



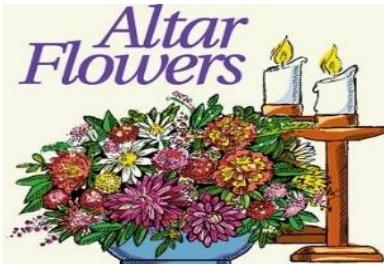
## “FUMC” BIBLE BITES

Did God create dinosaurs? There is no mention of dinosaurs in the Bible. However, in Creation there, there are many creatures that were not mentioned by name but do exist.

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, and who have achieved *second or fourth* year standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. *The deadline for submission of a completed application, with a copy of your transcripts, is January 28, 2018. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.* The award will be presented in February of each year to the qualifying student(s). For more information, see the Requirements and Application document, which is available on our website, or copies are available from the church office during office hours.



**Scripture Readers needed. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Dates available in 2017 & 2018!**



*The 2018 Flower calendar is in the glass case in the Narthex to sign for a Sunday you would like to place flowers on the altar tables in honor or memory of someone.*

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26		
Morning Worship Bible Study Sunday School ROCK Interest Meeting St. James 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Messiah Sing A Long	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45-10:45 am 9:45-10:45 am 12:15 pm 4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Education Building Sanctuary St. James Parish
Monday, November 27		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal Voices In Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-7:30 pm 6:00-8:30 pm	Upper Narthex Music Room
Tuesday, November 28		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, November 29		
Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 30		
“Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break” Advent Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 1		
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen reserved for private Christmas Function		Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Saturday, December 2		
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen reserved for private Christmas Function		Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Sunday, December 3		
Sunday School Coffee Hour Bible Study Youth Group Meeting	9:45 am 9:45-10:45 am 6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Bishop Warman Room Fellowship Hall



# Paws for a Cause



November is the youth group service project month! All donations will benefit the Humane Society of Calvert County. We will be collecting items from the "Kennel Wish List" until 11/27/17.

Kennel wish list:

Puppy food  
Canned Pedigree dog food  
Purina ProPlan, Rachel Ray or Natures balance 25lb dry dog food  
Peanut butter  
Bleach  
Paper towels  
Bottled water for dog walkers  
Dream bones  
Milk bones  
Kongs  
Slip leads  
Martingale collars  
Heavy duty trash bags  
Canned cat food  
Scoopable Kitty litter



**Drop off boxes are located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.**

If you would like to help out or have any questions contact Courtney!  
[cymc@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodist.org)



The Men's group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am at Dockside Restaurant in Deale, MD. Hope to see you there!

**COMMITTEE CHATTER:** The Communications Committee presents the next installment of **COMMITTEE CHATTER**, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. Today's committee is the **Cemetery Committee**, which is part of the Board of Trustees. Work of this committee includes maintaining the church cemetery, including grass cutting and trimming, tree care and tombstone upkeep and maintaining appropriate bank accounts for payment of such upkeep; maintaining the plot records and determining if plots are for sale; planning and implementing the Annual Ham & Oyster Dinner held the first Saturday in November to raise funds for cemetery preservation; and providing required regular reports. The Chairman is Bob Wilson, and the committee meets as necessary. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne.



Help Wanted! The Communications Committee seeks someone with graphic arts skills to assist Webmaster Tony Koziana and Facebook Editor Tiffany Miller with designing the routine announcements/ads included in these media. Please contact Fred Distler if you would be willing to share your gifts to help spread the word of upcoming events at FUMC!

**USHERS AND ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED! PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. See Bonnie Revell for more information!**





## *Friendship Seniors Christmas Luncheon*

*Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
12:00 noon*

*Friendship UMC Fellowship Hall*

*Sarah David, our volunteer Parish Nurse, will be in attendance to answer your health questions and take blood pressure checks.*

*We will also have special Christmas music.*

*Bonnie Revell and her Elves are preparing a lovely Christmas Luncheon—all we need is you!*

*RSVP to Bonnie Dean by Tuesday, December 12 \* 410-257-7133*

### **Christmas Food Baskets**



The FUMC Tabitha Circle is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to stuff Christmas Dinner Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, December 16. We will be accepting donations to purchase dinners for 80 local families, as well as boxes of candy canes to make the baskets festive. A donation of \$31.50 will provide a complete turkey and fixings dinner

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, with donated boxes of candy canes placed in the box by the basket. Donations of toys for children of all ages will also be accepted. Those interested in sharing stuffing party fun should show up at St. James on December 16 after 7:15 a.m. and stay as long as possible to help fill the bags, load cars and share God's blessings with the less fortunate in our community. Call Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions



## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

In keeping with the rest of the country, it's time to think about ordering the poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas season before Thanksgiving is over. This year we

are only offering 6 1/2" red poinsettias at \$9.00 each. Please fill in the order sheet (available in the narthex) and either place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. As always, you have the option of donating to SCAN in honor or memory of someone if you don't want a flower. The deadline for ordering is December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Marge Lewis (301-855-6497). The worship committee thanks you for placing poinsettias and flowers all through the year to beautify our Sanctuary.



## **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 Pastor 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 December 20<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.



Mark your calendars for Belize Navidad - dinner and a concert to support VIP's summer 2018 mission to Belize!

When: Sunday, January 7th. Dinner served 5-6:30pm, followed by the Voices in Praise Epiphany Concert at 7pm

Where: FUMC Friendship Hall (to be transformed into a tropical holiday paradise no matter how cold it is!)

Dinner cost: \$15/adults; \$10/kids 6-10; Free for kids under 6



The Sunday School is in need of teachers for the middle school and for the preschool classes. We are also in need of substitutes for all grades. Qualifications: Love of God and love of Children. If you are interested in helping with this important mission, please contact Mary Kauffman at [mary.kauffmanoo@gmail.com](mailto:mary.kauffmanoo@gmail.com) or [240-491-1280](tel:240-491-1280) to let her know. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration!

**ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions 2017:** Advent starts in a week! Advent is a time of anticipation as we prepare to celebrate God's wondrous love expressed in Jesus Christ. The glory of Advent is in the coming of our Lord Jesus. It is also a time to look within ourselves to see where our hearts and lives are focused. *Is the coming of Jesus the most important event in our lives? Do I have Christ in my heart?* **Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2017** contains brief readings for each day in Advent including a passage of Scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer. May it help us to prepare our hearts for the Coming One! Pick a copy for you and your family today. God bless our Advent journey!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Everyone is invited!  
Coffee hour to follow the program -  
bring a snack to share!



Through December 10, the Tabitha Circle is hosting a collection men's, women's and children's socks, as well as dish towels & cloths, all to benefit the Project ECHO Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick. Donations of such items can be placed in the box in the Narthex. The Tabitha Circle thanks you for helping to support the less fortunate in our Community this season.