

<u>This Week at Burke UMC</u>
Sunday, February 19 9:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services 4:30 PM In His Name Youth Choir 5:30 PM UMYF 7:00 PM AI Anon 7:30 PM <i>Naked Spirituality</i>
Monday, February 20 President's Day, Office Closed 10:00 AM Companions In Christ 7:00 PM <i>Invitation to John Study</i> 7:30 PM Celebration Ringers 8:30 PM AA
Tuesday, February 21 10:15 AM CIC 10:15 AM <i>Prayer</i> , by Ole Hallesby 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers Youth Handbells 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 1347 7:30 pm Ministries Council 7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, February 22 9:30 AM Card Ministry 10:00 AM Celebration Singers 6:00 PM Sr. High Bible Study 7:00 PM Divorce Care 7:00 PM Advanced Divorce Recovery 7:00 PM Divorce Care for Kids 7:15 PM Disciple 1 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 23 10:00 AM Women In Study 7:00 PM Praise Hula 7:00 PM Beth Moore Study- <i>James: Mercy Triumphs</i>
Friday, February 24 9:30 AM Chat and Play 10:00 AM Art Group
Saturday, February 25 8:00 AM AI Anon Group 4:30 PM Parents Night Out 5:00 PM Lifesign Contemporary Worship 7:00 PM Hispanic Congregation Worship Service

A Look At Our Faithfulness

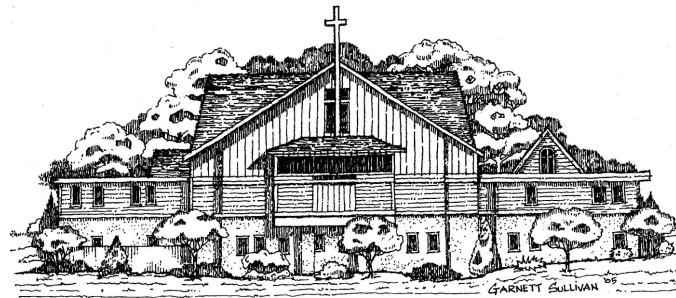
Worship Attendance February 11 and 12: 420; Sunday School: 177
 Operations Giving: \$14,736 Reaching Out In Faith: \$715
 Heart Havens, Inc. Offering: \$1,148

Altar Flowers

The rosebud on the altar celebrates the birth of James Allen McDavid born February 3. Parents are Brian and Nicole McDavid and grandparents are Leslie and Harry McDavid.

The flowers on the altar are given by Sandy Budd in memory of her husband, Bob, who would have been 72 on February 19.

Please e-mail bumc@burkeumc.org or call 703-250-6100 with questions on any ministry announcement.



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BURKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 18 and 19, 2012

This Week's Highlights

Transfiguration Sunday: On the Christian Calendar this last Sunday before Lent recalls Christ's transfiguration on the mountain with Elijah and Moses where before his death and resurrection, Jesus' glory was revealed, acknowledged by the prophets, identified by God as son. Modern theologian Walter Wink speaks metaphorically about "transfiguration's" meaning for us in this way: *Transfiguration is living by vision: standing foursquare in the midst of a broken, tortured, oppressed, starving, dehumanizing reality, yet seeing the invisible, calling it to come, behaving as if it is on the way, sustained by elements of it that have come already, within and among us. In those moments when people are healed, transformed, freed from addictions, obsessions, destructiveness, self-worship or when groups or communities or even, rarely, whole nations glimpse the light of the transcendent in their midst, there the New Creation has come upon us. The world for one brief moment is transfigured. The beyond shines in our midst, on the way to the cross.*

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:30 PM, February 22.

Join us for worship and the imposition of ashes as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent.
 "Drive-Thru" Ashes, 5:30-7:30 AM, Parking Lot
 "Walk-Thru" Ashes, 10:00-10:30 AM, Entryway
 "Sit-Thru" Ashes, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary.



US Air Force Band Chamber Series Concert. A clarinet quartet from the US Air Force Band Chamber Series Players will perform in concert on Friday, March 2 at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Spring Women's Retreat: IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT!

