

COMMITTEE CHATTER, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. **COMMITTEE CHATTER** highlights the **Dorcas-Lydia Circle**, part of the United Methodist Women. The Dorcas-Lydia Circle raises money to support local and conference missions, as well as meet specific needs of FUMC. It hosts the Lenten Luncheon, a Christmas Bazaar, a winter soup sale and various carry-out dinners throughout the year. It routinely gathers to socialize and share fellowship among its members. Lillian Mair serves as President of the Dorcas-Lydia Circle, and meetings are held during the day on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June in the Fellowship Hall. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

“FUMC” BIBLE BITES

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give something up, to volunteer their time in service, and give of themselves for others.



Design Development drawings have been completed by our architectural consultant. Prior to proceeding to the next phases of the renovation (Construction Documents, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction) the Church Council voted to proceed, on the recommendation from the Board of Trustees, once 75% of the projected budget of \$400,000.00 has been provided. This means that \$300,000.00 is to be in the church account prior to proceeding forward. At the present time the balance in the kitchen fund is \$114,706.00. Early summer is the timeframe for the council accepted plans to be submitted for permitting. However, this will be subject to the fulfillment of receiving 75% of the projected budget. Please keep this in your prayers and church giving considerations. Accepted plans for the kitchen are posted in the fellowship hall.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 4		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Wing
Middle School Retreat		
Monday, March 5		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tuesday, March 6		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, March 7		
Dorcas-Lydia Circle Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 8		
Lenten Study	7:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 11		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Wing
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 12		
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00-9:00 pm	Older Adult Classroom



Scholarship Opportunity

REMINDER - The Baltimore-Washington Conference is offering college scholarships for the Fall 2018 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 7, 2018 through an online application system.** For additional information

on requirements and qualifications, and to apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships/.



The Board of Trustees Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 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.

This summer (July 15th – July 21th) the youth of Friendship UMC are scheduled take part in this very special ministry. This program is open to all young people ages 14 and older. We are planning on taking 3 crews of youth and adults for the week (15 youth & 7 Adults). We still have room for volunteers and chaperones. If you are interested in this opportunity, please make a note of the dates and let us know so we can reserve your space in the special ministry event. Information/Applications are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. For more information or any questions:

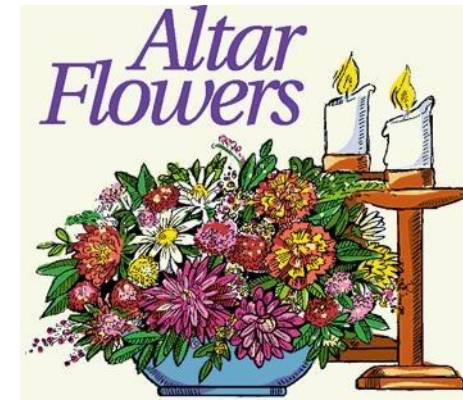


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**Mark your calendar for
Vacation Bible School ...**

August 13-17, 2018. Volunteers are needed –
contact Ev Klahr at 443-550-3209!



The following dates are available for placing flowers on the altar tables on Sunday morning: March 11 and 18th; April 29th; May 6th, June 24; July 1, 15 and 22; August 19th; September 16, 23 and 30th; October 7 and 21; November 4, 11 and 25; and December 23. The calendar to sign up for a date is located in the glass case on the wall in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact church office 410-257-7133 or Marge at 301-855-6497.



Updated church directories are available in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bonnie Dean at the church office with any corrections or additions!

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