



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 are still needed for the following positions: [Imagination Station Leader Assistant](#)

- High School age or older. No preparation needed. Helps the Station Leader. [Crew Leaders](#) – 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.

The Board of Trustees Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 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.



FUMC is participating in the Calvert County Christmas in April program on April 29, 2017 and we are in need of volunteers (min. age 14) to help with the projects. Please contact Ray Wilkerson (410-257-6396 or rtwilk92@yahoo.com) or Chuck Muller (301-855-8688 or scmuller@verizon.net) to sign up as a volunteer.

Christmas in April for the Cooks of Friendship! Those of us with more talent in the kitchen than with a hammer provide lunch for the 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.

SCAN food pantry, located at St. James Episcopal Church, is looking for adult volunteers willing to help one Saturday morning per month. If you are interested and available, please contact Trish Pumphrey (SCAN food pantry volunteer coordinator) at richardpumphrey@comcast.net for more information.



THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 19		
Morning Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Sunday School	9:45 am	Education Building
Monday, March 20		
Private Voice Lessons	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15pm	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices in Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Lay Leadership Development Comm. Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday, March 21		
Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:30-7:00 pm	Music Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
SPPRC Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Wednesday, March 22		
Community Lenten Service	7:00 pm	Calvert Fellowship
Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 23		
Lenten Study (see announcement)	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
New Member Class – "Local Church 101:	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Friday, March 24		
Voices In Praise Retreat	6:30 pm	Education Bldg., Fellowship Hall, Music Room
Saturday, March 25		
Voices In Praise Retreat	Until 12 noon	Educat. Bldg, Fello. Hall, Music Room
Mini Leadership Retreat	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 26		
Voices In Praise Casual for the Choir	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 27		
VIP Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall, Music Room
Finance Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room

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".

The H.O.M.E. Team is getting ready for the 2017 ASP

mission trip this summer (July 2 through July 8). TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER! Applications are available in the Fellowship Hall or online on our website: www.friendshipmethodist.org.



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!



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 Tabitha Circle is gathering on Monday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be assembling Spring dish gardens, with plants, potting soil, decorations and accessories being provided. Participants should bring two flower pots--one for you and one to assemble for an FUMC shut-in. Additionally, we will be assembling plastic pots with artificial flowers for shut-ins at facilities where live plants and/or glass containers are prohibited. All women of Friendship (and friends, too!) are invited to join us and share the fun and fellowship. Please contact Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions.

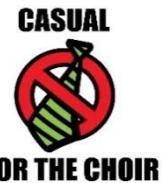


The Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Awareness Committee Presents: "End Addiction Forum Series & Prescription Drop-Offs"

March 22, 2017 6:30-8:30 pm (more dates to come)
End Addiction Forum: Signs & Symptoms

Each forum will consist of qualified speakers as well as a question and answer portion. Individual Naloxone trainings will also be available for those interested. Light refreshments will be served.

Northeast Community Center, Room A



MARCH 26 IS CASUAL FOR THE CHOIR AT FRIENDSHIP! THE WHOLE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO "DRESS DOWN TO HELP THE CHOIR DRESS UP!" COME TO CHURCH IN YOUR SUPER COMFY CASUAL CLOTHES AND IN EXCHANGE, MAKE A DONATION TO THE VIP UNIFORM FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF VOICES IN PRAISE!

Friendship Stephen Ministry will be offering a Lenten Labyrinth Meditation in the fellowship hall on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10 am until 1 pm.

Walking a labyrinth has much in common with the old 13th century practice of making a symbolic spiritual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In this experience we are encouraged to leave behind our customary activities and preoccupations to cultivate a sense of expectancy, to be open to the possible transforming power of the "Holy". The labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation, consisting of a winding path that begins at the periphery and leads to the center space and then out again by the same path.

This walk can bring blessings, repentance, and renewal back into our everyday lives. May your journey of faith be a pilgrimage rich in surprises drawing you ever near to Jesus Christ.



Easter Baskets for Neighbors In Need

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.



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.