Join us for a one day Women's Retreat here at BUMC on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. Worship, breakout sessions, fellowship, & lunch all provided free of charge! We will focus on the theme "In Step with the Spirit" and the scripture "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit," Galatians 5:25. Sign up on line or in the entryway. (Plan on wearing your favorite pair of shoes!) See you there.



Dominican Republic Mission Trip. May 29 - June 5.

For many years, BUMC Volunteers in Mission teams have traveled to the Dominican Republic to construct a school in Cambita. The school was completed in 2006, and is now a vital part of the community. Having developed a familiarity and love for the people of the DR, we continue to send teams nearly every year to serve in whatever way we are needed. This year, we have been asked by the Bishop of the Dominican Evangelical Church (which is affiliated with the United Methodist Church) to help with the construction of a parsonage in Sosua, DR. Team members do not need construction skills; though our task involves construction, our focus is on being in relationship with God and others as we serve. We may have an opportunity to hold a VBS for the village children as well. We will work hard, enjoy meaningful worship and conversation, and come home with a renewed appreciation of God's presence in all things and all people. If you are interested in being a part of this team, or for more information, please sign up in the entryway, or contact Pastor Morgan at morganguyton@bumc.org or Maureen Glaser at moglaser@aol.com.



Journey to Hope. During our Lenten sermon series, *Journey to Hope*, we'll travel with Jesus to the cross and discover the hope that can be found in the midst of life's most difficult circumstances. These small groups will give you an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' experiences on the path to the cross in new ways. It will encourage you to see to real life situations with fresh eyes and challenge you to interact with God no matter your 'mile marker' in life.

- Sunday's *Journey to Hope* small group, led by Lucy Tucker, will meet at 10:30 AM, February 19-April 1.
- Wednesday's *Journey to Hope* small group, led by Katie Buehe, will meet at 7:30 PM, February 22-April 4.

Naked Spirituality by Brian McLaren. *Naked Spirituality* offers accessible, practical wisdom for living a truly spiritual life. Staying true to Jesus's core message while engaging faithfully with our postmodern world, McLaren presents a proven spiritual program for engaging in and sustaining a meaningful relationship with God. Sundays at 7:30 PM, February 12-March 11. Led by Kevin Quinley.

Men's Spirituality Group. Are you looking to deepen your faith and enjoy the fellowship of other men in the church? If so, join us in a study called *Serious Answers to Hard Questions*. Sessions include a DVD presentation and discussion of topics such as Evil, Forgiveness, and The Sins of the Church. We meet at 7:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Bruce Smith leads.

Adult Word Class. We meet Sundays at 10:30 AM in Rm. B9 to study the Biblical message and how to apply it to daily life. Todd Ringenbach and Donald May lead. Our study is C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters."

Joy Class. Class meets on Sunday at 10:30 AM in Room 3. Led by Mary Houck houckfamily@gmail.com.

Women In Study. WIS meets Thursdays from 10:00–11:30 AM. Following the Bible study, many of us enjoy lunch at Spartan's Restaurant. Teacher is Mary Ruth Giese. New members welcome.

Divorce Care. DC meets every Wednesday from 7-9 PM. No pre-registration, you may join at any time. Childcare is provided. Led by Bob Youmans & Lauri Rohn.

Advanced Divorce Recovery. ADR meets Wednesdays, 7-9 PM, for people who have completed the Divorce Care curriculum. We will be reading "Boundaries" by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Led by Cheryl Guyton.

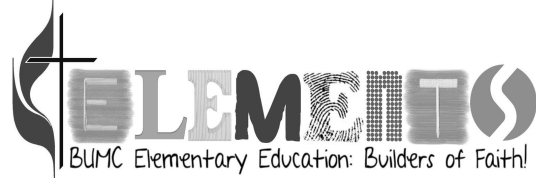
DivorceCare for Kids. DC4K meets Wednesdays, 7-9 PM, for children age 5-12 to find help and healing from the hurt caused by separation & divorce. At DC4K meetings, kids make friends with other kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced. Group meets the same time as DivorceCare and ADR.

