

“NOT MY CHILD”



The Office of County Executive Steve Schuh
Anne Arundel County

Presents

A Community Conversation

for Parents and Children (3rd Grade +)

about

Substance Misuse in OUR Community

A candid discussion to understand.....

Substance misuse **IS** in your neighborhood. It is in **ALL** communities. **AWARENESS** is the first and most important step in **PREVENTION**. Learn how to avoid the most common trap into which parents fall “**NOT MY CHILD**”and save a loved one’s life.

Friendship United Methodist Church

22 W. Friendship Road, Friendship, MD

August 29, 2018

6:30 p.m. (Not My Child Video followed by Panel Discussion)

Anyone needing accommodations or additional information regarding the event contact Sarah David at 410-257-7133 or nurse@friendshipmethodist.org at least 7 days prior to the event. TYY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 19		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, August 20		
Tabitha Circle Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, August 25		
FUMC Night Out at Bowie Baysox	6:30 pm	Mt at FUMC at 5:15 to carpool
Sunday, August 26		
Health Information & Blood Pressure Screening Music Room Reserved	9:30 am & 12 noon 1:00-5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall For Sandy Griese
Monday, August 27		
Voices In Praise Rally Night Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall, Music Room Upper Narthex
Tuesday, August 28		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, August 29		
“Not My Child” Presentation	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall



FUMC Night Out
Saturday 8/25

Game at 6:30pm

Fireworks to follow

Meet at the church 5:15pm if you'd like to carpool

For tickets contact Courtney Eversfield

(cymc@friendshipmethodist.org)

Vacation Bible School Attendees

Elena Alexander
 Mason Aroom
 Matteo Brewer
 Claire Brumley
 Colin Brumley
 Evah Case
 Klara Case
 Rylee Case
 Anna Church
 Lila Church
 Marti Ann Cowger
 Brenna Cranford
 Hilo Dang
 Ruby Dang
 Caroline David
 Lillian David
 Hazel Dionne
 Theo Do racco
 Abigail Doyle
 Logan Doyle
 Trent Doyle
 Addison Duignan
 Declan Duignan
 Alaina Green
 Zachary Green
 Jonah Gresko
 Katya Hawe
 Rebecca Heyer
 Seth Heyer
 Collin Hitchman
 Eric Hitchman
 Nathan Hitchman
 Claira Hoecherl
 Andy Hurley

Maddie Hurley
 Millie Jernigan
 Gemma Julian
 Rosella Julian
 Tori Keller
 Eden Klahr
 Levi Klahr
 Alexis Koziana
 Georgia Lee
 Miller Lee
 Stella Lennon
 Demetri Malamis
 Zoe Malamis
 John Mathers
 Katie Mathers
 Sarah Mathers
 Olivia Mills
 Joey Page
 Kristianne Page
 Jacob Phelps
 Luke Phelps
 Amelia Piper
 Autumn Piper
 Steven Shefka
 Julius Taulbee
 Autumn Trickle
 Cara Trickle
 Catherine Venters
 Charlie Venters
 Lily Whitehouse
 Logan Whitehouse
 Rippon Whitehouse
 Caroline Wingate
 Jackson Wingate

Teen Lifeline, 602-248-8336 (TEEN) or 1-800-248-8336 (TEEN)	Call 211 to speak with an agent to find support for someone who is having suicidal thoughts or in crisis.
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255	The Crisis Text Line (741741) provides counseling through texts with volunteers who offer collaborative problem solving.
The Maryland Crisis Hotline operates 24/7 (1-800-422-0009).	Suicide Resource Center (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)
The Maryland chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention provides support through resources, phone numbers and links to mental health professionals.	

Let's support our young people and assist them in any way that we can by having an open dialogue on mental health issues, discussing available resources, and praying for their needs and emotional well-being.

Connie M. Ulrich

 <h3>Upcoming Events</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ August 26th: Health Information Table and Blood Pressure Screenings, 9:30am & 12pm, Fellowship Hall ➤ August 29th: "Not My Child" Program on Substance Misuse Prevention, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall 	<h3>Health Questions? Requests for Information? Suggestions for Health Ministry?</h3> <p>Please contact Sarah David (volunteer parish nurse) Email: nurse@friendshipmethodist.org</p>
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Teen Suicide: What Can We Do to Help Our Young People?

