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Adult Bible Studies

Women at the Well

We will begin a new study this **Thursday, September 21 at 9:30am - 11:00am** This weekly study group will meet in room 308. We will be studying **THE GRACE OF LES MISERABLES**. In this six-week Bible study, UMC Pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. We will spend the first two Thursday actually watching the movie (with popcorn!) Many of you have probably read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, listened to the soundtrack or maybe have seen one of the screen adaptations and if so, you know the power of this story. If you are not familiar with the story.....sit down...you are in for a treat. This study will help us all to understand our faith and encourage us to live it out in the world today.

Faith Seekers

Come join our class in room 208 at 8:45, Sunday mornings beginning **TODAY, September 17**. We are starting a study called "Jesus Revealed". Discover Jesus' character through the "I am" statements in the book of John. See Kathy Berlin at kjberlin56@gmail.com for more details.

Faith Explorers

Starting the **first Sunday in October**, the Faith Explorers class (Rm 308 at 11:15) begins reading Diana Butler Bass's book, Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening. The book is about introducing people to shifting religious demographics and to propose how communities of faith might rethink some basic issues about their identity, practices, and theology. The thesis is that certain forms of "religion" always end, often challenged by emerging cultural forms of spiritual experience and engagement, and that such endings are usually the beginning of some new and unexpected awakening.

Adult Fellowship Group

The Adult Fellowship Group invites you to join us **Sunday's** at 11:15 in Room 208. This class will be starting a new study entitled: "Questions God Asks" from the Life Guide Series (Larsen and Larsen, authors). The book is available through Amazon, or you can contact carolynmcgee@cvillefirstumc.org to obtain one. So..... grab your coffee and goodies from the Portico Café and come on in! All are welcome! Questions? Contact Pat Graham at annew62@comcast.net

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Needed

Gently used items for Arts Festival Rummage Sale on November 18th

Preschool

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The Quiet Center

Grief is a journey through the loss of anything or anyone that is loved. It is a journey that calls for companions for sharing and for remembering and for mourning. If you want to explore grief, whether or not you are on that journey, join us in *The Quiet Center*, an after-church gathering of, and for, anyone who wants to know more about grief's journey. The sessions are "stand alone," to join anytime and as often as you wish, to explore the many faces of grief and to share with each other our time, our experiences, our presence and our prayers. *The Quiet Center*, **Sundays at 11:15 am** in the Chapel. If you have any questions, contact Rev. John at 703-887-7305 or at johnconway@vaumc.org.

Our **ONE THING Ministry** designation for September is Snacks and Art Supplies for The Ivy Creek School. The Ivy Creek School is a day school providing special education and related services for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities in grades K – 12 from Albemarle, Charlottesville, and other surrounding counties. Items can be left in the red bins in the Welcome Center off of the parking lot.

Needed Art Supplies:

acrylic paints
watercolor sets
brushes
canvases
colored pencils
construction paper
sketch paper

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big bags or individual bags of chips/pretzels/popcorn, etc
fruit snacks
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Fund Raising Yard Sale to Benefit Children in Haiti

The Albemarle Friends of the Robert Ford Foundation will have a yard sale on **Oct 6&7** at Mt. Olivet UMC in North Garden. 2500 Old Lynchburg Rd. All proceeds benefit the Ford School and Orphanage in Haiti. We are accepting donations every Thursday morning from 9 - noon in the space above Dr. Ho's at the Crossroads. Bring us your clean and gently used donations and we'll turn them into bright futures for kids! Donations will be accepted until Sept 28th. Set your GPS for Dr. Ho's Humble Pie - 4916 Plank Rd, North Garden, VA 22959. The donation site is on the second floor in the back of the building. Modest sized furniture accepted. For more information on the organization, go to <https://www.fordhaitianorphanage.org/>

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