

Today – Let’s Celebrate!

It’s been 1 year since we officially merged as Charlottesville First UMC. Join us after worship for a potluck, where we’ll commemorate our merger with Hinton Avenue UMC.

March ONE THING MINISTRY

Our March **One Thing Ministry** will benefit The Salvation Army of Charlottesville. As a new initiative, the Salvation Army is setting up a hygiene closet filled with free soaps and toiletries for its sheltered and unsheltered clients. The closet will open this March at its location at 207 Ridge Street. However, the service organization still needs more donations in order to keep up with the folks who use their services. Let’s provide baby diapers, baby formula, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby and adult shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, body soap, dish soap or laundry detergent to this very worthy cause. If you would like for someone else to do the shopping for you, just put "March One Thing" in the memo line of your check. Thank you in advance!

Visioning Informals

Charlottesville First has begun a new visioning process to see where God is leading us in the next 3-5 years and beyond. The first phase is a series of Vision Informals, where individuals can gather around the table or via zoom to discuss where we are, what we value, and how we can "love the whole city and love the city whole" into the future.

Each informal includes a time to assess the general health and values of the congregation as well as a special focus for the second part of our time together. Here are some of the upcoming informals:

- Monday, March 4th at 7:30 pm. Hosts: Carolyn McGee and Patty Taylor. Focus: Nurture. Location: online.
- Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm. Hosts: Karla Kincannon and Paige Lindblom. Focus: Quality of Relationships. Location: church [note change of time]
- Thursday, March 7 at 5:30pm. Hosts: Bill Clarke and Gary Bibb. Focus: Participation. Location: church

Sign up on the new [Realm app](#) or by emailing office@cvillefirstumc.org.

Lenten Worship Lunches

All are invited to a Lenten Service and Light Lunch in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday during Lent at **12:30pm**. Each week a Pastor from our local area will deliver a message to be followed by a lunch and conversation! Please note that Lenten lunches will take place every Wednesday during Lent. Please RSVP on the new REALM app or to carolynmcgee@cvillefirstumc.org so we know how to plan.

Youth – Save the Date

C’ville Youth Collective meeting on Sunday, March 10 at Ivy Creek UMC. Contact Lara Upton for more information. connect@cvillefirstumc.org

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. On **March 16**, CFUMC will again gather to pack 20,000 meals! This is a well-organized, multi-generational event for ages 5-105. This is a fun event for a great cause! Register on Realm.

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Adult Bible Studies

Faith Seekers - Room 208, 8:45am Sundays

This class will be studying a prominent recent book on the relationship between Christian depictions of Jesus and cultural understandings of masculinity. Kristin Du Mez’s *Jesus and John Wayne: How White*

Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation offers history of church and culture that gets at a central tension in American life. All are invited. Need more info? Kathy Berlin kjberlin56@gmail.com

Faith Explorers — Room 308, 11:15am Sundays

Adult Fellowship Group — Room 208, 11:15am Sundays

Soon this group will begin a 6-week study *“Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith”* by Adam Hamilton. A gift for a questioning heart and mind. Contact Hu Shaffer <has2u39@gmail.com> for more information and a participant’s book.

The Parents of Young Children Class – Youth Room, 11:30am Sundays

They will be studying Tom Berlin’s *“Reckless Love”*

Men’s Bible Study — Wegmans, 8am Tuesdays

The group is studying the book *“Making Sense of the Bible”* by Adam Hamilton, one of the country’s leading pastors and Christian authors. All are invited. Contact Jim Berlin jimberlin79@gmail.com or Dave Wheatley wheat1506@gmail.com for more information,

Women at the Well – Room 308, 9:30am Thursdays

All women are invited to come together for a new Lenten study called *Remember (God’s Covenants and the Cross)* by Susan Robb. Let’s gather as we learn how to read the Bible, meditate upon it, then pray and contemplate its message until it becomes a script for our own lives.

On the Road with Mark: A Lenten Study

Pastor Alex and Rev. Dr. Laura Holmes invite you to an online Lenten journey through the gospel of Mark. The group meets Thursday evenings at 7:30pm via Zoom to study a section of the most action-packed of the gospels and talk about how its challenging picture of Jesus can help us hear and respond to God’s voice in new ways. To get a Zoom link just send an email to alexjoyner@cvillefirstumc.org

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