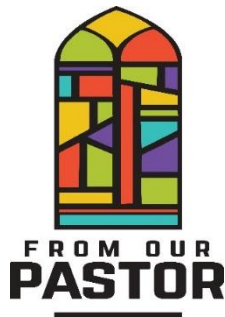


THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 16		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
Monday, December 17		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tuesday, December 18		
Worship Committee Meeting	6:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:30 pm	Music Room
Thursday, December 20		
Advent Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 21		
Voices In Praise at National Tree	8:00 pm	Washington, DC
Saturday, December 22		
Sanctuary Choir Cantata Rehearsal	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, December 23		
Health Info. & BP Screening	9:30 am & 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Monday, December 24		
Christmas Eve Services	3, 6, 8:30 & 11 pm	See insert for details



Rev. Young can be reached at the church office, 410 257 7133; parsonage 443 646 5653; e-mail revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org

Please do not assume that Rev. Tom knows about those in the hospital or who are sick. He would rather have many phone calls, and/or e-mails about the same situation then not to get any at all.

Thanks
Tom Young



Orders are being taken for POINSETTIAS that decorate our sanctuary and Narthex during Christmas. The poinsettias can be given in honor or memory of someone. If you don't want a poinsettia, you can make a donation to SCAN in honor or memory of someone. Order forms are available in the Narthex and orders must be received TODAY. Contact Marge Lewis at (302)855-6497 if you have any questions.

The CARD TREE is in the hall to the Fellowship Hall. Place a card on the tree with your Christmas greeting to the whole congregation. The money you save on cards and postage by using one card for many can be donated to SCAN. Place your donation in the basket by the tree. Your greeting will be published in January or stop and read the cards on the tree.



FUMC is partnering once again with St. James Episcopal Church once again to stuff Christmas Dinner Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, December 22nd. We will be accepting donations to purchase dinners for 80 local families. A donation of \$32 will provide a complete turkey and fixings dinner 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 shoe box in the Narthex. Those interested in volunteering to stuff the food baskets can show up at St. James on Saturday, December 22nd between 7:15 AM and 8:30 AM and stay as long as possible to help fill the bags, load cars and share God's blessings with all those involved in this worthwhile event. Call Sarah Vansant at 410-212-0944 if you have any questions about the event.

In order to better serve our parishioners who are unable to join us in church for worship we are transitioning from Skype to Google Meet. We believe Google Meet will be an easier service for us to administer and, more important, that it will make it easier for you to join us when you are unable to physically be at Friendship United Methodist Church.

You can join Google Meet on your computer through the following web address. You can also download Google Meet on your smart phone or tablet and join through the application. Alternatively, you can just dial-in by phone.

Join Through Web Address:

1. Just go to: <https://meet.google.com/ofq-cofi-axs> in your web browser.

Join Through Google Meet Smart Phone or Tablet App:

1. Download and install the Google Meet app.
2. Click the + sign to join a new meeting.
3. Enter code: ofq-cofi-axs

Join By Telephone:

1. Dial: 208-741-5421
2. Enter PIN: 704 295 178 #



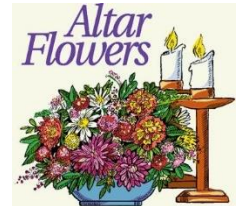
After the 11:00 o'clock worship service each week we have a coffee hour which consists of simple snacks and coffee and cold drinks provided by different "zones" This is a time of fellowship and getting to know each other. Each zone is responsible for several Sundays a year to host the Fellowship Hour and provide the snacks. If you are interested in becoming part of our Zone system, please call Bonnie in the church office at 410-257-7133. Thanks and we look forward to meeting all new members and getting to know you.



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, who have achieved 2nd or 4th year College standing or 1st year Trade or Graduate School standing as defined by the FUMC BOT. **The deadline for submission of a completed application, with a copy of your transcripts, is January 28, 2019.** 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.



The 2019 Altar Flower calendar is now posted in the Narthex. Sign up today to sponsor flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion!



Monday, December 24, 2018

3:00 pm - Children's Service

6:00 pm - featuring Sanctuary Choir

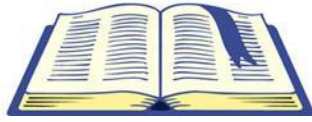
8:30 pm - featuring Voices In Praise
& Voices In Praise Alumni

11:00 pm - including Holy communion

Sunday, December 30 - 10:00 am Worship

***The church office will be closed for the holiday from
December 21 through January 1, 2019***

Bible Study



The Thursday evening Bible Study group will continue, following the completion of the Advent Study, on January 3rd with a study on 1 & 2 Timothy. The study Group meets at 7 p.m.



Rev. Tom is considering a daytime Bible Study at the church next year. Thoughts and feedback would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Rev. Tom by e-mail or by phone.

