

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 27		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45-10:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Monday, November 28		
Private Voices Lessons	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall & Music Room
Tuesday, November 29		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal resumes	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, November 30		
Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, December 1		
Advent Book Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, December 3		
Men's Dutch-treat Breakfast	8:00 am	Deale Volunteer Fire Department
Sunday, December 4		
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for longer speaking parts	1:00 pm	Sanctuary
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

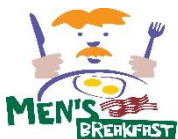
ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions

The season of Advent starts today. The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in His First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in His Second Advent. Pick a copy of "**ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions**" in the Narthex for you and your family. May we get closer to the light of God as we take time to read, reflect on Scripture, and share our thoughts during the "Advent Moment" each Sunday throughout the season! God bless our Advent journey!

There is also a sheet of Daily Scripture and Reflections in Preparation for Christmas available. Please take one per family. Thank you!

Please join the Stephen Ministers in celebrating Random Acts of Kindness this Advent season. There is a calendar in the Narthex with daily ideas for all ages!

Ushers are needed for December. Please consider this act of stewardship to help our worship service flow smoothly! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



THE MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET FOR BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 AT 8:00 AM FOR A DUTCH-TREAT BREAKFAST AT THE DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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.*



Pick up the latest edition of "The Hand of Friendship" newsletter in the narthex or Fellowship Hall today! If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please let Bonnie Dean know.



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:

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| backpacks (I got some for \$7 at Walmart and they have them for \$5 at Five Below!) | Socks/underwear |
| New clothing (all sizes-kids and teens) | Books |
| Toothbrush/toothpaste | Small toys |
| Pajamas | Kids soap/shampoo |

Many foster parents are called to take children on a very short notice basis, therefore they aren't always prepared to receive the child they will be caring for. Plus, these children are usually taken from their homes very quickly, sometimes straight from school and without their personal items.

It's important to me as a mother to teach our children to have a servant's heart and to reach out to their community and help their neighbor. If anyone is looking to get involved in our project, please see Stephanie Coffman or contact her via email: Sjc914@yahoo.com.

*Friendship Seniors Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 12:00 noon
Friendship UMC Fellowship Hall*

*You are cordially invited to come and share
Christmas fellowship and music with other seniors in our church*

RSVP to Bonnie Dean by Thursday, December 8 (410-257-7133)



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 Pastors 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. The date is **Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the 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 if you have any questions.*

VIP is going GREEN ... again!

From October 31 – December 4, 2016 help the VIP's earn cash (and help the environment as well) by participating in our recycling fundraiser. **GREAT NEWS ...There's nothing to buy!!! See list of items accepted posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**



These items will be sold to be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and re-sold. **Please deposit your donations in the marked Bin located in Fellowship Hall.**

Thank you for supporting VIP and Turning your TRASH into VIP CASH!



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 FUMC Tabitha Circle and St. James Episcopal Church are joining forces to stuff Christmas Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, December 17. We will be accepting donations to purchase dinners for 80 local families, boxes of candy canes to make the baskets festive and new toys for distribution to recipient families with children. A donation of \$31.50 will provide a full turkey dinner for a family of four. Your check can be made payable to **Friendship United Methodist Women** and placed in the collection plate or in the basket in the Narthex; donations of candy canes and toys should be placed in the box near the table. Those interested in sharing stuffing party fun should show up at St. James on December 17 at 7:15 a.m. and help fill bags, load cars and share God's blessings with the less fortunate in our community. Call Shari Thorne-Sulima at 301-261-9376 with questions.



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The Tabitha Circle announces its Cookie Exchange & Christmas Party on Monday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Thorne, 6315 Westmont Court, Dunkirk, MD. All FUMC women are welcome to help expand our Circle of Friendship as we assemble cookie & fruit baskets for our FUMC shut-ins (bring five dozen cookies packaged in small bags to share and/or fruit to fill the baskets), host our annual rousing Sneaky Santa Game (bring an ornament in a paper bag to play), reveal our Secret Pals for 2016 and select new ones for 2017. Attendees without a Secret Pal can bring a wrapped gift to swap. Members unable to attend should deliver their Secret Pal gifts to Circle President Shari Thorne-Sulima prior to the party. Participation in any of the festivities is optional – come for the fellowship, fun and Christmas cheer! Questions? Please call Shari at 301-261-9376.

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The Tabitha Circle proudly announces the sale of the pencil drawing of our new church elevation – beautifully created by Ed Klahr – available as a print (\$20/unframed) or in packs of notecards (\$5.00 for ten cards with envelopes). Please contact Shari Thorne-Sulima (301-261-9376) or any Tabitha Circle member to get a print and notecards in time for Christmas giving!