

**FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
8:30 A.M. Service for March 8, 2020**

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us today! Friendship United Methodist Church is a collection of happy believers and warm and loving people because Jesus Christ lives within us. We encourage you to use this worship experience as a way to explore your own faith and to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ lives in you, you will love it here! **Please be sure to fill out the visitor registration information in the booklet that will be circulating in your aisle!**

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Lew and loved ones by Marge Lewis

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121 UMH p. 844

*OPENING MUSIC:

TFWS 2213	“Healer of Our Every Ill”
TFWS 2183	“Unsettled World”

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You call us to become pilgrims, to follow You in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But You promise that You will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in Your Will. O God, Your Way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: “For the sake of the joy that was set before Him, Jesus endured the Cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His Seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” Our faith depends on Him from start to finish, and He unceasingly intercedes on our behalf. Therein abides our hope and our assurance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen

READING OF John 3:1-17 (New Testament page 88)

RESPONSE TO THE READING

L: This is the reading of the Word of God.

P: May God open our minds to the meaning.

L: May God open our hearts to the Love found in the Word.

P: May God encourage us to be in action as His Instruments to fulfill the Word.

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

MUSIC BY THE PRAISE TEAM

THE GATHERING OF OUR MORNING GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*Response: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong;’ Let the poor say, ‘I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.’ Give thanks!

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

*SONG OF PREPARATION:

UMH 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

MESSAGE: “Do You Know God's Way?”

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

PRAYER

INVITATION TO COME AND PRAY

*CLOSING SONG: TFWS 2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*PRAYER, BLESSING, AND GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS OF FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

Those affected by tornados in Tennessee, Ev Klahr's sister Judy recovering from heart surgery and complications, Scott Dean's mother Judy, Martha Wooldridge, Betty Brinker, Wayne Thorne, Monique Anderson and Family, Jay Lounsbury, Kristen Heyer's mom, Linda Baine, Delores Ward, Jerome Stallings, Jerry Burdsall, Tyler Madden, UMC General Conference (May 5-15, 2020). *If you would like someone added to our prayer list, please contact Bonnie in the church office – 410-257-7133.*

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 8		
Sunday Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
Monday, March 9		
Handbell Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Meeting	7:00-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday, March 10		
Real Chill to service Freezer & Refrigerator in Kitchen	9:00 am—4:00 pm	Kitchen
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, March 11		
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Community Lenten Service	7:00 pm	Coopers UMC
Thursday, March 12		
<i>NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY</i>		
Lenten Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 13		
Box Lunch Sale Preparation		Kitchen
Saturday, March 14		
Box Lunch Sale Preparation		Kitchen
Children's Chocolate Olympics	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall



Last Sunday it was sated that 40 days was a significant number for Christians. Why? Jesus spent 40 das in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. Moses and his followers travel through the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land. Are their more references to the meaning of “the 40 days”?

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

*Kitchen Fund Cash Balance=\$107,784/Mortgage Loan Balance=\$224,654 as of 1/31/2020

	January 2020			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %
General Fund	\$25,628	\$28,513	(\$2,885)	-10%
Missions Fund	\$823	\$1,300	(\$477)	-37%
P&I Fund	\$1,206	\$1,500	(\$294)	-20%
Building Fund	\$4,220	\$4,527	(\$307)	-7%

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 Courtney Eversfield,
cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
 8:30 am Ushers Harry Hill & Bonnie Revell
 11:00 Ushers Richard Chaney, & Wheeler Green
 Friendship Time Friendly Connections Zone (Ev Klahr)
 Counters Joyce Terry & Ed Hall
 Electronic Giving Counter Larry Myers
 Altar Guild for March Van King 410-741-1778
 Stephen Ministry Coord. Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (c)



Friendship Church is participating in the Christmas in April program through Calvert County. We need volunteers to help with the project. More information about the type of project is forthcoming. The project day is April 25, 2020. The minimum age requirement for volunteers is 14 years old. Please contact Ray Wilkerson at 301-643-4356 or rtwilk92@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

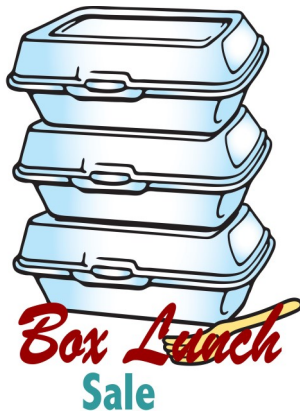


CHOCOLATE OLYMPICS

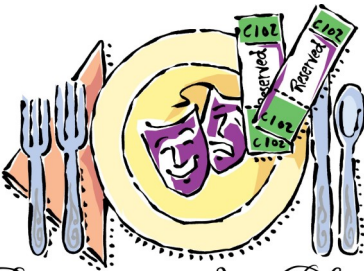
10:00 am March 14th
in the Fellowship Hall



Come on out for our next children's event "Chocolate Olympics"! Have fun competing against friends and family in "minute to win it" type games that somehow involve chocolate (i.e. brownie eating contest). This event is open to all. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!



The Ladies Circles will be selling Box Lunches on Sunday, March 15th after both services. The lunch will be delicious homemade chicken salad (on lettuce leaf), creamy cole slaw, roll, & chips. Please get your order in early so we can prepare enough food. The price is \$10.00. Please fill pick up an order form in the Narthex, fill it out, and place it in the basket in the Narthex.



Spring Fling!

Dinner and a Play Come celebrate the end of winter on the 21st of March with a dinner at Dockside restaurant in Deal followed by Huntington High School's spring musical "Bright Star". Cost of the dinner for each person is \$42 (gratuity incl.) and a ticket to the play is \$10 (seniors/students) and \$15 for adults. You can also skip the dinner and meet us at the play! Dinner menu includes all drinks (excludes cash bar), an appetizer, and an entrée selection.

Appetizer: crab dip or shrimp cocktail with sauce

Entrées: (choose one)

Prime Rib

Fresh Fish of the Day (tuna, mahi, or salmon)

Chicken Chesapeake (baked chicken with crab meat)

Shrimp Pasta with Alfredo or Marinara sauce

(first four entrées include a baked potato and a vegetable; pasta comes with salad and garlic bread)

Substitutions are allowed, and you can order other entrées off of the regular menu.

Please see Rob Sybert or Greg Montgomery if you are interested or have any questions. We have a number of reserved seat tickets for sale for the play!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2020
Save the Date! **July 6th-10th 2020**

Every summer FUMC hosts a fun filled week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for ages 3 through 5th grade. This year's theme is Rocky Railway. At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will learn that through life's ups and downs, "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through".

More information about registration and VBS will be available soon!
We are looking for **crew leaders** who have completed 6th grade or higher.

For any questions please contact/call
Morgan Miller: 443-684-9478, mem1035@sru.edu
Brooke Miller: 410-610-3334, bcm1008@sru.edu