Cards of Comfort. Cards of Comfort meet Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in Rm. B3 to create cards for people on the concerns list, for birthdays and anniversaries, and our military overseas. Join us for potluck and card making on Sunday, February 26 at 11:45 AM.

Women's Book Club for Moms. Book selection is *Breathe: Creating Space for God in a Hectic Life* by Keri Wyatt Kent. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM, at Aynsley Kealisher's home, e-mail aynsleykealisher@hotmail.com.

Small Group Home Study. Meets Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Guytons, 6210 Kersey Ct, Burke. Dinner is provided; side dishes welcome. We are reading the weekly lectionary Bible texts. E-mail morganguyton@burkeumc.org to confirm participation.

Prayer Shawl. Shawls are made and dedicated by this ministry as symbols of God's comfort. They meet Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Questions? Please contact Louise Gunderson, kglg@yahoo.com.



Free Children's Concert. All children and families are invited to a FREE Children's Concert featuring Peter McCarty – the One Man Band! Children will be thrilled with songs they know, songs they can learn, and an opportunity to watch one man play a multitude of instruments. Invite your neighbors and friends! **Sunday, February 26, 4:00 PM.**

Safe Sanctuaries. All adults who work with children in our building are required to take yearly Safe Sanctuaries training. The next training session is Wednesday, February 29, 7:30-8:30 PM.

Sunday at 9:00 AM. Families are encouraged to worship together. Nursery is available for infants and preschoolers. Busy Bags can be found in the back of the Sanctuary for preschool or elementary children containing materials and activities that reflect the sermon theme.

Family Worship. The first Sunday of every month, Communion Sunday, is Family Worship at BUMC! We encourage families to worship, pray, sing, and take Communion together. Children may leave for a Children's Church activity during the sermon and return for Communion. No regular Sunday School for K-12th grade on Communion Sunday. The Confirmation class meets at 10:30AM; they attend worship together at 9AM. Family Worship allows your family the opportunity to spend time in worship together, and provides time for our volunteer teachers to enjoy Communion with their families as well. We look forward to seeing your family in worship. Family Worship Dates: March 4: Family Worship (Communion Sunday), April 1: Family Worship (Palm Sunday-Communion), April 8: Family Worship (Easter Sunday), May 6: Family Worship (Communion Sunday), May 13: Family Worship (Mother's Day Musical), June 3: Family Worship (Communion.)

ELEMENTS 10:30 AM Sunday School. Today is the last day of the unit, *Teach Us How to Pray*. Our prayer for the students is that they have learned to feel comfortable sharing their thoughts with God and will be more prayerful in their daily lives. God is always with us to listen and to hear what we have to say to Him. Our next unit is *Triumphal Entry* beginning Sunday, February 26. Join us to hear *Prayer Chick* and *Prayer Dude* tell the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as prophesied by Zechariah. We meet downstairs in Room B7 each Sunday (other than Family Worship Sundays) at 10:30AM for Opening!

Sunday School Dismissal. Children must be picked up from Sunday School by an adult or older sibling listed on Registration Form. Infants through 5th grade must be signed out of their classes; 6th-12th grades are released at the end of Sunday School.

Acolytes. Acolytes assist the pastors during worship and are visible as those who light the candles on the Communion Table. Boys and girls in 3rd grade and older may become part of this ministry. Training is led by Rev. Larry Buxton and Kristin Kelso, Acolyte Coordinator, and last 1.5 hours. Parent(s) are asked to join us for the first 15 minutes of the training to complete paperwork. Sign up in the entryway or contact Kristin at ca.Kristin@verizon.net.

Give the gift of literacy! In middle-income neighborhoods, the ratio of age-appropriate books is 13 books for every child? In low-income neighborhoods, the ratio is 1 book for every 300 children? You can help change these statistics! Wesley Housing is collecting new (or like new) books for its Community Resource Centers in northern Virginia who serve over 130 children and youth who need new books to read. A collection bin is in the Fellowship Hall. *Pre-teen and teen books are especially needed.* Deadline is February 27.

