

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 25		
Christmas Morning Worship - Unity Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, December 26		
No rehearsals		
Tuesday, December 27		
Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party	5:59 pm	Home of Ken & Faye Reynolds
Sunday, January 1		
New Year's Day Worship – Unity Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary

The church office will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017



A list of people who donated to SCAN or purchased a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone special is available in the Narthex.



The 2017 Flower Chart is in the glass case in the Narthex. Sign up today to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of someone special!

One worship service will be held on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

The Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board has been updated with a message of Thanksgiving and Peace for the Advent Season. Please feel free to enjoy the takeaway card and leave a prayer of Peace as well.



WHERE IS THE CARD TREE???

This year instead of the tree to put your card on, we are putting the cards on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. To save on postage and individual cards to your friends in church, place one card on the board. You can place a donation in the offering plate, designated to SCAN representing the savings. Your greeting will be published in the next Hand of Friendship.

Sign-up sheets for 2017 scripture readers and communion helpers for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services are in the Narthex. Please take time to sign-up for a Sunday or two!



Please be sure to pick up your 2017 offering envelopes! They are located on a table in the front hall between the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.

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. Applicant must be enrolled in a Post-Secondary School (PSS) and be a student who has achieved second or fourth year standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. Such advanced training, whether it be academic, trade or technical, may be taken at any school approved by the B.O.T. The award will be presented in February of each year to the student(s) who have followed the outlined procedure and are chosen by the B.O.T. based on the factors listed in the Requirements and Application document available from the church office during office hours, or call the church office at 410-257-7133 and a copy can be sent to you electronically. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION, WITH A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS, IS JANUARY 29, 2017. LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**



Voices In Praise FUNdraiser

Thursday, January 5, 2017

11am – Midnight (All day!)

The Greene Turtle

3213 Solomon's Island Rd, Edgewater, MD



Grab your friends and ring in 2017 with food and fun while supporting the Voices in Praise! Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Greene Turtle (Edgewater location) on January 5th. Just show the flyer (available in the narthex or go to voicesinpraise.org to download it on your phone), and 20% of ALL sales will be donated to support the music ministry of Voices in Praise. Please spread the word to help ensure a great turn-out for this

event! **Sponsored by The Greene Turtle.**

VOICES IN PRAISE

Epiphany Concert, Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 7 pm

Friendship UMC Sanctuary

Followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Voices In Praise will present a concert on Sunday, January 8 at 7pm. Please come and enjoy their wonderful music! The concert features beloved holiday classics like *Carol of the Bells* and *O Holy Night*, along with new anthems, spirituals, and gospel selections. Celebrate all 12 days of Christmas and Epiphany with Voices In Praise!

FRIENDSHIP ZONES

Bonnie Revell, with the help of Bee Hobbs, is working on updating our Friendship Zone system. For those of you that are unfamiliar with the Friendship Zone system, it is a network of people assigned to zones that work together to provide refreshments for the wonderful Friendship Time each Sunday, and also to pass along communication about urgent prayer needs of members throughout our church congregation. **ZONE LEADERS** – please contact Bonnie Revell at 410-741-5268 to give her the names of people in your Zones. If you are not currently in a zone, but would like to be, please contact Bonnie Revell and she will get you added to one!

FUMC is in search of a "Part-time Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator", who will coordinate a church pastoral ministry for children and youth. This individual will develop close communications with, and mutual support from, families of children/youth, as well as to collaborate with other community and church organizations and offices. *Full description available in the Fellowship Hall or contact the office for an electronic copy.*



Friendship Youth Group teens are doing a service project called "Backpacks of Love". It's a transition "kit" for children displaced from their homes, usually by social services. We are looking for:

backpacks (I got some for \$7 at Walmart and they have them for \$5 at Five Below!)

New clothing (all sizes-kids and teens)

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Pajamas

Socks/underwear

Books

Small toys

Kids soap/

shampoo

If anyone is looking to get involved in our project, please see Stephanie Coffman or contact her via email: Sjc914@yahoo.com.