



## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rtwilk92@yahoo.com)) or Chuck Muller (301-855-8688 or [scmuller@verizon.net](mailto:scmuller@verizon.net)) to sign up as a volunteer.

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](mailto:richardpumphrey@comcast.net) for more information.



## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

| Sunday, March 12   |   |  |
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| Sunday morning Worship<br>VIP at St. James Episcopal Church<br>Bible Study: Book of Isaiah, Chapter 12<br>Sunday School for All<br>Youth Group Meeting | 8:30 am & 11:00 am<br>9:00 & 11:00 am<br>9:45 am<br>9:45 am<br>6:30-8:00 pm | Sanctuary<br>St.James Parish, Lothian<br>Bishop Warman Room<br>Education Building<br>Fellowship Hall |
| Monday, March 13   |   |  |
| Private Voice Lessons<br>Handbell Choir Rehearsal<br>Voices in Praise Rehearsals<br>Stephen Ministry Meeting   | 5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15pm<br>6:30 pm<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>7:00 pm                 | Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom<br>Upper Narthex<br>Music Room<br>Older Adult Classroom                 |
| Tuesday, March 14  |   |  |
| Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  | 6:30-7:00 pm<br>7:15-8:45 pm  | Music Room<br>Music Room   |
| Wednesday, March 15  |   |  |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting<br>Community Lenten Worship Service<br>New Member Class – “United Methodism 101”   | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:30 pm   | Fellowship Hall<br>Coopers UMC<br>Bishop Warman Room   |
| Thursday, March 16   |   |  |
| Lenten Study (see announcement)  | 7:00 pm   | Fellowship Hall  |
| Sunday, March 19   |   |  |
| Morning Worship<br>Bible Study<br>Sunday School  | 8:30 & 11:00 am<br>9:45 am<br>9:45 am                                       | Sanctuary<br>Bishop Warman Room<br>Education Building  |
| Monday, March 20   |   |  |
| Tabitha Circle Meeting<br>Lay Leadership Development Comm. Meeting   | 7:00 pm<br>7:30 pm  | Fellowship Hall<br>Bishop Warman Room  |
| Tuesday, March 21  |   |  |
| SPPRC Meeting  | 7:30 pm   | Bishop Warman Room   |
| Wednesday, March 22  |   |  |
| Church Council Meeting   | 7:30 pm   | Fellowship Hall  |

**Welcome Bags for Our Visitors:** Welcome Friends! Friendship UMC is so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning! Guests are encouraged to pick up a welcome bag located on the table in the Narthex--there are bags for boys, girls, and adults. Each bag contains information about the many programs and activities at FUMC, as well as special goodies. If you need help locating the bags, please ask one of our ushers. We hope you will visit with us and help us expand our circle of Friendship!



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".

## Lenten Study-- "RESTORED: Finding Redemption in Our Mess"

Thursday, March 2 -- April 6, 7pm, led by the Rev. Oden Warman  
Often we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. The 6-week study helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ. Cross of Jesus is *the* place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption. You are invited to come and join the time of reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Please fill out the Sign-up Sheet placed in the Fellowship Hall today. Contact Pastor Wayne, if you have any questions. Appreciate your consideration and participation. God bless our Lenten journey together!



### New Membership Class: for both Brand-New & Not-So-New

3-week class which started **March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the Bishop Warman Room inside the church office building. We thank God for our friends, who have been attending our church on a regular basis. If you are looking for a church home, this is a good place to start with. If you want to review and renew your membership vows, you are also welcome to come! Please prayerfully consider taking the class. We are all called to be a part of the Body of Christ. Study materials are provided. Please contact Pastor Wayne for more questions. (leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org, 443.646.5653)

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> (Wed) : United Methodism 101

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thu) : Local Church 101

### **The H.O.M.E. Team is getting ready for the 2017 ASP mission trip this summer (July 2 through July 8).**

There are only a few spots left! All applications must be received no later than 3/19/17. Applications are available in the Fellowship Hall, through the church office (410-257-7133), or online on our website: [www.friendshipmethodist.org](http://www.friendshipmethodist.org).



Practice for the Church softball league will begin on Monday nights at Wilkerson field from 5:30-7:30 starting March 20. Anyone interested can call Mike Edelen at 410-610-3030 or E-mail [Norton1779@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



**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!**



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. We will be accepting donations to purchase Easter dinners for 80 local families. 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 of the children of the recipient families. Bunnies can be added to the chocolate rabbit "hutch" located in the Narthex. All are invited to join the stuffing party at St. James on April 15 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.



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](mailto:Hollylee@gmail.com)) or Sandy Melson Griese (443-968-2612 or [smgriese42@gmail.com](mailto: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.