Leadership positions in Children & Family ministries. Each of these positions is for an event coordinator. We will support you, encourage you, resource you, and make you wonder why you haven't led before! These are great opportunities to get involved and serve God with a bit of your time and talent. For information, contact Katie Webster, KatieWebster@burkeumc.org.

- **Amazing Volunteer Opportunity #1: 2012 Vacation Bible School Assistant Director.** We have a leader for VBS 2012 (Operation Overboard), but she needs an assistant! If you know the blessings of VBS, your kids have loved it, or you've been grateful for it – you would be perfect for the job!
- **Incredible Volunteer Opportunity #2: Vacation Bible School 2013 Leader.** There is nothing you need to do this year. This volunteer opportunity gives you over a year to think, be creative, or be in preparation for VBS 2013.
- **Wonderful Volunteer Opportunity #s 3 & 4: Easter and Advent Celebration Coordinators.** Each year our church hosts an Easter and Advent Celebration for children and families. The Easter Celebration is Saturday, March 24. We have these annual events down to a science – but we are looking for a leader for each. You would be the point person for volunteers and have the opportunity to think of new ways to make these annual events even more excellent.

Family Easter Celebration, Saturday, March 24 at 10AM. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs, monitor egg hunts, oversee crafts, help decorate cookies, take photos, play music, tell stories, and more. If you'd like to help to make this event a most *eggs-ellent* occasion, contact Kristin Kelso, educationassistant@burkeumc.org.



Preschool Sunday School at 10:30AM! Preschool 3's (potty trained) meet in Room 10. Preschool 4's meet in Room 5.

BUMC Chat and Play Group. Parents and young children meet Fridays at 9:30 AM. Contact Erica Dahlin with questions, (703) 927-9172 or edahlin7@yahoo.com.

Register for Burke United Methodist Preschool. BUMC has classes for 3 year olds, 4 year olds and young 5's. To register, or if you have questions, please call Kathy Landon, BUMC Director at 703-250-3657.

BUMP Consignment Sale Saturday, March 10. Toys and children's clothes in good condition can be sold or donated to our annual sale. For information or to volunteer to help, please call Kathy Landon, 703-250-3657.



United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF): Sundays, 5:30 -7:30 PM. Dinner is \$2, Open to all 7th-12th grade students. Join us for fun, food and fellowship! Marti Ringenbach, Director of Youth Ministries, Marti.ringenbach@vacoxmail.com.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Youth Ministry. We want loving adults that don't have all the answers but are willing to search for them with our teens. Contact Marti Ringenbach, 703-250-6100 or martiringenbach@burkeumc.org. Applicants need to be 21 yrs. old, love Jesus, and be willing to walk with teens on this journey of faith.

320 Senior High Bible Study. Join us Wednesdays, in Rm. B-13, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM for dinner, fellowship, and discussion.

Fellowship and Hospitality

Running Fellowship: If you are interested in participating in a BUMC running fellowship, please contact Kevin Apel at kapel@cox.net, or sign up on the table in the entryway. In the spring, we plan to meet on Saturday at Burke Lake Park.

BUMC Military Family Fellowship. MFF provides prayers, support, assistance, and fellowship to families with deployed Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Civilians. To be part of this support group, please sign up in the entryway or contact Frank & Daria Gaillard at Daria.gaillard@gmail.com.

BUMC Military Family Potluck Lunch. The next potluck will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 11:45 AM. A signup sheet is in the entryway. Please RSVP to morganguyton@burkeumc.org.

Fundraiser Recital. Shenandoah University Conservatory and Spiritual Life mission team will hold a fundraiser at Annandale UMC, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, on Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 PM to raise funds for travel to Guatemala to advance the arts in underprivileged schools. Music and dance will be featured.

Missions



Rebuilding Together Day, Saturday, April 28: For the past twenty-five years, community members in Northern Virginia have come together during the last weekend in April to repair the houses of their

neighbors in a manner reflective of an old-time barn raising. Many of our neighbors, who have been able to take care of their homes in the past, now find themselves unable to do so due to changes in circumstances. Their homes deteriorate and become unsafe. Rebuilding Together brings neighbors together to help build safer and stronger communities. No special skills are necessary, just a willing heart. Please sign up in the entryway now so we can plan. Call Steve Breseman, 703-250-6120 with questions.

