

**COMMITTEE CHATTER:** The Communications Committee presents the next installment of **COMMITTEE CHATTER**, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. Today we feature the **Cordiality Committee**. Each pew includes a Friendship pad for attendees to sign in. It also includes postcards which indicate “Missing You” or something of that nature. If any member notices that someone has not been in attendance for a while, they may fill in the name of the missing person on the postcard, and place it in the collection plate. The postcards are collected and given to a committee member or the Church Secretary, who then sends the postcard to the missing member. The Chairman is Missy Zentz, and there are no meetings to attend! For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.



“FUMC” BIBLE BITES

Lighting the Advent Wreath is a custom that began with Lutherans and Catholics. Each candle has a special name: The first is *Hope*, the second *Preparation*, the third *Joy*, the fourth *Love* and the last candle is the *Christ* Candle.

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, and who have achieved *second* or *fourth* year standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. *The deadline for submission of a completed application, with a copy of your transcripts, is January 28, 2018. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.* The award will be presented in February of each year to the qualifying student(s). For more information, see the Requirements and Application document, which is available on our website, or copies are available from the church office during office hours.



Scripture Readers needed for 2018!  
Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 17		
Morning Worship - Cantata	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45-10:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
Library Concert Rehearsal	2:00 pm	Music Room
Voices In Praise at National Tree	6:00 pm	Washington, DC
Youth Group Game Night	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, December 18		
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30	Music Room
<b>No Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b>		
Tuesday, December 19		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm	Music Room
SPPRC Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Wednesday, December 20		
Blue Christmas Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 21		
"Christmas Gifts that Won't Break" Advent Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 24		
Morning Worship – Combined	10:00 am	Sanctuary
<i>No Sunday School today</i>		
Christmas Eve Service	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service	8:30 pm	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service	11:00 pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, December 26		
Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party	6:00 pm	Home of Ken & Faye Reynolds

USHERS AND ACOLOYTE ARE NEEDED  
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES!  
Sign up in the Narthex today!!

Be sure to pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes from the tables located in the front hall!



### **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

The deadline for ordering is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Marge Lewis (301-855-6497). The worship committee thanks you for placing poinsettias and flowers all through the year to beautify our Sanctuary.



### **Hanging on Through the Holidays...**

Christmas is a bright, festive celebration of Christ's birth, but for many it is sad, dark and lonely due to personal struggles or life circumstances and losses.

The Pastor and Stephen Ministers of **Friendship United Methodist Church** recognize that these emotional and spiritual feelings are raw and real. We would like to embrace those who need a "grace lift" during this Advent season.

*A **Blue Christmas** service will be offered for those who wish to find solace.*

**Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Friendship UMC is located just off the Rt. 2 circle in Friendship, MD at 22 W. Friendship Road  
Please contact the church office at 410-257-7133 with any questions.



### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TREE**

The Christmas tree in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall is for you to place a card sending your Christmas greeting to everyone at FUMC with one card. A donation may be placed in the basket representing the savings on cards and postage. The money will go to South County Assistance Network and your greeting will be published in the next Hand of Friendship newsletter.



**Mark your calendars for Belize Navidad - dinner and a concert to support VIP's summer 2018 mission to Belize!**

When: Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner served 5-6:30pm, followed by the Voices in Praise Epiphany Concert at 7pm

Where: FUMC Friendship Hall (to be transformed into a tropical holiday paradise no matter how cold it is!)

Dinner cost: \$15/adults; \$10/kids 6-10; Free for kids under 6

Reserve your seats for dinner by contacting:

Tina Wilkerson, [410-257-6396](tel:410-257-6396) or [rtwilk92@yahoo.com](mailto:rtwilk92@yahoo.com)

Holly Reynolds Lee, [301-728-1748](tel:301-728-1748) or [hollyrlee@gmail.com](mailto:hollyrlee@gmail.com)

Or, order your tickets online at [www.VoicesInPraise.org](http://www.VoicesInPraise.org)

We look forward to seeing you on January 7!