

Announcements

Amplify Social Justice Ministry

This Wednesday: May 1st 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.



C'Ville Youth Collective (6th-12th grade): TODAY!

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

Food, Fun, and Fellowship! **Contact Lara Upton at 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**. Applications must be returned by **June 1, 2024**, to be considered.

Softball Opening Day- May 3rd- 5:30pm

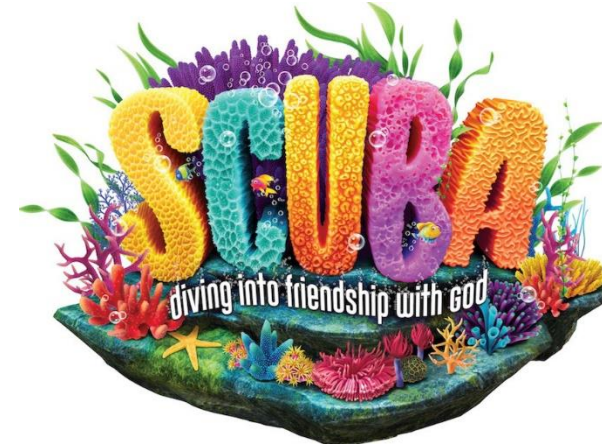
The Charlottesville First UMC softball season begins May 3rd. Join us for an Opening Night kick-off party starting at 5:30 PM. Players and fans are welcome for a **pizza dinner at Darden Towe Park**, then stay to cheer on our youth and adults as they play softball. Let us know how many slices of pizza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

Just the book you were looking for!

Looking for a new study for your small group? Visit our curriculum library, just to the left of the stage, at the back of the Fellowship Hall. The room will be open every Sunday and during the week by appointment (email carolynmcgee@cvillefirstumc.org). If you are interested in starting a small group and need some assistance or ideas, see **Carolyn** or email her at **carolynmcgee@cvillefirstumc.org**.

AV Training

Would you like the opportunity to be trained on our AV (Audio Visual) equipment? We would love to have some new folks who might be interested to go through this training and then sign up as a substitute for worship and other events! **Contact Chase Carson at matt.chase.carson@gmail.com** for more info.



Scuba VBS - Now Open For Registration!

July 29th - August 2nd, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Scuba VBS is now open for registration!! Registration will take place inside the Realm App. Scan the QR code to start your registration.



A few notes:

- Please make sure to register your child(ren) AND yourself. This ensures the proper paperwork is filled out.
- If you get a message that the age group you need is full, please register in the separate waiting list registration field. We hope to get enough volunteers to have space for everyone that is interested in joining us on our SCUBA VBS 2024 dive!

We are looking forward to having you join us for a splashtastic SCUBA VBS 2024 adventure, July 29th-Aug 2nd from 9am-12pm.

Contact Lara Upton at children@cvillefirstumc.org with questions and to sign up to volunteer!

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

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

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.

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,

Young Parents Class- Youth Room (3rd Floor)- 2nd and 4th 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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Next Hike #8-Tuesday, May 7th at 10am

The next segment is from Jordan Park (parking at the end of 6th St. SE) to the stream crossing into Azalea Park and back. This hike is a little longer and will take approx 2- 2 1/2 hrs.

Most of the route is flat with some moderate hills towards Azalea Park. The route follows Moore Creek most of the way and there are some beautiful trees and some surprisingly quiet sections.

Hope to see you there! Please let us know if you plan to join us so we can look for you.

Contact: connect@cvillefirstumc.org

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**.

May One Thing Ministry

This month will benefit the **All God's Children Camp** that CFUMC steps up to sponsor. This is a week long summer camp for children of incarcerated parents. The need is to cover 20 camper supplies. If you are interested in donating, there will be a bulletin board in the Welcome Center with tags on it to take home listing the times or items for you to purchase. That way we will get exactly the number of items we need! **Here is the list of items needed:**

Blankets	Beach towels	Shower caddy to include toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth
Pillows	Rain ponchos	comb, and deodorant
Twin sheet sets	Water bottles	\$5.00 to help cover water/pool shoes
Mesh laundry bags		

There is also a need for Mentors for the campers for all three weeks of camp.

9 males and 9 females for June 9-14

6 males and 7 females for June 16-21

7 males and 5 females for August 11-16

If you are interested in being a mentor to provide supervision, companionship and compassion to these children, **contact Lori Smith at 571-245-9591, agcc@vaumc.org or carolynmcgee@cvillefirstumc.org**

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 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!