

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 4		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45-10:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for longer speaking parts	1:00 pm	Sanctuary
Hanging of the Greens	2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
Youth Group Meeting	6:30-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, December 5		
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 Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Cookie Exchange	6:30 pm	Home of Kathy Thorne
Tuesday, December 6		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, December 7		
Spotlight Music Series "The Belles of Christmas"	7:00 pm	Emmanuel Church, Huntingtown
Thursday, December 8		
Advent Book Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, December 10		
Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Voices In Praise Concert	10:00 am	Greenstreet Gardens
Voices In Praise Lunch	11:00 am	Friendship UMC Fellowship Hall
Voices In Praise Concert	12:30 pm	All Saints Episcopal Church
Sunday, December 11		
Children's Christmas Pageant	6:00 pm	Sanctuary

*Hanging of the Greens - today at 2:00 pm - meet in Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome!*

*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. Our featured performers will be:
Joyce Terry - Christmas Handbells
The Riddle Family singers*



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

Please see the "Christmas at Friendship UMC" flyer in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of any stores, POs, or other places that would allow us to post one of these flyers, please contact Jay Lounsbury, 410-257-5866 or jaylounsbury@comcast.net. Thanks!



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.*

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, boxes of candy canes, 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.



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!

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.



The 2017 Flower Chart is in the glass case in the Narthex. It's also time to place your order for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Instead of the poinsettia, you can make a donation to SCAN.

for 2017 scripture readers and communion helpers for the worship services are in the Narthex. Please take time to sign-Sunday or two!



Sign-up sheets
8:30 and 11:00
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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.



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.

Friendship Supports South County Faith Network!

The support for the work of the SCFN has been tremendous! Here is a brief report to our congregation.

Pie Sale: \$400.00
Sock Something away for Seniors: \$1,750.00
Grant from Missions Committee \$2,500
Misc. Donations: \$27.00
Total Gifts this fall: \$4,677

Some of this money has already been expended to put a new roof on a home in Shadyside. Thanks to you the senior residents who live there are warmer, safer, and drier. Thank you for your support of this vital mission program.