



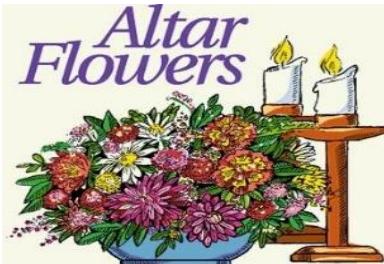
## "FUMC" BIBLE BITES

Gabriel is the angel that God sent to Nazareth to share the news with the virgin Mary that she would bear the son of God. Luke 1:23-33

The Board of Trustees is pleased to inform you of our Scholarship Fund for student members of Friendship United Methodist Church seeking post-secondary education, and who have achieved *second or fourth* year standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. *The deadline for submission of a completed application, with a copy of your transcripts, is January 28, 2018. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.* The award will be presented in February of each year to the qualifying student(s). For more information, see the Requirements and Application document, which is available on our website, or copies are available from the church office during office hours.



**Scripture Readers needed. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Dates available in 2017 & 2018!**



*The 2018 Flower calendar is in the glass case in the Narthex to sign for a Sunday you would like to place flowers on the altar tables in honor or memory of someone.*

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

<b>Sunday, December 3</b>		
Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee Hour Bible Study Sunday School Hanging of the Greens Youth Group Meeting	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 9:45-10:45 am 9:45-10:45 am 2:30-6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Bishop Warman Room Education Building Fellowship Hall, etc. Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, December 4</b>		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-7:30 pm 6:00-8:30 pm	Upper Narthex Music Room
<b>Tuesday, December 5</b>		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm	Music Room
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>		
Dorcas-Lydia Circle Christmas Lunch	12:00 noon	Traders Restaurant
<b>Thursday, December 7</b>		
"Christmas Gifts that Won't Break" Advent Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, December 8</b>		
Youth Group Babysitting	6-10:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>		
Children's Program Rehearsal Voices In Praise at Greenstreet Voices In Praise at All Saints	9:30 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm	Sanctuary Greenstreet Gardens All Saints Church
<b>Sunday, December 10</b>		
Bible Study Children's Christmas Program	9:45-10:45 am 7:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room Sanctuary

**HANGING OF THE GREENS TODAY -2:30-6:00 PM!**



The Dorcas-Lydia Circle Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 12 noon at Traders Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach.

## MYF Babysitting Night



Need more time to go Christmas shopping? Date night out? Let the youth group babysit! Donations to the youth group are appreciated!

Friday 12/08  
6:00 – 10:00 pm



Help Wanted! The Communications Committee seeks someone with graphic arts skills to assist Webmaster Tony Koziana and Facebook Editor Tiffany Miller with designing the routine announcements/ads included in these media. Please contact Fred Distler if you would be willing to share your gifts to help spread the word of upcoming events at FUMC!

**COMMITTEE CHATTER:** The Communications Committee presents the next installment of **COMMITTEE CHATTER**, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. Today's committee is the **Church Council**, which is the administrative body of the church. It is responsible for planning and implementing the programs and ministries of the church. It hears, discusses and acts on reports and proposals from the various committees and ministries of the church, which reports range from informing the council of recent events, future plans and requests for Council guidance. New ministries, opportunities and the use of church resources are discussed and voted on at Council meetings, which are open to all members of the church; however, only Council members may vote on presented issues. New projects, programs and ideas can be presented to the Council at its' monthly meetings. Advance notice of new business for discussion at a meeting is requested to afford Council members sufficient time to review and study such new item. The Chairman is Will Fowler, and meetings are conducted monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

USHERS AND ACOLYTES ARE  
NEEDED! PLEASE SIGN UP IN  
THE NARTHEX. *See Bonnie  
Revell for more information!*



**USHERS AND ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!**



## *Friendship Seniors Christmas Luncheon*

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

**12:00 noon**

*Friendship UMC Fellowship Hall*

*Sarah David, our volunteer Parish Nurse, will be in attendance to answer your health questions and take blood pressure checks.*

