

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 18		
Morning Worship Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata during worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45-10:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Music Rehearsal (Sandy Griese, Emily Mudd)	2:00-4:00 pm	Music Room
Monday, December 19		
Private Voices Lessons	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tuesday, December 20		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, December 21		
Blue Christmas Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 22		
Voices In Praise at National Christmas Tree	6:00 pm	Washington, D.C.
Saturday, December 24		
Christmas Eve Service with music by Sanctuary Choir	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service with music by Voices In Praise	8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion	11:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, December 25		
<b>Christmas Day Worship – Unity Service</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Tuesday, December 27		
Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party	5:59 pm	Home of Ken & Faye Reynolds



The 2017 Flower Chart is in the glass case in the Narthex. **It's also the last day to place your order for poinsettias** to decorate the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Instead of the poinsettia, you can make a donation to SCAN.

Please see the "Christmas at Friendship UMC" flyer in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of any stores, POs, or other places that would allow us to post one of these flyers, please contact Jay Lounsbury, 410-257-5866 or [jaylounsbury@comcast.net](mailto:jaylounsbury@comcast.net). Thanks!



### ***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 Pastors 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. The date is **Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the 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 if you have any questions.*

**Ushers are needed for Christmas Eve. Four ushers are needed for each service. If you are available to usher at one of these services, please contact Bonnie Revell at 410-741-5268.**

**One worship service will be held on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary**

The Tabitha Circle proudly announces the sale of the pencil drawing of our new church elevation – beautifully created by Ed Klahr – available as a print (\$20/unframed) or in packs of notecards (\$5.00 for ten cards with envelopes). Please contact Shari Thorne-Sulima (301-261-9376) or any Tabitha Circle member to get a print and notecards in time for Christmas giving!



**The Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board has been updated with a message of Thanksgiving and Peace for the Advent Season. Please feel free to enjoy the takeaway card and leave a prayer of Peace as well.**



Sign-up sheets for 2017 scripture readers and communion helpers for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services are in the Narthex. Please take time to sign-up for a Sunday or two!



Please be sure to pick up your 2017 offering envelopes! They are located on a table in the front hall between the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.

# Voices In Praise FUNdraiser

## Thursday, January 5, 2017

11 am – Midnight (All day!)

The Greene Turtle

3213 Solomon's Island Rd, Edgewater, MD

Grab your friends and ring in 2017 with food and fun while supporting the Voices in Praise! Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Greene Turtle (Edgewater location) on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Just show the flyer (available in the narthex or go to [voicesinpraise.org](http://voicesinpraise.org) to download it on your phone), and 20% of ALL sales will be donated to support the music ministry of Voices in Praise. Please spread the word to help ensure a great turn-out for this event! **Sponsored by The Greene Turtle.**

# VOICES IN PRAISE

Epiphany Concert, Sunday, January 8, 2016 at 7 pm  
Friendship UMC Sanctuary

Followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Voices In Praise will present a concert on Sunday, January 8 at 7pm. Please come and enjoy their wonderful music! The concert features beloved holiday classics like *Carol of the Bells* and *O Holy Night*, along with new anthems, spirituals, and gospel selections. Celebrate all 12 days of Christmas and Epiphany with Voices In Praise!

## FRIENDSHIP ZONES

**Bonnie Revell, with the help of Bee Hobbs, is working on updating our Friendship Zone system. For those of you that are unfamiliar with the Friendship Zone system, it is a network of people assigned to zones that work together to provide refreshments for the wonderful Friendship Time each Sunday, and also to pass along communication about urgent prayer needs of members throughout our church congregation. ZONE LEADERS – please contact Bonnie Revell at 410-741-5268 to give her the names of people in your Zones. If you are not currently in a zone, but would like to be, please contact Bonnie Revell and she will get you added to one!**

FUMC is in search of a "Part-time Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator", who will coordinate a church pastoral ministry for children and youth. This individual will develop close communications with, and mutual support from, families of children/youth, as well as to collaborate with other community and church organizations and offices. *Full description available in the Fellowship Hall or contact the office for an electronic copy.*



Friendship Youth Group teens are doing a service project called "Backpacks of Love". It's a transition "kit" for children displaced from their homes, usually by social services. We are looking for:

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| backpacks (I got some for \$7 at Walmart and they have them for \$5 at Five Below!) | Socks/underwear   |
| New clothing (all sizes-kids and teens)   | Books             |
| Toothbrush/toothpaste   | Small toys        |
| Pajamas   | Kids soap/shampoo |

If anyone is looking to get involved in our project, please see Stephanie Coffman or contact her via email: [Sjc914@yahoo.com](mailto:Sjc914@yahoo.com).

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. Applicant must be enrolled in a Post-Secondary School (PSS) and be a student who has achieved second or fourth year standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. Such advanced training, whether it be academic, trade or technical, may be taken at any school approved by the B.O.T. The award will be presented in February of each year to the student(s) who have followed the outlined procedure and are chosen by the B.O.T. based on the factors listed in the Requirements and Application document available from the church office during office hours, or call the church office at 410-257-7133 and a copy can be sent to you electronically.