The teen suicide rate is a national crisis. Did you know that suicide is the “second leading cause of death for 10-to-24-year-olds, and the sixth leading cause of death for 5-to-14-year-olds?” (https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Families_and_Youth/Resource_Centers/Suicide_Resource_Center/Home.aspx). And, about 17% of Maryland high school students have contemplated suicide with Anne Arundel County reporting the sixth highest rate of suicide in the State (<https://www.aahealth.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/07/YouthSuicideReport2012-2016.pdf>).

The pressures of school, family life, transitions from one school to another, college, or work life, or other issues can weigh heavily on the minds of our young people. Sometimes the perceived failures and rejections in one’s life, bullying by others (including cyberbullying), exposure to daily violence, or even substance abuse issues can lead to suicide attempts; and although girls are more likely to attempt suicide, boys account for a large percentage of suicide deaths (<http://www.teensuicidestatistics.com>). It has been said that the younger generation are the future; indeed, we as church members want our young people to grow and achieve their goals, aspirations, and ultimate God-given potential. So, what can we do as church members to help our youth and to address any immediate mental health concerns? We can do a lot! We can:

- **Talk about suicide:** It is okay to have a conversation about suicide. We can directly ask our youth if they have ever had suicidal thoughts or felt as though they didn’t want to live anymore. Having an open, honest, and transparent dialogue on sensitive topics, such as suicide, is one way to help young people express their concerns and find them immediate help if needed.
- **Observe behaviors:** We can also observe the behaviors of our young people. Do we notice any changes in the teen’s attitude or behavior that might cause alarm? Again, it is okay to ask if a young person is feeling sad, lonely, depressed, angry, or any other emotion that might affect their overall well-being. (https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Families_and_Youth/Resource_Centers/Suicide_Resource_Center/Home.aspx). A physical illness (for example, cancer, diabetes, broken bones or some other type of injury or disease) might also interfere with the teen’s daily life activities that can affect his or her mental health. We can ask how the teen is doing and work with Courtney Eversfield (Youth Director) to address any needs.
- **Be open: kindness, compassion, and genuine concern** sounds simplistic, but it is an important caring message to young people who are struggling with mental health issues. They need to know that we will be there for them in a time of crisis. This includes being aware of the mental health resources that can provide immediate help and assistance for anyone with suicidal thoughts.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Diane Alexander
LaVonne Alston
Emily Anderson
Joshua Anderson
Megan Arnold
Meredith Burgess
Shelby Caruso
Madeline Case
Sarah David
Tabitha Dean
Abigail Elliott
Sharon Fowler
Dylan Fredericks
Kathy Frost
Sean Glasier
Katelyn Grierson
Harley Grierson
Ben Griese
Christine Griffin
Cate Hall
Nadia Hawe
Jake Heyer
Erin Hitchman
Michael Hitchman
Elizabeth Hopper
Ev Klahr
Linda Kovacs

Brittany Koziana
Kathryn Lawless
Marjorie Lewis
Destiny Lewis
Diamond Lewis
Brooke Miller
Olivia Miller
Morgan Miller
Sue Muller
Gwendolyn Myers
Judith Oller
Kay Page
Susan Page
Christine Piper
Juanita Ridenour
Troy Sanders
Sarah Smith
Tyler Stacey
Rev. Don Stewart
Noah Taulbee
Eric Trickle
Joshua Trickle
Jamie Trickle
Jonathan Wilkerson
Karen Young
Pastor Tom Young
Missy Zentz



The FUMC HOME Team is planning for ASP Summer 2019. Since 1969, Appalachian Service Project (ASP) has been making homes *warmer, safer,* and *drier* for families and has provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. FUMC has participated in this wonderful ministry for over 15 years. We are looking for youth and adult volunteers who are interested in joining us on this wonderful mission trip to help those in need in Appalachia. We are targeting the first week of July 2019. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chuck Muller (chuck.muller@ngc.com) by August 31st so we can make our commitment to ASP.

Voices In Praise will kick off the 2018 - 2019 year with a rally on Monday, August 27 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Friendship UMC: [22 W. Friendship Road, Friendship, MD 20758](http://www.friendshipumc.org). All students in Grades 6-12 are welcome! We'll have games, snacks, and awesome music.

Voices In Praise rehearses on Monday nights and performs for worship services, concerts, and community events. If you love to sing, if you have a heart for serving others, and if you want to have fun—we may be the group for you. For more info, please contact VIP Director Holly Reynolds Lee ([301-728-1748](tel:301-728-1748); HollyRLee@gmail.com).



