

Our Presence: Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 62
 Worship Attendance Last Sunday 252 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 198

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. **Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!**

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-August 2018			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %
General Fund	\$218,593	\$238,625	(\$20,032)	-8%
Missions Fund	\$14,891	\$16,643	(\$1,752)	-11%
P&I Fund	\$16,520	\$11,396	\$5,124	45%
Building Fund	\$44,931	\$37,728	\$7,203	19%
Kitchen Fund	\$19,138	\$6,660	\$12,478	187%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 26	YTD Other 6	YTD Cereal	1,100

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$135,359/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$296,700 as of August 31, 2018

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean, bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield, cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Will Fowler & Pat Shumate
8:30 Ushers	Harry Hill & Keith Ulrich
11:00 Ushers	Richard Chaney & Wheeler Green
Friendship Time	Friendly Connections Zone (Ev Klahr)
Altar Guild for October	Renee Knopp (443) 623-3796
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr. revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org

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THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 7		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
VIP Inc. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal	1:30-3:30 pm	Music Rom
Community Member Birthday Party	2-6 pm (1:30 set-up)	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 8		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Inc. Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm	Older Adult Classroom
Tuesday, October 9		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, October 10		
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 11		
Bible Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 12		
Prep. for Shrimp & R.B. Dinner		Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 13		
Shrimp & Roast Beef Dinner & Fall Family Festival	1:00-5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall, etc.
Monday, October 15		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Inc. Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
SPPRC Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room

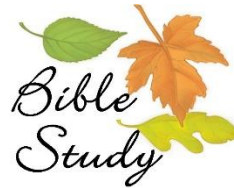
OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Chuck Muller’s father, Mike Walls recovering from shoulder surgery, Kathy Wallace, The Jones Family, Paula Madden & Family, Buddy Frost – diagnosed with dementia, Pam Sherbert Shumate, Debbie Shefka & family, Connor Goonan, Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jane Bowman, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.



Crafters "n" Friends will meet Wednesday October 10th at 10:00 am. This month we will make a small gift bag, a fall card and a paper angel. All adults are welcome. We have a lot of fun and snack too. Questions? Call or email Vera Pflum. Vpflum@msn.com or 301-261-9469.

Thursday night Bible Study will begin on Thursday evening, October 11th at 7:00 pm. Everyone interested is asked to contact the church office



RADA Knives/Cutlery Fundraiser

Sale Dates: September 23 – October 14.

Catalogs and Order Forms available on the Tabitha Circle's Bulletin Board. Please contact Karen Boyd with

any questions: 202-253-7891 or karen.d.boyd@verizon.com.

Internet Ordering Available at:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1779114.8a239c>

Attention: Golfers and would be Golfers. Looking to form golf team. The 2018 Annual Golf Event to benefit the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry will be held on Thursday, October 11 at Compass Pointe Golf Course in Pasadena, Maryland. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rob Sybert at ph301-855-2479 or robert.sybert@verizon.net



FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S TABITHA CIRCLE SHRIMP & ROAST BEEF DINNER AND FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 - 1:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M.
ROUTE 2 & FRIENDSHIP ROAD, FRIENDSHIP, MD**

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT MENU:

SHRIMP, ROAST BEEF, GREEN BEANS, POTATO SALAD,
APPLESAUCE, COLE SLAW AND ROLLS

DESSERTS FOR SALE AT THE TABITHA CIRCLE BAKE TABLE

ADULTS: BEEF & $\frac{1}{2}$ LB. SHRIMP \$20.00 -- BEEF ONLY \$16.00

EXTRA $\frac{1}{2}$ LB. SHRIMP AVAILABLE FOR \$6.00

CHILD 4-10 YEARS OLD: BEEF & $\frac{1}{2}$ LB. SHRIMP \$10.00 -- BEEF ONLY \$7.00

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER: FREE

AND FUN FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 410-257-7133



We are looking for help on the day of the dinner. There are many ways to help. The ladies of the Tabitha Circle will be working from 8 am until 6 pm, but help is needed throughout the day - whether you can spare an hour, a couple of hours, or all day! Contact Janice Eversfield (301-335-8083) or a member of the Tabitha Circle for more information on how you can help! Thank you!



Pastor Tom would like to schedule a confirmation class beginning on October 14th for interested young people ages 11 through 17. If you have a child interested in taking confirmation class, please contact the church office at 410-257-7133. We need to have a definite count in order to schedule the class. If there is enough interest, class would be held on Sunday evenings from 5 until 6:30 pm and run for approximately 8 weeks. Confirmands would be welcomed into the congregation close to Christmas.

Pastor Tom would like to begin sending out a weekly email to those that are interested. Please contact the Church office if you would like to receive such a communication. ALSO – please take the time to update your contact information with the church office so that Bonnie Dean can update our church records and directory. If you don't currently receive the weekly bulletins and announcements via email and would like to, please also contact Bonnie in the church office to be added to the weekly email list. 410-257-7133 or bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org



Attention: Crafters

The Dorcas-Lydia Circle ladies are holding their Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 17th from 9 am until 2 pm.