*We will also have special Christmas music.*

*Bonnie Revell and her Elves are preparing a lovely Christmas Luncheon—all we need is you!*

*RSVP to Bonnie Dean by Tuesday, December 12 \* 410-257-7133*

### **Christmas Food Baskets**



The FUMC Tabitha Circle is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to stuff Christmas Dinner Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, December 16. We will be accepting donations to purchase dinners for 80 local families, as well as boxes of candy canes to make the baskets festive. A donation of \$31.50 will provide a complete turkey and fixings dinner for a family of four. Your donations can be made payable to Friendship United Methodist Women and placed in the collection plate or in the basket in the Narthex, with donated boxes of candy canes placed in the box by the basket. Donations of toys for children of all ages will also be accepted. Those interested in sharing stuffing party fun should show up at St. James on December 16 after 7:15 a.m. and stay as long as possible to help fill the bags, load cars and share God's blessings with the less fortunate in our community. Call Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions.



## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

In keeping with the rest of the country, it's time to think about ordering the poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas season before Thanksgiving is over. This year we

are only offering 6 1/2" red poinsettias at \$9.00 each. Please fill in the order sheet (available in the narthex) and either place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. As always, you have the option of donating to SCAN in honor or memory of someone if you don't want a flower. The deadline for ordering is December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Marge Lewis (301-855-6497). The worship committee thanks you for placing poinsettias and flowers all through the year to beautify our Sanctuary.



## **Hanging on Through the Holidays...**

Christmas is a bright, festive celebration of Christ's birth, but for many it is sad, dark and lonely due to personal struggles or life circumstances and losses.

The Pastor and Stephen Ministers of **Friendship United Methodist Church** recognize that these emotional and spiritual feelings are raw and real. We would like to embrace those who need a "grace lift" during this Advent season.

A ***Blue Christmas*** service will be offered for those who wish to find solace.

**Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Friendship UMC is located just off the Rt. 2 circle in Friendship, MD at 22 W. Friendship Road  
Please contact the church office at 410-257-7133 with any questions.



Mark your calendars for Belize Navidad - dinner and a concert to support  
VIP's summer 2018 mission to Belize!

When: Sunday, January 7th. Dinner served 5-6:30pm, followed by  
the Voices in Praise Epiphany Concert at 7pm

Where: FUMC Friendship Hall (to be transformed into a tropical  
holiday paradise no matter how cold it is!)

Dinner cost: \$15/adults; \$10/kids 6-10; Free for kids under 6



The Sunday School is in need of teachers for the middle school and for the preschool classes. We are also in need of substitutes for all grades. Qualifications: Love of God and love of Children. If you are interested in helping with this important mission, please contact Mary Kauffman at [mary.kauffmanoo@gmail.com](mailto:mary.kauffmanoo@gmail.com) or [240-491-1280](tel:240-491-1280) to let her know. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration!

**ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions 2017:** Advent has begun! Advent is a time of anticipation as we prepare to celebrate God's wondrous love expressed in Jesus Christ. The glory of Advent is in the coming of our Lord Jesus. It is also a time to look within ourselves to see where our hearts and lives are focused. *Is the coming of Jesus the most important event in our lives? Do I have Christ in my heart?* **Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2017** contains brief readings for each day in Advent including a passage of Scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer. May it help us to prepare our hearts for the Coming One! Pick a copy for you and your family today. God bless our Advent journey!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Everyone is invited!  
Coffee hour to follow the program -  
bring a snack to share!



Through December 10, the Tabitha Circle is hosting a collection men's, women's and children's socks, as well as dish towels & cloths, all to benefit the Project ECHO Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick. Donations of such items can be placed in the box in the Narthex. The Tabitha Circle thanks you for helping to support the less fortunate in our Community this season.