The Christmas in April program is participating in the United Way's Day of Caring. They will be working on 3 projects on Sept. 12, 13, & 14 at the Friendly Adult Day Care Center in Huntingtown, the HELP Association in Owings, and an individual home to be determined. Current work scope includes updating a bathroom, replacing ceiling tile, replacing lights with LED lighting, interior /exterior painting, installing security cameras, constructing storage shelves, and yard work, so all skill sets are welcome and needed. Anyone interested in participating in any part of these 3 days, can contact me at rtwilk92@yahoo.com or 410-257-6396.

Tabitha Circle Pre-Orders for White House Christmas Ornaments - \$23.50 each



The Tabitha Circle is accepting pre-orders for the 2018 White House Christmas Ornament. The cost of each ornament will be \$23.50. Please let Karen Boyd know by September 2 if you would like to place an order (202-253-7891 or karen.d.boyd@verizon.com).



The 2018 Ornament honors Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States. This ornament is designed to illustrate three significant changes made by him during his administration, one to the Presidential Seal, and two to the White House itself. One side of the ornament features his celebrated Truman Balcony, and the other side features his renovated Blue Room.



Annual Churchwide Picnic

On Sunday, September 9th we will have a combined church service at 10:00 with the picnic immediately following. All members and friends are invited to stay and enjoy friendship and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and church members are asked to bring a side and/or dessert to share.

Dress casual and relax and enjoy.

There will be a moon bounce for the kids too!

An Opportunity to Serve!

Do you love children? Do you want to help them learn about God and Jesus? We're looking for additional Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the coming year. Please contact Ruth Bailey (cell: 904-553-2691, email: RuthBaileyArt@gmail.com)



CHOIR REHEARSALS to begin
August 27th Handbells – 6:30 pm Upper Narthex
VIPs – 6:30-8:30 Rally Night Music Room
August 28th – Sanctuary Choir 7:15-8:45 pm Music Room



Rev. Young can be reached at the church office, 410 257 7133; parsonage 443 646 5653; e-mail revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org

Please do not assume that Rev. Tom knows about those in the hospital or who are sick. He would rather have many phone calls, and/or e-mails about the same situation than not to get any at all.

Thanks, Tom Young

TOM'S EPISTLE – August 19, 2018

Greetings:

Throughout the years I have taken many opportunities to write a letter to the church. These letters have been referred to as “Tom’s Epistle” by colleagues, church members, and friends. I write these epistles as a way of communicating in a basic format.

At the recent Church Council meeting I presented a plan to move forward with the relationship between Friendship United Methodist Church and Voices In Praise, Incorporated. There was no vote taken. I asked that the council be willing to, by consensus, move forward. That is what happened.

This ongoing struggle had been happening for some time. As I spent time discerning my presentation, I used John Wesley’s way of discernment – scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. I had advice and guidance from different Conference Superintendents, many e-mails and conversations from members, facts gathered, Church law, and state law interpretations. And of course, I spent time with God, walking with Jesus, wrestling with different scenarios. I feel that what we are doing is a step forward.

But, there is a great deal of hurt. I now want to begin healing. Friendship United Methodist Church must in some ways reinvent itself. Friendship Church needs return to the basics of being a church – making disciples for Jesus Christ.

It is my hope to begin working on returning this church to its understanding of love, healing, service, proclamation, and of course repentance and forgiveness. In the weekly bulletin and soon in other means of communicating we will begin sharing plans for events, happenings, special services to build up our strength in the Lord.

This begins by re-establishing the work of our committees starting with the Lay Leadership Committee. To build our spiritual power we must Celebrate our ministries such as the Stephen Ministry, missions and outreach. We must Promote and fully support our Methodist Youth Fellowship.

It means special worship services such as First Responders Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints, Veterans Day, and so on, reaching out and inviting in the community.

All of this takes planning surrounded by direct action implementing our spiritual love and service for the glory of God.

In this modern age, the church must pick up the beat and be strong in its witness to the Lord.

In your everyday prayer time I am asking you to lift up Friendship Church, all of its members, all of its ongoing ministries and all of the new ministries yet to begin.

Below there is a list of dates for you to consider and pray about.

August 25: FUMC Night Out at The Ballgame!

August 26: FUMC Health Sunday – Hug a Nurse!

August 27: Hand bells – start ringing!

August 28: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 29: “Not My Child” Drug abuse program

September 2: Labor Day Sunday – The Gift of Work!

September 5: Trustees Meet

September 8: 7 a.m. UMM Breakfast JT’s Kitchen

September 9: Church Picnic – one service at 10 a.m.

(This is also Grandparent’s Day!)

There is a lot more information in other places of the worship bulletin. Why not check it out and begin praying how you can get involved with Friendship Church.

We are just getting started!

Rev. Tom Young, Jr.