We are offering FUMC members first choice to rent a table for \$20.00 (\$5.00 extra for electric). If you are interested, see Bonnie Revell for an application form. After October 15 we will open spots to the public.

P.S. We are having a White Elephant table – if you have items to donate we appreciate it!



Haunted house, scary movies, games, & sleepover! Bring your friends! \$20 if you want to go to the haunted house.

Friday 10/26
8:00pm – 8:00am next day

Girls bring a salty snack -Boys bring a sweet snack
For more information contact Courtney Evesfield
cymc@friendshipmethodist.org



Saturday 10/27
10am-12pm
Join us for our 2nd
Annual Trunk or Treat
event!

We will have a Halloween party with games, snacks, hayrides, trunk or treat, and more! If you would like to sign up to bring a snack or participate in Trunk or Treat please contact Courtney. We are also in need of decorated trunks – please contact Courtney if you would like to participate! There will be a prize for “Best Trunk”! cymc@friendshipmethodist.org



Sunday, Oct. 28, 5pm at West River UM Center

A small cast of youth from Voices In Praise Inc. presents AN INTERACTIVE COMEDY "WHO DUNNIT" DINNER SHOW! Spend a lovely fall evening in 1923 New Orleans with one of the city's most established families,

their high-society friends, & quirky staff. Join us for a night of fun! Purchase tickets [at www.VoicesInPraise.org](http://www.VoicesInPraise.org) or call 301-855-2127.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPRUCE UP THE PARSONAGE

If anyone is interested in painting a few rooms or in staining the deck, please contact Karen Boyd at 202-253-7891

(karen.d.boyd@verizon.com). The BOT will supply materials. Contractor suggestions are also welcome.



MINOR PROPHETS: This division speaks to the writings of Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Youth Group Day Trip

(open to all)

Saturday 11/17

Cost: \$20



Schedule:

-10:00am Meet at church -board bus & travel to DC

-11:00am Tour St Franciscan Monastery

-12:30pm Lunch at Union Station

-1:15pm Tour National cathedral

What to bring: Lunch Money & a Jacket (*while we will be indoors for the majority of the trip, there will be times when we might be outside and it is November*)

For more information on the locations we will be visiting please refer to the flyer in the Fellowship Hall or contact Courtney Eversfield at cymc@friendshipmethodist.org



St. Edmonds United Methodist Women are holding a Ribbon Ball to support cancer awareness in our local community on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 3:00-7:00 pm at Bayview Hall, Chesapeake Beach, MD. Tickets are \$40 for adult, \$20 age 6-12. There will be entertainment, dinner, and door prizes. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Sheldon E. Goldberg Breast Center. Contact Celia James at 202-361-3242 for more information

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

Points included in this are provided as a summary of the recommendations to the special 2019 General Conference. If you wish to have more information, please read online the entire report from The Commission on a Way Forward of The United Methodist Church.

One Church Plan: This plan, preferred by the majority of the Council of Bishops, would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings on United Methodist Church properties and ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." It would add language to protect churches and pastors who choose not to allow same-gender marriages.

For each Annual Conference the Board of Ordained Ministry and/or the Clergy Session must discern whether to ordain LGBTQ persons. Each Annual Conference will craft a way for churches to exit with Grace.

For each Local Church this would mean a need to rewrite wedding policies to explicitly allow or forbid same-gender weddings and working with the conference to decide if the church will accept a LGBTQ pastor.

The clergy will be able to exercise their individual conscience. Their appointment as pastor will be based on their theological convictions. LGBTQ candidates can be ordained and appointed to local churches that approve. These candidates can transfer to another Conference if the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry or the clergy session chooses not to ordain LGBTQ persons.

Connectional Conference Plan: This plan would replace the current jurisdictional conferences with three connectional conferences based on affinity: Progressive, Traditional and Unity. All three would use a general Book of Discipline (Articles of Religion, General Rules, Confessions of Faith) with the ability to adapt other positions to their context for ministry.

For each Annual Conference the Jurisdictional and central conferences will vote to join a connectional conference on simple majority vote. Every Annual Conference who wants to join a different connectional conference than their jurisdiction chooses may do so on a simple majority vote. The Annual Conference will have the right every year to reconsider its position.

Each local church can choose their conference affiliation. Each local church will need to set wedding policies based on the connectional conference the church decides to be a part of.

The clergy will choose their conference connection and be able to transfer to the one they choose. The security of their appointment will be determined by their connectional conferences.

Traditional Plan: This plan, developed more fully toward the end of the Commission on a Way Forward process, broadens the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual"; puts penalties in place for disobedience to the Discipline; and requires bishops, pastors and annual conferences to certify adherence to the Discipline of the Church.

For the Annual Conference it means that it will uphold the Discipline of the Church. Each Annual Conference that will not certify that it will hold up the Discipline is urged to form an "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church, and churches that leave cannot use The United Methodist name on their logos past 2020.

For the local church this would mean that churches who do not agree with this plan can leave their conference and decide whether or not to leave The United Methodist Church.

The clergy must then maintain the Discipline of the United Methodist Church or leave. If a clergy person continues without following the Discipline of the United Methodist Church he or she will be subject to suspensions and then the surrendering of their credentials.