The handbell choir needs a new ringer. Whether you are an experienced or inexperienced ringer please consider joining us. We are a fun group that enjoys making a joyful noise with handbells. Please contact Chrys Hill (410-257-7662) or any member of the handbell choir if interested.



Leviticus does not deal with the Levites as a whole, but more with a segment of the Levites...the priests. Fifty-six times it is stated that God imparted these laws to Moses. It consists almost entirely of regulations for governing the relationship God and Israel.

A Membership/Visitation Committee is being formed. The purpose of this committee is to review the membership list of Friendship UM Church, make contacts with members, formulate a new shut-in list, and make every effort to contact inactive members and those that contact with has been lost. This will include more communication about what it means to be a member and then visitations done in organized teams of two. If you are interested, please contact the church office. This committee will begin work in early 2019.



If you are interested in being a Sunday morning Liturgist, or leading the Children's moment in worship, please contact the church office by the end of this calendar year.



We Want Your Thoughts

Rev. Tom is considering the possibility of new worship experiences for different times on Sunday or different days of the week beginning next Year. Your input would be appreciated. Contact Rev. Tom by e-mail or by phone.

The Giving Tuesday Campaign Was a Huge Success!

Once again, the generosity of the congregation of Friendship shows. Below are the results of the Giving Tuesday Campaign. There were donations to 11 Local Missions and 5 Mission through UM Global Ministries totaling \$5,513.00.

The Missions Team will match those donations, so these 16 Mission areas will receive a total of \$11,026! Thanks for all you do in the community, across the country and around the world!

Local Missions	Individual Giving	Missions Matching	Total
UMCOR	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Project Echo	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Relay for life	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Safe Harbor	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
UM Student day	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
VIP Inc.	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00
Home Team	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Breakfast Ministry	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Calvert Hospice	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
SCAN	\$ 423.00	\$ 423.00	\$ 846.00
Humane Society Calvert Co	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00

Local Total	\$ 4,183.00	\$ 4,183.00	\$ 8,366.00
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UMCOR Missions	Project #	Individual Giving	Missions Matching	Total
UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery	901670	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,100.00
Children's Ministry Evangelism in Central Congo	3022147	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
United Methodist Church through Global Migration	3022144	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
United Methodist Church through Refugee Response	982540	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
United Methodist Church through Methodist Border Mission Network	3021081	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00

UMCOR Missions Total	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 2,660.00
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Grand Total	\$ 5,513.00	\$ 5,513.00	\$ 11,026.00
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Year-Round & Summer ASP Missions Programs

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia (Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina). This program, headquartered in Johnson City, TN is 50 years old and has benefitted over 18,000 families with the help of over 410,000 volunteers. ASP provides a life-changing service experience for youth, college students and adults throughout the year. Since 1969, ASP has been making homes warmer, safer, and drier. Projects include roof replacement/repair; foundations dug; retaining walls built; insulation; constructing walls, floors, ceilings, and wheelchair ramps; porch repairs; siding installation; installing bathrooms; and much more.

ASP operates two main mission programs that Friendship UMC has participated in through the HOME Team: the summer youth program and the year-round program. The Summer Youth Program runs from June through August and is open to volunteers from age 14 and up for one-week experiences. The year-round program is targeted toward adults and college groups from September through May that typically work Thursday through Saturday.

FUMC has been sending youth to the week-long summer ASP mission trips since 2005. The 2019 Summer Youth Program has already been scheduled for June 30 through July 6 and will be working in North Carolina. FUMC has registered to take a group of 21 volunteers (adults and youth) for the summer 2019 trip. The expectation is that 3 groups of 7 volunteers each will make up the summer trip. That breaks down to about 6 adults and 15 youth. Contact Chuck Muller to get one of these slots before they are gone. No experience necessary! Application fee of \$50 due in March 2019 and the balance of \$100 due in June.

The year-round program is relatively new for FUMC having only participated in the spring of 2017 and 2018. In those two years, we worked with the flood relief effort in Greenbrier County, WV. We are again looking at the possibility of taking a group, perhaps two in either April or May 2019. We are looking at Greenbrier County, WV again, but our exact location will be based on need. The flood relief rebuilding continues and is now primarily new construction under HUD grants. Groups are generally 10-20 people. The group would leave Friendship on a Wednesday or Thursday, work through Saturday and return home on Sunday. The registration fee will be \$60-65 per person per work day.

The overall cost for the HOME Team to send 21 volunteers to the summer program is about \$12,000 to \$14,000. One hundred percent of those costs are raised through offering plate contributions to the HOME/ASP Team, generous donations from church members and supporters and proceeds from our only fund raiser, the world-famous Super Bowl Sub Sale which will take place on Sunday February 3, 2019.

For more information, contact Chuck Muller or Mike Walls. Please consider supporting these critical programs that make homes warmer, safer and drier through your offerings, donations, and hands-on work. It's the gift that keeps on giving!