B⁵ Brick by Brick by Burke: B⁵ is BUMC's ministry to raise funds, increase awareness, and deepen understanding of the issue of homelessness by providing housing and mentoring services to a homeless family in Fairfax County. B⁵ Builds on our partnership with FACETS to provide permanent and affordable housing for the homeless and affirms BUMC's commitment to practicing Radical Hospitality, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Our B⁵ family is a single mother with two young children. Her immediate need is for a car, please contact Jane Wilson at jsw14981@hotmail.com for donations. Kohl's gift cards for the family can be dropped in the donation box in the office.

ECHO (Ecumenical Communities Helping Others), 703-569-9160, 7205 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, serves the Burke and Springfield area. ECHO accepts donations weekdays, 9:30AM-12:30 PM, or 7:00-9:00 PM Tuesday-Thursday. See www.echo-inc.org for needed items. ECHO collection bins for small items are located at church outside the kitchen. Ann Chiles is the ECHO rep.

Loaves & Fishes Ministry Providing Food for the Hungry You are invited to participate in any of these mission opportunities:

- **Hungry Kids Ministry with Burke School.** We step forward to be a good neighbor to students in need of food assistance at Burke School. Partnering with Girl Scout Troop 1247, led by Kristine Sellers, we prepare 40-50 daily lunch bags for students who arrive at school with no food or money and prepare 40 Weekend Food Bags. Packaging occurs on the last Wednesday of the month. Upcoming dates are **February 29, March 28 & April 25 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Contact Kristine Sellers, 703-939-5814 to assist.
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast for the Homeless.** Volunteers cook and deliver a hot breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of each month to people who are homeless in Fairfax County and to the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter. Preparation at church begins at 6:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway. Lance and Laurie Anderson, landersons@yahoo.com, coordinate.
- **Ministry with Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church:** Lunch is provided each Sunday at RHUMMC for 50-60 folks, many are homeless and low income. BUMC has been asked to assist on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Volunteers prepare casseroles and salad at BUMC at 7:30AM for delivery at 9:30AM. A list of fresh ingredients needed for the lunch will be located on the sign up table in the entryway. Leaders are Farah Greeley and Rev. Judy Fender, 703-250-6100.
- **Lamb Center Cooking.** The 3rd Monday of the month volunteers gather at church at 9:30 AM to prepare and deliver a hot lunch to The Lamb Center, a daytime drop-in center for the homeless. Wendy Breseman coordinates.
- **Operation Food Bag.** The church maintains a small food pantry to stock food bags for people requesting help who drop by the church during the week. Gail Allen, gallen@verizon.net, coordinates.
- **Burke UMC Gleaning Ministry.** Food Donation Connection of Knoxville, TN links food service donors to local hunger relief agencies. BUMC is a Harvest Donor partner. On Monday and Thursday morning, BUMC volunteers pick up fresh food from the Burke Centre *Chipotle* and *Starbucks* and the Huntsman Square *Starbucks* and transport donations to the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax. To volunteer, contact Wendy Breseman, www.breseman@hotmail.com.

Donations and Collections

Loaves and Fishes Ministry. Below are some current needs:

- **Operation Food Bag.** Peanut butter, crackers, canned chili, canned meat, canned tuna, juice boxes, dry cereal, and canned vegetables & fruit. Food basket for donations is in the entryway.
- **Rising Hope UM Mission Church Lunch.** Canned fruit, rice and canned vegetables. Food baskets are in the entryway.
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast for the Homeless.** Fruit cups, juice boxes, single serve milk boxes, & NutriGrain bars. *Loaves & Fishes Ministry Hot Meals* donation bins are by the kitchen.
- **Hungry Kids Ministry With Burke School.** Sign up in the entryway. *Easy Mac*, Chef Boyardee entrees, tuna, pudding cups (non-refrigerated), individual cereal boxes, cheese & crackers, individual juice and milk boxes, snack pack cookies, instant oatmeal, raisin packs. Donation bins are in the Fellowship Hall.