

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 18		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
ROCK Interest Meeting	10:00 am	Back of Fellowship Hall
Middle School Trip Interest Mtg.	12:15 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday School Teacher Training	12:30-1:30 pm	t/b/d
Confirmation Class	5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 19		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Inc. Rehearsals	6:30pm	Music Room
Communications Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm	Older Adult Classroom
SPPRC Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday, November 20		
<b>NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>		
Sunday, November 25		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Health Info. & BP Screening	9:30 am & 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Confirmation Class	5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 26		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall & Music Room

Courtney Eversfield, our Children's & Youth Ministry Coordinator, is busy planning the middle school and high school youth retreats. For more information and/or to sign-up please contact Courtney at [cymc@friendshipmethodis.org](mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodis.org). Cost to attend these trips increases on November 25<sup>th</sup> – be sure to sign-up ASAP!



The Middle School Retreat is scheduled for January 18-20, 2019 at High Point Camp in Pennsylvania. An information meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

ROCK 2019, the High School Retreat, is scheduled for February 8-10, 2019 in Ocean City, Maryland. An information meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 10:00 am at the back of the Fellowship Hall.



### Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00pm

The time has come for us to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Please help us join in the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Church at 410-991-1033.

**Our Presence:** Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 66  
Worship Attendance Last Sunday 216 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 198

**Our Gifts:** Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. **Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!**

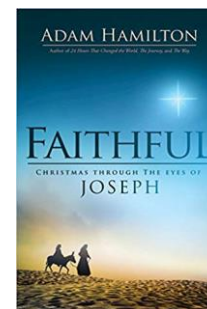
### Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-October 2018					
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %		
General Fund	\$273,871	\$294,694	(\$20,823)	-7%		
Missions Fund	\$19,544	\$20,124	(\$580)	-3%		
P&I Fund	\$21,388	\$13,802	\$7,586	55%		
Building Fund	\$53,333	\$48,296	\$5,037	10%		
Kitchen Fund	\$24,474	\$8,325	\$16,149	194%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	20	Other	6	YTD Cereal	1,182

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$140,695/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$284,593 as of October 31, 2018

### Four Week Advent Study led by Rev. Oden Warman

“Faithful Through the Eyes of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton  
Study will begin on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many books to order.



The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. We will explore what we can learn about God, about ourselves and about the meaning of Christmas from Joseph's perspective.

### Kids Paint Night - Saturday 12/1 \* 3:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Paint Night! All supplies are provided! Please wear paint friendly clothes. Open to all!





## 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. **Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the FUMC 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 with any questions.*

## SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a Children's Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The details of the service are being finalized! Would you like to sing a solo for the children? We are also looking for someone who would like to read a book to the children! If you would like to help with this service, please contact Stacy Church (410-991-1033).



STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading), a program focused on getting 2nd graders reading at or above grade level, will be implemented at Lothian Elementary for the second half of the school year. Volunteer tutors are being sought to support this important program. Sessions will be held after school, 4:00-5:00 pm, on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting January 16. Tutors may sign up for both days, one day, or as a substitute, and are provided both training and curriculum. Most importantly, to be a tutor, you just need to have a love of children and interest in helping a struggling 2nd grader learn valuable reading skills. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding and exciting program or would like additional information, please contact Dave Williamson, Lothian Site Coordinator, at 410-257-9163 or at [david-williamson@comcast.net](mailto:david-williamson@comcast.net). The first training is scheduled for December 12, so please express your interest soon!

Through December 9<sup>th</sup> the Tabitha Circle is hosting a collection of men's, women's and children's socks and underwear to benefit the Project ECHO Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick. They are also in need of travel size items such as shampoo, conditioner, etc., the size you would get in hotels. Donations of such items can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall. The Tabitha Circle thanks you for helping to support the less fortunate in our Community this season.



## Support the Youth Fall Service Project to benefit



The Light House has provided emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and related support services to people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Anne Arundel County for almost 30 years.

Donations for: Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Baby Wipes, Shaving Cream, and Men's & Women's Razors will be collected until December 1.



Birthright is an agency for pregnant women, located in Prince Frederick. Their services are always free, confidential and non-judgmental. They provide

information about Pregnancy, Childbirth, Adoption, Prenatal Care, Community Programs, Parenting Skills, and Child Care. They provide Referrals for Medical Support, Financial Resources, Housing, Legal, Social Assistance, Professional Counseling, maternity and baby clothes, and the below items.

Diapers (Newborn - size 4), New diaper bags, Wipes, Baby wash, Baby shampoo, Baby lotion, Diaper ointment, Similac formula, New baby bottles, Baby food (stage 1 and 2), New or gently used infant clothes (size 0 - 24M / 2T), New or gently used baby blankets, Receiving blankets, Crib sheets, Maternity clothes new or gently used. **There will be a box for donations in the Fellowship Hall.**

70 people entered Egypt and was greeted by Joseph who was already there. Exodus covers the period from the arrival of Jacob (1875 B.C.) to the erecting of the Tabernacle in the wilderness 431 years later. (1445 B.C.)





## GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE

Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, November 27, 2018. United Methodists will extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season as they #GiveUMC to advance ministry in our community and around the world. Last year on #GivingTuesday, United Methodists collectively raised more than \$677,000 online for projects and missionaries.

This year, FUMC's Missions Team is will augment donations you make from now through December 3 to The Advance and select local nonprofits. Missions has set aside up to \$5,000 for this giving initiative and challenges all of you get involved in Giving Tuesday. Give a gift and Missions Committee will give one too!

### **Step 1: Decide whether you want to give to The Advance or a local nonprofit.**

What is The Advance? The Advance is an official program of The United Methodist Church for voluntary, designated, second-mile giving. Through The Advance, individuals and families may choose to support mission programs or mission personnel with their financial gifts. Each Advance project has been vetted and approved by Global Ministries and Advance staff. The Advance allocates 100% of all giving to the designated project or missionary.

FUMC's Missions Team selected local nonprofits to be part of our Giving Tuesday Initiative:

1. Breakfast Club (Mt. Zion UMC)
2. Calvert Hospice, Inc.
3. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry of Anne Arundel County
4. Home Team/ASP of Friendship UMC
5. Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc.
6. Project Echo, Inc.
7. Relay for Life (American Cancer Society, Inc.)
8. Safe Harbor
9. South County Assistance Network, Inc.
10. Voices In Praise, Inc.
11. Volunteers In Mission – Zimbabwe Trip (Community UMC)

### **Step 2: Make your donation.**

To give through The Advance, view the projects online at <https://www.umcmmission.org/Giving-Tuesday> and make your donation. If you're unsure about how to navigate the website, FUMC Youth will have laptops and be available to assist you after worship on Nov. 25 and Dec. 3.

To give to a local nonprofit, make a check payable to FUMC, write the name of the nonprofit on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. FUMC will direct 100% of gifts to the designated nonprofits.

Step 3: Tell us about your donation. This information will help us get an idea of what kinds of Missions our congregation supports.

If you're giving through The Advance, there is a place to enter our church name, city, and state. Please fill in those details. After you've made your donation, please forward your receipt to [Missions@FriendshipMethodist.org](mailto:Missions@FriendshipMethodist.org) so that we're aware of your gift.

If you're giving to local nonprofits, you can skip this step. Because you're writing a check to FUMC, we'll have the necessary details about your gift.

Thank you for getting involved in Giving Tuesday! Missions can't wait to see what projects, nonprofits, and missionaries you choose to support with your financial gifts. *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*