

## Announcements

### **Amplify Social Justice Ministry**

#### **The First Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30pm**

We meet in the **room 308** of our church, to find small and big ways to make our world a little better for everyone, starting with our community.

If you want to receive more information about our work or become a volunteer team member, please scan the code below and complete the interest form.



**CVille Youth Collective (6th-12th grade):** Save the Date and invite your friends!

#### **Sunday, April 28th 6-7:30pm at Restoration UMC**

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Contact Lara Upton at [connect@cvillefirstumc.org](mailto:connect@cvillefirstumc.org)

**THE TASSELL SCHOLARSHIP** was established in memory of Patrick Wayne Tassell and is awarded to high school seniors who are members of Charlottesville First UMC and have demonstrated leadership and achievement in Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Venturing (BSA), Exploring (BSA), Sea Scouts (BSA), or Camp Fire. Scholarship awards, between \$1,000 and \$2,000, are paid directly to the institution that the awardee will be attending in the coming academic year. Further information and the application form are available from Hu Shaffer, Charlottesville First UMC Scouting Coordinator email: [has2u39@gmail.com](mailto:has2u39@gmail.com). Applications must be returned by **June 1, 2024**, to be considered.

### **Casa CFUMC Contemporary Worship Night- Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>-6pm-7:30pm**

Join us in the **Fellowship Hall** for a Taco Salad Dinner followed by contemporary worship! All ages are welcome to attend, and children will be invited to move into a separate space for their own message during the worship time.

**Option to help with the meal** by bringing your favorite toppings for our Taco Salad Bar (Meat, Beans, Veggies, Guacamole, Chips, Salsa, cheese, etc.) or fruit/dessert to share. The drinks and lettuce salad will be provided by the church. **Please RSVP to [connect@cvillefirstumc.org](mailto:connect@cvillefirstumc.org)** to let us know if you can make it and if you are planning on bringing something for the meal. This helps us to plan for your presence, but don't be afraid to attend regardless!

### **Softball Opening Day- May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5:30pm**

The Charlottesville First UMC softball season begins May 3rd. Join us for an Opening Night kick-off party starting at 5:30 PM. Players and fans are welcome for a **pizza dinner at Darden Towe Park**, then stay to cheer on our youth and adults as they play softball. Let us know how many slices of pizza you would like at: [connect@cvillefirstumc.org](mailto:connect@cvillefirstumc.org). Hope to see you there!

## 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](mailto:kjberlin56@gmail.com)

### **Faith Explorers — Room 308, 11:15am Sundays**

This class is reading Diana Butler Bass' 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.

Contact Bill Clarke at [janebillclarke@earthlink.net](mailto:janebillclarke@earthlink.net)

### **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>](mailto:has2u39@gmail.com) for more information and a participant's book.

### **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](mailto:jimberlin79@gmail.com) or Dave Wheatley [wheat1506@gmail.com](mailto:wheat1506@gmail.com) for more information,

### **Young Parents Class- Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11:30am**

Starting on Sunday, 4/14 at 11:30am, The Young Parents Class will be delving into Matt Rawle's study, *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Together, explore the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel. Together, let's experience the profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that Jesus is light and life, and He calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection. This class meets on the second and fourth Sundays. Childcare is provided.

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

**All** women are invited to come together for our new study called

***Be Bold: Finding Your Fierce*** by Rachel Billups This is a beautiful, empowering story about finding one's God-given boldness and **fierce** so that we can live out the love of God in this world.

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**New Member Class – Today, April 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 12:30pm- Conference Room in Fellowship Hall** and continuing for one more week for anyone interested in learning more about CFUMC.

**Next Hike #7-Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am-** Fontaine south to Azalea Park and back. This hike is about 3.8 miles and will take about 2 hours. This segment is mostly flat after the initial downhill (which is also the final uphill). There is a creek crossing with some large rocks that is fairly easy to navigate. Parking in the same spot listed for Hike #6. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Beth Reitz to let us know if you are planning on joining us!

[Bethareitz@gmail.com](mailto:Bethareitz@gmail.com)

**Bonus Hike:** Saturday, June 15th @ 10 am Blue Ridge Tunnel and Blue Mtn Brewery fellowship time after the hike!

### **The Quiet Center**

#### **Sundays at 11:15 in the Chapel**

The Quiet Center is 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. If you have any questions, contact Rev. John at 703-887-7305 or at [johnconway@vaumc.org](mailto:johnconway@vaumc.org).

### **April ONE THING MINISTRY**

Our April **One Thing Ministry** will benefit our own sweet preschool as they celebrate 40 years! Bring a birthday gift (no need to wrap!) of any of the following:

Card Stock (any color)	Elmer's Glue Bottles	Paint Sticks
White Card Stock	Paper Towels	Chalk
Smelly Markers	Napkins	Sandwich and Gallon Ziplock Bags

Tissues

9 x 12 Construction Paper (any color)

Clorox Wipes

If you would like for someone else to do the shopping for you, just put "FUMP Birthday" in the memo line of your check. Thank you in advance!

### **Calling all alumnus, parents, and grandparents of past FUMP (First United Methodist Preschool) graduates!**

As we celebrate the 40th birthday of FUMP in worship on May 5, we are looking to collect memories from you! If you have a special and/or humorous memory of your time at the preschool, please send them to [fump@cvillefirstumc.org](mailto:fump@cvillefirstumc.org) where they will be collected and displayed! Thanks in advance for your contributions! Be sure to save the date! A potluck dinner will follow the worship service that day!