

COMMITTEE CHATTER, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. **COMMITTEE CHATTER** highlights the **Tabitha Circle**, part of the United Methodist Women. The Circle raises funds to support local and conference missions, as well as meet specific needs of FUMC. The Circle regularly supports Safe Harbor Women's Shelter and Project ECHO Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick. Mission projects are conducted at the Circle's monthly meetings, along with prayer, devotions and fellowship. Circle fundraisers include the Annual Shrimp & Roast Beef Dinner and Farm Heritage Festival held in October, sales of White House Christmas ornaments sponsored in September and continuing sales of notecards and prints featuring a beautiful sketch of FUMC created by church member Ed Klahr. Shari Thorne-Sulima serves as President of the Tabitha Circle, and with the exception of its' Ladies' Night Out in April and Christmas Cookie Exchange in December, meetings are held the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Circle enjoys time off in June and July. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

"FUMC" BIBLE BITES

Depending on which verses of the Bible you read the **word** "love" was used between 131 to 319 times.



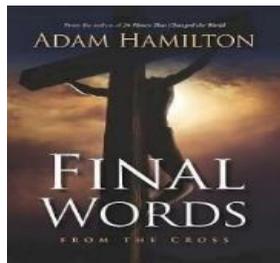
Design Development drawings have been completed by our architectural consultant. Prior to proceeding to the next phases of the renovation (Construction Documents, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction) the Church Council voted to proceed, on the recommendation from the Board of Trustees, once 75% of the projected budget of \$400,000.00 has been provided. This means that \$300,000.00 is to be in the church account prior to proceeding forward. At the present time the balance in the kitchen fund is \$114,706.00. Early summer is the timeframe for the council accepted plans to be submitted for permitting. However, this will be subject to the fulfillment of receiving 75% of the projected budget. Please keep this in your prayers and church giving considerations. Accepted plans for the kitchen are posted in the fellowship hall.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 25		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Health Info. & BP screening	9:30 & 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Wing
Middle School Retreat Meeting	12:15 pm	Sanctuary
Music Rehearsal (Sandy Griese)	1:00 pm	Music Room
Monday, February 26		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Belize Info. Meeting for New Singers	6:00 pm	Music Room
Voices In Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall/Music Room
Tuesday, February 27		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Thursday, March 1		
Lenten Study	7:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 2		
Middle School Retreat	t/b/d	
Saturday, March 3		
UMM Breakfast Meeting	8:00 am	Wagon Wheel Restaurant
Middle School Retreat	All Day	
Sunday, March 4		
Middle School Retreat	t/b/d	

Lent: A Journey with Jesus to the Cross and Beyond

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent, a time of repentance, a time of self-examination and preparation for the Easter. It offers a time and place for us to reflect honestly about our relationship with God and others. This Lent, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and Cabinet are calling upon the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to fast one day a week. *"We, God's children, want to get out of the realm of the physical to focus our attention on God and to shift attention from the immediate things that demand our energy and attention to who and what God is calling us to be."* May the Lord bless our Lenten journey!

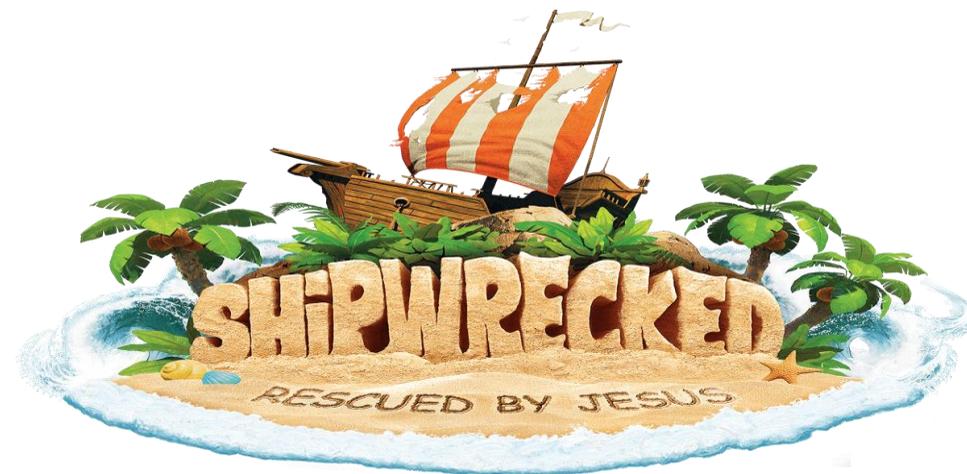


Rev. Oden Warman will be leading our Lenten Study Thursdays at 7 PM, Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22. We will be reading Final Words - from the cross by Adam Hamilton. It's about Jesus' words spoken from the cross. It includes first-person stories from the viewpoint of the characters at the cross. Together we will discover the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today.

FUMC is participating in the Christmas in April program through Calvert County in 2018. We are in need of volunteers to help with the project. The project includes replacing soffit, fascia, gutters, and downspouts, repairing a roof, painting, and landscaping, so we will need plenty of help. The project day is Saturday, April 28, 2018. Any volunteer must be at least 14 years of age. Please contact Ray Wilkerson at 410-257-6396 or rtwilk92@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.



The Board of Trustees Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00 am until 12 noon. Come out and lend a hand with various clean-up projects around the church. Many hands make light work! For more information, see Keith Ulrich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School ...

August 13-17, 2018. Volunteers are needed – contact Ev Klahr at 443-550-3209!



Scholarship Opportunity

REMINDER - The Baltimore-Washington Conference is offering college scholarships for the Fall 2018 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 7, 2018 through an online application system.** For additional information on requirements and qualifications, and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships/.