



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!

**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 we feature the **Lay Leadership Development Committee**, which is the former Nominating Committee. It is charged with recruiting individuals willing to serve in the various leadership roles in the church and nominating them to those positions. The nominations are then voted upon at the annual Charge Conference. The committee consists of nine persons, including the Pastor, who serves as chairman, and the lay leader. At least one young adult may serve on the committee. Committee members serve a three-year term, and each year three new members (the new class) join the committee, with the "senior class" rotating off. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household may serve on the committee, and when vacancies occur during the year, nominees will be elected by the Church Council, then approved the District Supervisor. The Chairman is Pastor Wayne Chung, and the committee meets as necessary.

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

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

<b>Sunday, December 10</b>		
Morning Worship Bible Study Sunday School Children's Christmas Program & Reception	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45-10:45 am 9:45-10:45 am 7:00 pm	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Education Building Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, December 11</b>		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal Voices In Praise Rehearsals Tabitha Circle Cookie Exchange	6:30-7:30 pm 6:00-8:30 pm 6:30 pm	Upper Narthex Music Room Home of Kathy Thorne
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b>		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm	Music Room
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b>		
Crafters & Friends Meeting Senior's Luncheon Twin Beach Opioid Abuse Forum	10:00 am 12 Noon 6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Northeast Community Ctr.
<b>Thursday, December 14</b>		
"Christmas Gifts that Won't Break" Advent Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>		
Sanctuary Choir Cantata Reh. Youth Group Caroling/Reception	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Sanctuary Meet at Church
<b>Sunday, December 17</b>		
Sanctuary Choir Cantata Bible Study Library Concert Rehearsal Voices In Praise Concert Voices In Praise Performance at National Christmas Tree Youth Group Game Night	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45-10:45 am 2:00 pm t/b/d 6:00 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Music Room t/b/d Washington, DC Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, December 18</b>		
Tentative College Student Event	t/b/d	t/b/d

**USHERS AND ACOLYTE ARE NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!**

**Be sure to pick up a copy of the fall edition of "The Hand of Friendship" newsletter in the Narthex!**



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.kauffman00@gmail.com](mailto:mary.kauffman00@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 has begun! 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!

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



For 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 additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

## FUMC Christmas Caroling



**Saturday 12/16 6:30pm**

Meet at the church at to carpool.  
Reception to follow at the church\*sign-up sheet  
for snacks is in the fellowship hall.  
*All are welcome & drivers are needed!!*



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
TONIGHT at 7:00 pm  
Everyone is invited!**

**Coffee hour to follow the program -  
bring a snack to share!**

The FUMC Tabitha Circle announces its' Cookie Exchange & Christmas Party, Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Kathy Thorne, 6315 Westmont Court, Dunkirk, MD (301) 855-8701. All FUMC women are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and a Christmas ornament in a brown bag for our *Sneaky Santa* game. Contact Tabitha Circle President Shari Thorne-Sulima for more information.



*Friendship Seniors Christmas Luncheon*  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**  
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*

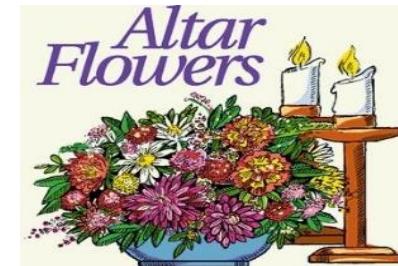


**“FUMC” BIBLE BITES**

Advent is expectant waiting and preparation of the celebration of the Nativity of Christmas, first celebrated in the sixth century by St. Gregory the Great.



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.



*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.*



**Be sure to pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes from the tables located in the front hall!**



## 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.



## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TREE**

The Christmas tree in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall is for you to place a card sending your Christmas greeting to everyone at FUMC with one card. A donation may be placed in the basket representing the savings on cards and postage. The money will go to South County Assistance Network and your greeting will be published in the next Hand of Friendship newsletter.



**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