PruCares team! A team of Prudential realtors have been raising money for the children of need at Francis Asbury Preschool. All of the money that is raised will go towards our financial assistance program. So far they have raised over \$2000 for this program. Their last event will be held on Sept. 10 at FAUMC we would love to have you attend our Field day/ Country Fair. Be on the look out for more information!

Anna Chevalier, Preschool Director

preschool@francisasburyumc.org

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Francis
Asbury UMC

Kristen H. Gregory
Director of Family Ministry
kristen@francisasburyumc.org
www.francisasburyumc.org

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Family Ministry News

As the summer comes to a close and we look towards the fall, God has many blessings in store for each of us. Keep an eye and ear open for what He has provided for you and you're bound to have a blessed fall. There is a lot going on at FAUMC this fall. The second school year for FAP begins with an expansion to 3 classrooms. While the children have been attending Sunday School over the summer, we will have a Sunday School Kickoff to jumpstart the fall session. The children will lead us in worship on the Children's Sabbath on October 16th. We'll have our second annual Trunk or Treat on October 30th. The children and youth start practicing for the Christmas Pageant as well. There are so many ways to get involved - come join us!

Children's Sunday School Fall Kickoff September 11, 9:45-10:45am

Please join us for our fall kickoff for Children's Sunday School on September 11th at 9:45am! We have three children's classes - preschool (age 3-5), grades K-2nd, and grades 3rd-5th. We'll have snacks, prizes and an awesome, Rock Solid lesson!

Children and Youth Christmas Pageant Information Meeting September 25th, 5-6pm, Youth Room

Are you interested in acting and/or singing in the Children and Youth Christmas Pageant on December 4th at 5pm? Are you interested in volunteering during the practices and/or pageant? If so, please join us for our information meeting on September 25th from 5-6pm. We'll talk about the script, music, rehearsal schedule and volunteer opportunities for this year's pageant.

Parent's Morning Out September 17, 2011 8:30am-1pm

Bring Your Bike Day 2! Bring Your Bike Day was such a hit that we are doing it again for September's PMO. We will spend lots of time playing outside and riding our bikes around the playground. Please make sure to pack sunscreen. We will have a picnic lunch and plenty of drinks to keep us cool. Snack and lunch are provided. \$20 per child, \$10 per sibling. Please see Amy in the nursery or register online under Events at www.francisasburyumc.org Please register by Wednesday, September 14th. If you have questions, email Amy at amy@francisasburyumc.org. See you there!

*Have a great start to
the school year!!!*

Mark Your Calendars!

October 16th - Children's Sabbath
October 30th - Trunk or Treat, 12:30-2pm
December 4th - Children and Youth Christmas Pageant, 5pm



The youth on the Camp Sandy Cove 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?

I cannot believe the summer is already coming to a close! We have had such a great time! We finished the summer out right by going on a retreat to Camp Sandy Cove and we had a blast! Thanks to all those who made this possible through chaperoning, donations, and/or prayers. The camp was a wonderful experience for us to have fun and grow deeper in our relationship with God and one another. We even got to have a free trapeze lesson in the process!

Upcoming Events

Our last Friday Night Frank will be this Friday, September 2nd. Our first Sunday Night Frank for the year will be September 11th and the youth group time will go back to 6 – 8 p.m.

For the first Sunday Night Frank we will have an open house for parents complete with a potluck dinner. At this meeting I will go over the calendar for the fall, give out permission forms for upcoming events, reflect on the past year, and answer any questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and their parents to see what The Frank is all about so spread the word!

Our Fall Retreat is set for the last weekend in October so mark your calendars! We will be going to Jean Harrell's house out in the country again! Permission forms will be given out at the parent's meeting.

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

