

Many wonder how to respond to the current crisis related to immigrant families. Our Bishops offer this.

Four ways you can act:

The Council of Bishops' executive committee is asking all United Methodists to "pray, reflect and engage in acts of compassion."

Every person of faith can:

- Pray: Pray for the children and their families, their countries and those responding to their needs.
- Learn: Understand the underlying issues and the personal stories of the children. Information on the United Methodist response can be found on [UMC.org/immigration](http://UMC.org/immigration).
- Support the humanitarian response: The United Methodist Committee on Relief, Justice For Our Neighbors, United Methodist Women, Church World Service and other organizations are responding. Individual congregations can seek to work with border churches and ministries.
- Advocate: Urge lawmakers not to repeal provisions of human trafficking laws that protect minors or to expedite the deporting of children. The General Board of Church and Society provides information on advocacy, and a General Board of Discipleship resource also offers action steps.

A United Methodist-operated Mexican Border Ministry Network, with more than 16 service locations, is helping immigrants who have been processed and released, without resources, to appear at a later date, says Greg Forrester, a staff executive with the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Donations to UMCOR for Advance #901670, "Immigration Crisis," will support the agency's work with responding faith groups in the area.

## "FUMC" BIBLE BITES

Bible Bites will be taking a sabbatical for the July and August. We will return to the bulletin on September 2, 2018. Pastor Wayne said that if you read a chapter a day you will finish the Bible in a year. Use the Summer to start your journey.



## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 24		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Health Information & Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am & 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 25 – Saturday June 30		
Voices In Praise Mission Trip		Belize
Saturday, June 30		
Welcome Home Voices In Praise	12 midnight	FUMC Parking Lot
Sunday, July 1 – Welcome to Rev. Thomas Young		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Fellowship Time	Following services	Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 2		
Voices In Praise Homecoming Concert	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

★ Welcome Home ★

Our Voices In Praise Youth Choir arrives home from their week-long mission trip to Belize on Saturday evening (June 30)/Sunday (July 1) around 12 midnight/a little later. If you are a night owl, or just a good egg, come on out and welcome home this amazing group of young singers and their chaperones and let them know how much their mission work is appreciated!



Following our 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services on Sunday, July 1, 2018, there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall in honor our new pastor, Thomas E. Young, Jr., and his family. Please stay a while and mingle! This will also be a "Name Tag" Sunday! Be sure to get your name tag before you enter the Sanctuary to help Rev. Young put names with faces!



# Voices in Praise

## Welcome Home from Belize Concert

Monday, July 2, 2018  
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
with light refreshments during intermission



Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
August 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am. To 12:00 noon

Each summer Friendship United Methodist Church hosts a fun filled week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for ages 3 through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's theme is

“Shipwrecked” where kids learn that Jesus rescues! Through games, interactive Bible stories, music and more, kids will discover that Jesus cares about them personally and rescues in life's toughest circumstances.

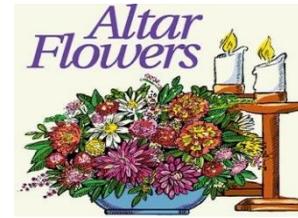
Your \$10.00 registration fee per child includes this year's VBS T-shirt. To register please use our church website: “[www.friendshipmethodist.org](http://www.friendshipmethodist.org)”

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

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 Flower Calendar still has Sundays available for sponsors. The following Sundays are open: July 8th and 22nd; September 16th, 23rd and 30th; October 7th and November 4th and 25th. If you would like to put flowers on the altar tables in honor or memory of someone, sign the calendar.

Information for ordering flowers is on the calendar or call Marge (301-855-6497). Once again, thanks to all who have been sponsors.

The Summer Breakfast Club ministry is in need of volunteers to deliver breakfasts to nearby homes Monday through Friday during the summer. If you are able to help with this important ministry or have questions you can contact Donna Catterton at [d.catterton@yahoo.com](mailto:d.catterton@yahoo.com) or 301-399-0040.



The handbell choir is losing two ringers and will be needing two new ringers in the fall. Some knowledge of music is nice but not required. If you've ever had the desire to try ringing, please come and join us. Contact Chrys Hill if interested.

**Be sure to pick up the July-August 2018 edition of “The Upper Room” which is available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.**