

Forever Young and Friends 2017 Continues.....

Our Senior Adult Ministry continues to grow and thrive! We have enjoyed so many wonderful experiences together through the years, and now continue to meet new folks and explore new ways to celebrate life in faith, with compassion, service and JOY!

If you are growing into your golden years, but are not ready to slow down too much, or if you are happy to be moving at a slower pace, but still want some opportunities for adventure.....whether you are retired, semi-retired, or just enjoy spending time with folks who *are*, you are invited to share life with Forever Young and Friends. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information about this exceptional ministry. mwilkes@cloverfumc.org. 803-622-1315



SPRING is in the AIR and SUMMER is on the MIND!

We may have to see some more cold weather, but we are still dreaming about what lies ahead! Here are some events and trips we have scheduled for 2017! Mark your calendars and sign up in the church lobby, or contact Meg Wilkes to get involved.

March 23rd ~ Meet and Eat



Join us for a devotional moment and a meeting to discuss operating details including the Spring Yard Sale, budget information, and upcoming trip details. Then enjoy a COVERED DISH LUNCH in the MFC.

Meeting at 10:30 in Steve Camp classroom. Lunch to follow. Bring your favorite side dish and /or dessert to share!

April 27 ~ Visit to the *Billy Graham Library*



This is a trip so many of us have been interested in taking! Right around the corner we will find some of the most revered Religious Artwork and a rich history of the life and ministry of world renowned evangelist, Billy Graham. On this visit we will enjoy a self- paced tour with guides, lunch in the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar & browsing through the Ruth's Attic bookstore & gift shop. **We will leave the church at 9:00AM!** Mark your calendars!



Church Yard Sale

April 30 - May 6 ~

**Annual Forever Young & Friends
Spring Yard Sale**

This is the ONLY Forever Young fundraising event!

Our senior adult ministry operates out of its own budget and depends on the hard work of its participants as well as the generosity of the church family in making donations to this Spring Yard Sale.

(The Fall Yard Sale is sponsored and implemented by Forever Young, in conjunction with our Extravaganza Meal, but all proceeds are given to the church.)

Please mark your calendars and begin preparing for this exciting week of hard work and good fellowship. We will need volunteers to set up shop, receive items, price items, display items, load and unload items all week. On Friday and Saturday we will need volunteers to visit with our buying guests, collect sales, and help carry their goodies out – sometimes they need help with furniture and larger items. We will also be preparing food for our shoppers to purchase! Plan to attend the March meeting to sign up for your area of service. And begin this month putting your Yard Sale items aside to bring on April 30th.

June and July

Plans are in the works for two day trips up to the *Flat Rock Playhouse* in Hendersonville NC for some summer fun!

Come laugh with us as we enjoy two comedy productions, *A Tuna Christmas* and *The Dixie Swim Club*. Tickets are around \$40 a seat. Dates, times and details TBA.



August 7-10 ~ Festival of Wisdom and Grace



*Each summer Forever Young and Friends take the time to enjoy this spiritual retreat for senior adults. It has become a part of our continuing education and faith formation for a life time of growth and service. Porch rocking with glorious mountain views, hearty worship, good teaching, delicious food, great fellowship, prayer and reflection are all elements of this annual opportunity at beautiful **Lake Junaluska NC**. We hope*

*you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend this treasured event. The rates and details for 2017 are still forthcoming as we wait on the brochures, but **please sign up now** in the church lobby or call the church office to be included in the room reservation list. **These rooms go quickly!***



September 4 -7 ~ Fort Caswell “A Retreat by the Sea”

*We are trying something new again! In the past we have visited Springmaid Beach and Epworth by the Sea for our beach experience! This trip will be in Oak Island, North Carolina at a very unique location, Fort Caswell, which is an actual WWII Fort, some of which was even built during the Civil War. The history is rich, the surroundings are lovely and the cost is so reasonable! Accommodations are only \$42 per person- per night. Other expenses will include meals on site and in restaurants, including sandwich shops and local seafood, as well as admission prices for any special activities we plan. There are nice things to do in the area and plenty of relaxation! There are **only 44 spaces** reserved for our group. Please sign up now so that we can get an idea of how many rooms to pay for!*

We will send the deposit in by March 15!



October 1-7 ~ The Fall Yard Sale

November Activity ~ TBA

Sure to include seasonal favorites:

Apples! Spices! Friendship!



December 7-10 ~ Appalachian Christmas

Another Forever Young favorite in the Western North Carolina Mountains of Lake Junaluska, NC - SE Jurisdiction Conference and Retreat Center of The UMC.

Nostalgia, Appalachian hospitality, warmth, holiday charm...the Spirit of Christmas! We will enjoy good buffet style meals, the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show (showcasing dozens of local artisans), musical performances of Handel's *Messiah*, *The Cockman Family* and *The Lake Junaluska Singers*, and as always the fellowship of friends, old and new. So mark your calendars and look for details after summer!

