

Family Life

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Continuing the Christmas Calendar

December 11 **The 2nd Sunday fellowship dinner will not be held this evening.**

December 17 **Ladies Holiday Brunch**, 10 am-noon;
See **Janice McDaniel** to volunteer to cook or bake food for this event, or to help decorate, prepare and clean up. This is a special time of fellowship during the Christmas season.



December 25

There will be NO EVENING SERVICE December 25.

The Annual "Christmas Card" Collection Continues Through December 18, For Struggling Families

Collection begins today for the annual **Christmas Card** for members of this congregation.

Many families make a practice of sending Christmas cards to friends and relatives. In 1968, we began the tradition of having a **congregational** Christmas card. Instead of spending money on individual cards and postage, our members could contribute that money to a church project, and the names of those contributors would be published in a "Christmas Card" on the Sunday nearest Christmas.



Originally, the collection benefitted Rainbow Christian Services (a counseling service), and in other years has helped Camp WaMaVa. This year, the funds will assist financially struggling families, whether members of this congregation or not.

Your donation is tax-deductible and your name will be included in the "Card" which will be published in the December 25 *Family Life*.

Give your donations to Lynda Eubank or Sandra Espinoza.

Falls Church members contributed \$5,449.85 to Orphans Lifeline of Hope in the annual collection taken Nov. 13.

The funds are used to support over 20,000 orphaned children in nine countries, including Mexico, Haiti, India, Kenya, Uganda, The Philippines, Russia and Pakistan.



Confession of a Marsh-Wiggle

Toward the end of C.S. Lewis' The Silver Chair, we find the heroes (Eustace Scrubb, Jill Pole and Puddleglum, the Marsh-wiggle) trapped in the Underland. They are under the spell of the Lady of the Green Kirtle who is the Queen of the Underland. They have been sent under Narnia by Aslan to rescue Prince Rilian, the rightful heir to the throne of Narnia, who had been kidnapped by the evil Queen of the Underland years before. The spell that is enchanting Eustace, Jill and Puddleglum confuses their minds, and they begin to forget that Narnia and the Overland are real. The Queen is trying to convince them that there is no Narnia and there is no Aslan. Puddleglum proclaims one of the greatest confessions of faith in the Chronicles of Narnia.

“Suppose we have only dreamed, or made up, all those things - trees and grass and sun and moon and stars and Aslan himself. Suppose we have. Then all I can say is that, in that case, the made-up things seem a good deal more important than the real ones... We're just babies making up a game, if you're right. But four babies playing a game can make a play-world which licks your real world hollow. That's why I'm going to stand by the play world. I'm on Aslan's side even if there isn't any Aslan to lead it. I'm going to live as like a Narnian as I can even if there isn't any Narnia.” (SC pg. 159)

The culture we live in tries to enchant us. The messages that are all around us try to convince us that there is no Kingdom of Heaven and that the LORD is not real. We know that the LORD and that the Kingdom of Heaven are real. Puddleglum's confession is our confession.

“I am going to live as a citizen of Heaven and I am going to stand on LORD's side no matter what culture says!”

GRACE + PEACE
S. H. B. J.

Welcome Our Newest Member

Adult Classes for Winter Quarter Begin January 1

The 4th Quarter Classes for adults are listed below, according to **Mike Tune**.

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin January 1

“God’s Ministers in a Fallen World”	Eric Slecter & Jim Lane	FH
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Suffering, unbelief, and false teachings affect God’s people today, just as they did in the first century. Paul’s second letter to the church at Corinth has much to tell us about how we can grow in faith and minister to others, especially our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

“Walking with God in the Desert”	John Waterston	121
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Each week we will explore the wilderness of the holy lands with a short video by Ray Vander Laan followed by group discussion. We often take a modern view of Biblical scenes, but this series encourages us to see the Bible in its original context. Our journey through the holy lands will help us to grow faith in those times when we depend on God the most, our spiritual “deserts.”

“10 Things I Wish Jesus Hadn’t Said” – (Women’s Class)	Kathy Koczanski	123
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A discussion of 5 “hard sayings” of Jesus, the ones that call us to account and constantly challenge us to be better; and 5 “easy sayings” of Jesus, straightforward sayings that seem glib and even contradictory to other sayings.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes Tuesday, January 3

“Women of the Bible”	Different Teachers	123
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This class meets on **Tuesday from 10:15 to 11 am**. **NOTE:** This class follows the Fairfax County Public Schools calendar, and will not meet when school is cancelled, delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, holidays, teacher workdays, etc.

Wednesday Evening Class Begins January 4

“Where it all Began”	Mike Tune	FH
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Without Genesis, the rest of the Bible would not make much sense, which is why the book is foundational to the Christian faith. The class will look at the stories of Genesis, but also the enduring lessons that carry on throughout both testaments.

General Information

For Children:

❖ An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room - located adjacent to the Assembly Center - are available during our assembly.

❖ For ages 2 through Pre-Kindergarten, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 & 221. Children are dismissed following communion.

Recordings:

Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our website after about four days.

Assistive Listening System:

Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in our Assembly Center. Our ushers will be happy to supply one of these aids for your convenience upon request.

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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Fern Musteen
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship (Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 222)

Gayla Keller, Joy Hayes

Lisa Byrd, Anna Souza

Worship Today, December 11, 2016

Hymn #63

I Will Call upon the Lord

Hymn #745

Humble Yourself

Hymn #718

We Shall Assemble

Prayer

Alec King

Hymn #979

I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Hymn #395

Follow Me

Communion/Collection

Wayne Doran

Hymn #869

We're Marching to Zion

(Children ages 2-Pre-K are dismissed to Children's Worship)

Scripture Reading (*Psalms 122*)

London Brown

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer John Waterston

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers for December Grant Smith, Hal Swetnam

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Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening.

Jeff Malcolm & Jonah Shumate will lead the prayers.

December 11 Servers: Ben Bohannon, Frank Estes,

Dave Miller, John Reagan, Eric Slechter, Mark Ward

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Elders

Steve Dasher Wayne Doran
Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Ben Bohannon Ignacio Espinoza
John Reagan Saul Reyes
Wilfredo Reyes Jonah Shumate
Hal Swetnam Kevin Thie
John Waterston Ken Yeatman
Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Lewistown, PA
Jesus & Abigail Sosa, Mexico City, MX
Mike Tune, Amazing Grace International
Deonté Watkins, Blacksburg, Va Tech
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*
Kelly Shumate, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Bible Study 189
Morning Assembly 257
Evening Assembly 90
Contribution \$15,920
YTD Average \$12,100
Budget Goal \$12,710

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Classes & Online No Count

Wednesday, December 14
Prayer - Jonah Shumate
Song Leader - John Reagan