



“FUMC” BIBLE BITES

Easter is more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to the faith to prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation and growth of new Christians.

COMMITTEE CHATTER highlights the **Stephen Ministries**. FUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. This program equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and community. A Stephen Minister is a committed Christian who received 50 hours of initial training in important caring ministry skills and concepts; visits on a regular basis others dealing with a variety of challenges to offer Christian support and care; committed to preserving the confidential nature of a caring relationship; serves for at least two years; and receives continuing education and skill building throughout their years of service. Paula Madden is the Chair of the Stephen Ministries program. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

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:



Chuck Muller 301-938-6964 chuck.muller@ngc.com or
Courtney Eversfield cymc@friendshipmethodist.org or
Bonnie at the church office bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School
August 13-17, 2018. Volunteers are needed –
contact Ev Klahr at 443-550-3209!



THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 8		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Wing
Voices In Praise Sing at St. James Episcopal Church	9:00 & 11:00 am	Lothian, MD
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 9		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30-7:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tuesday, April 10		
Annapolis Painting ceiling repair	All day	Sanctuary
Mission Team Meeting	7:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, April 11		
Carters UMC using overflow lot	All day	Overflow Parking Lot
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Communications Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Sunday, April 15		
Youth Group Bake Sale	9:00 am – 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Outing	6:00 pm	Climb Zone, Laurel

Pastor Wayne will be away in April. If you need pastoral care during this time you can contact The Rev. Valerie Barnes from Carter's UMC (cell: 202-903-3355). Contact the office for more information.



Two Easter Flower/SCAN donations were inadvertently omitted from the Flower list:

In Loving Memory of Christopher Barry Buckley, Ernie J. Myers
and James G. Buckley
given by Bill, Linda, Maddie and DJ Buckley

In Honor of Ashley, Courtney and Andrew and our Church Family and Friends
given by Bill and Janice Eversfield



Crafters "n" Friends will meet this Wednesday, April 11 from 10:00 till noon. This month we will make 2 cards and a simple bow. All are welcome to come. For info Vera Pflum, vpflum@msn.com, 301-261-9469.



Youth Group Bake Sale

Sunday April 15th

9:30 – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall

We will have cookies, pies, brownies, and more! Whole pies and more available for sale. All proceeds go towards the ministry and outreach of FUMC Youth!



Youth Group Outing

Sunday April 15th

Meet at the church at 6:00 pm to carpool to Climb Zone in Laurel



The ladies of the Dorcas-Lydia Circle will be holding a pie sale on Sunday, April 22, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to stop by and pick one (or two) up!

Cooking for Christmas in April! On Saturday April 28 FUMC will once again be participating in Christmas in April. Those of us with more talent in the kitchen than with a hammer provide lunch not only to the workers, but the families living in the homes and of course those of us serving the meal. We have fed as many as 50 people! Over the years we have earned the reputation of serving a great, innovative meal. No bag lunches for us! We have a wonderful time meeting the families and enjoying fellowship with them. Serving the meal is a great joy and a way to get to know people you see once a week much better. Joyce Terry will be coordinating lunch. We pride ourselves on variety, so if you have a favorite dish you would like to prepare, step up now! If you can't go to the site we will be collecting the food at the church Saturday, April 28 at 10:30am. Contact Joyce at jeterry12@gmail.com or 301-855-2461 for more information.



Nursery Attendant Needed

A nursery attendant is needed for the 8:30 am worship service. Please contact Sue Muller if you are interested at 301-855-8688 or (c) 301-938-6961