



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 26th - 30th * 9:00 am. To 12:00 noon

Each summer Friendship United Methodist Church hosts a fun and spirit-filled week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for ages 3 through completion of 5th grade. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory and

will excite kids to learn about God through games, interactive Bible stories, music and more. To register please use our church website www.friendshipmethodist.org. The cost is \$10.00 per child which buys a T-Shirt for your child or children. Hope to see you this summer.

Volunteers are still needed for the following positions: **Imagination Station Leader Assistant** - High School age or older. No preparation needed. Helps the Station Leader. **Crew Leaders** – Must have completed 6th 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 Board of Trustees Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 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.



Christmas in April for the Cooks of Friendship! Those of us with more talent in the kitchen than with a hammer provide lunch for the workers and families living in the homes they are working on, and of course those of us serving the meal. Joyce Terry will be coordinating lunch. 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 food at the church at 10:30 am. Contact Joyce at joyceterry@comcast.net or 301-855-2461 for more information.

The FLOWER CALENDAR still has a lot of open Sundays for placing flowers on the altar tables. The following dates are still available: June 25th; July 9, 16, 23, and 30th; August 20 and 27th; and September 17 and 24th. The calendar is in the glass case, on the wall, in the Narthex. If you have any questions, you can contact Marge Lewis at (301) 855-6497.



SCAN food pantry, located at St. James Episcopal Church, is looking for adult volunteers willing to help one Saturday morning per month. If you are interested and available, please contact Trish Pumphrey (SCAN food pantry volunteer coordinator) at richardpumphrey@comcast.net for more information.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 26		
Morning Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Sunday School	9:45 am	Education Building
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 27		
Private Voice Lessons	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15pm	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
VIP Mondy Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall & Music Room
Finance Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday, March 28		
Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:30-7:00 pm	Music Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, March 29		
Community Lenten Service	7:00 pm	Plum Point
Thursday, March 30		
Lenten Study (see announcement)	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 1		
Stephen Ministry Lenten Labyrinth Meditation	10:00 am-1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

Welcome Bags for Our Visitors: Welcome Friends! Friendship UMC is so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning! Please let an usher know if you are a new visitor - they have a welcome bag for you! Each bag contains information about the many programs and activities at FUMC, as well as special goodies. We hope you will visit with us and help us expand our circle of Friendship!

Children's Message Volunteer

Do you love working with FUMC's youngest members? If so, here is an opportunity just for you! Volunteers are sought to assist with the presentation of the Children's message. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex or see Pastor Wayne. The only requirements are a heart for children and a desire to share easy Bible lessons with them!

During Lent, we invite you to acknowledge what weighs us down (sin, guilt, apathy, unworthiness ...). What blocks your personal relationship with God? We invite you to visit the Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Repent by placing a symbolic nail into the burlap. Let it go, knowing the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Please also take away a Lenten Message Prayer Card".



EASTER FLOWERS can be ordered, beginning next Sunday, to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, in honor or memory of a loved one. If you are not a flower person, a donation can be made to SCAN (the food bank) instead. Orders need to be received by April 10th.

This year the Sunday School classes are participating in a Lenten Missions Project raising money to support Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. Freedom Hill Horse Rescue, located in Owings, works to save neglected, abused, and unwanted horses that are typically difficult to adopt. These horses are often older, have sustained injuries, or developed chronic disease. **Our goal is to raise \$200 to purchase needed supplies (grooming tools - \$10 each, fly repellent, bait and traps - \$10-\$15 each, electrolyte supplement - \$11, cleaning supplies, feed supplement \$95, hoof hardener - \$40)!**



Friendship Stephen Ministry will be offering a Lenten Labyrinth Meditation in the fellowship hall on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10 am until 1 pm.

Walking a labyrinth has much in common with the old 13th century practice of making a symbolic spiritual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In this experience we are encouraged to leave behind our customary activities and preoccupations to cultivate a sense of expectancy, to be open to the possible transforming power of the "Holy". The labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation, consisting of a winding path that begins at the periphery and leads to the center space and then out again by the same path.

This walk can bring blessings, repentance, and renewal back into our everyday lives. May your journey of faith be a pilgrimage rich in surprises drawing you ever near to Jesus Christ.

Annual LENTEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 5, 2016

Devotional Service 11:45 am/Lunch 12:00 noon

Menu: Crispy Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Pickled Beets, Rolls, Cottage Pudding, and Beverage.

Price: \$12.00 adults (carry-out available).

For more information call Bonnie Revell (410)741-5268 Friendship United Methodist Church, 22 W Friendship Rd., Friendship, MD 20758

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**You are invited to attend the Annual Banquet
Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Crofton Country Club
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner and Program 7 pm**

No cost to attend – free-will offering will be collected

Please R.S.V.P. by March 31, 2017 to:

brit.fletcher@goodnewsjail.org (410) 222-4937 or

chase.wood@goodnewsjail.org (410) 222-4549



The FUMC Tabitha Circle is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to stuff Easter Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, April 15. A donation of \$31.50 will provide a complete ham dinner with fixings 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. Also, we are seeking donations of chocolate Easter bunnies to help fill the baskets which can be placed in the chocolate rabbit "hutch" located in the Narthex. All are invited to help fill bags, load cars, and share God's blessings at St. James on April 15 after 7:15 a.m. Call Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions.

**Grab your baskets and hop on over for an
EASTER EGG HUNT at FUMC
Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am**



ALL AGES! Please bring 10 filled eggs per child you are bringing. And please have them filled with a piece of candy, little prize or stickers, etc...

We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for a craft and light refreshments provided by the Sarah's Circle. The Easter Egg Hunt will go on rain or shine! And the plan is for the children to hunt for Easter eggs outside if the weather cooperates (if it is raining than we will hunt for eggs inside:-) We are looking for a few volunteers to help! If you are interested in helping or for more information, please contact: Stacy Church (stacychurch@gmail.com or 410-991-1033), Sarah David (sarahcecile7@gmail.com or 571-216-9750) or Erin Hitchman (erin_fowler5@hotmail.com or 410-257-6484).



Friendship's children's choir has returned! All children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM until 7 PM. Holly Reynolds Lee will serve as the interim director and Sandy Griese will serve as the accompanist. If you have any questions, please contact Holly (301-728-1748 or Hollyrlee@gmail.com) or Sandy Melson Griese (443-968-2612 or smgriese42@gmail.com). We are looking for a permanent director for this ensemble. Please contact Jim Sulima (301-261-9376), Chair of the SPRC Committee if you are interested.

Practice for the Church softball league has begun on Monday nights at Wilkerson field from 5:30-7:30. Anyone interested can call Mike Edelen at 410-610-3030 or E-mail Norton1779@yahoo.com. Games are on Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening from April until July.

