



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 26th - 30th * 9:00 am. To 12:00 noon

Each summer Friendship United Methodist Church hosts a fun and spirit-filled week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for ages 3 through completion of 5th grade. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory and will excite kids to learn about God through games, interactive Bible stories, music and more. To register please use our church website www.friendshipmethodist.org. The cost is \$10.00 per child which buys a T-Shirt for your child or children. Hope to see you this summer.

Volunteers for Crew Leaders are still needed. Must have completed 6th grade or older.

Must enjoy working with children in small group settings.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE!

If you have any questions, please contact or call Ev Klahr at: 443-550-3209.



Christmas in April for the Cooks of Friendship! On April 29th those of us with more talent in the kitchen than with a hammer provide lunch for the Christmas in April workers and families living in the homes they are working on, and of course those of us serving the meal. Joyce Terry will be coordinating lunch. If you have a favorite dish you would like to prepare, step up now! If you can't go to the site, we will be collecting food at the church at 10:30 am. Contact Joyce at joyceterry@comcast.net or 301-855-2461 for more information.

The FLOWER CALENDAR still has a lot of open Sundays for placing flowers on the altar tables. The following dates are still available: June 25th; July 9, 16, 23, and 30th; August 20 and 27th; and September 17 and 24th. The calendar is in the glass case, on the wall, in the Narthex. If you have any questions, you can contact Marge Lewis at (301) 855-6497.



Altar Flowers



Practice for the Church softball league has begun on Monday nights at Wilkerson field from 5:30-7:30. Anyone interested can call Mike Edelen at 410-610-3030 or E-mail Norton1779@yahoo.com. Games are on Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening from April until July.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 9		
Morning Worship Bible Study Sunday School	8:30 am & 11:00 am 9:45 am 9:45 am	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Education Building
Monday, April 10		
Private Voice Lessons Handbell Choir Rehearsal VIP Rehearsals	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15pm 6:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom Upper Narthex Fellowship Hall & Music Room
Tuesday, April 11		
Children's Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30-7:00 pm 7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room Music Room
Wednesday, April 12		
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 13		
Community Maundy Thursday Service Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Wards UMC Friendship UMC Sanctuary
Friday, April 14		
Community Good Friday Service Community Good Friday Service Good Friday Service	12 noon 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	St. Edmonds UMC Mt. Hope UMC Friendship UMC Sanctuary
Saturday, April 15		
Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall, and Church grounds
Sunday, April 16		
Easter Sunrise Service Easter Morning Service – Voices In Praise NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN Easter Morning Service – Sanctuary Choir	6:30 am 8:30 am 11:00 am	Herrington Harbor South Friendship UMC Sanctuary Friendship UMC Sanctuary

Welcome Bags for Our Visitors: Welcome Friends! Friendship UMC is so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning! Please let an usher know if you are a new visitor - they have a welcome bag for you! Each bag contains information about the many programs and activities at FUMC, as well as special goodies. We hope you will visit with us and help us expand our circle of Friendship!

Children's Message Volunteer

Do you love working with FUMC's youngest members? If so, here is an opportunity just for you! Volunteers are sought to assist with the presentation of the Children's message. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex or see Pastor Wayne. The only requirements are a heart for children and a desire to share easy Bible lessons with them!



During Lent, we invite you to acknowledge what weighs us down (sin, guilt, apathy, unworthiness ...). What blocks your personal relationship with God? We invite you to visit the Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Repent by placing a symbolic nail into the burlap. Let it go, knowing the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Please also take away a Lenten Message Prayer Card".

Crafters "n" Friends will have their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12th from 10:00 to noon. This month we will make Easter Cards. All are welcome. Come join us. Contact Vera Pflum, 301-261-9469 or vpflum@msn.com.



The FUMC Tabitha Circle is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to stuff Easter Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, April 15. A donation of \$31.50 will provide a complete ham dinner with fixings 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. Also, we are seeking donations of chocolate Easter bunnies to help fill the baskets which can be placed in the chocolate rabbit "hutch" located in the Narthex. All are invited to help fill bags, load cars, and share

God's blessings at St. James on April 15 after 7:15 a.m. Call Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions.

**Grab your baskets and hop on over for an
EASTER EGG HUNT at FUMC
Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am**



ALL AGES! Please bring 10 filled eggs per child you are bringing. And please have them filled with a piece of candy, little prize or stickers, etc...

We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for a craft and light refreshments provided by the Sarah's Circle. The Easter Egg Hunt will go on rain or shine! And the plan is for the children to hunt for Easter eggs outside if the weather cooperates (if it is raining then we will hunt for eggs inside:-) We are looking for a few volunteers to help! If you are interested in helping or for more information, please contact: Stacy Church (stacychurch@gmail.com or [410-991-1033](tel:410-991-1033)), Sarah David (sarahcecile7@gmail.com or [571-216-9750](tel:571-216-9750)) or Erin Hitchman (erin_fowler5@hotmail.com or 410-257-6484).



Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and there are three Friendship UMC worship services that morning - 6:30 am Sunrise at Herrington Harbor South, 8:30 and 11:00 am. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN ON EASTER SUNDAY.** You are encouraged to come and participate in one of the wonderful traditions of Easter at Friendship Church - the flower-decorated Easter Sunday Cross. You are warmly invited to bring a handful or two of flowers on Easter Sunday, April 16th, to help decorate for our annual celebration of new life and resurrection at Easter. This is a joyful activity for children and families. Thank you for your participation!

**Wednesday, April 19
12:00 NOON**



Seniors' Lunch

All Seniors are invited to this free luncheon lovingly prepared by Bonnie Revell. Our program will be a time of sharing our memories of Friendship Church. This material will be used to help write the next chapter of our church's history. RSVP to Bonnie Dean at the church office – 410-257-7133 or bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org.



**Children's
Choir**

Friendship's children's choir has returned! All children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM until 7 PM. Holly Reynolds Lee will serve as the interim director and Sandy Griese will serve as the accompanist. If you have any questions, please contact Holly (301-728-1748 or Hollylee@gmail.com) or Sandy Melson Griese (443-968-2612 or smgriese42@gmail.com). We are looking for a permanent director for this ensemble. Please contact Jim Sulima (301-261-9376), Chair of the SPRC Committee if you are interested.

This year the Sunday School classes are participating in a Lenten Missions Project raising money to support Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, located in Owings, works to save neglected, abused, and unwanted horses that are typically difficult to adopt. These horses are often older, have sustained injuries, or developed chronic disease. **Our goal is to raise \$200 to purchase needed supplies and we are almost half-way there!**

