

COMMITTEE CHATTER, a weekly announcement highlighting one of the committees operating at FUMC to help acquaint our members with the work accomplished by each. **COMMITTEE CHATTER** features the **United Methodist Women**. The UMW is made up of two groups – the Dorcas-Lydia Circle and the Tabitha Circle. Each Circle holds its own meetings and plans its own activities, but projects often involve members of both Circles. There is a UMW Executive Committee which handles general UMW business for the church and serves as the interface with the Annapolis District UMW and Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW. The primary activity of the UMW is mission work, with an emphasis on the needs of women and children. Periodic fundraisers are held to support these projects. The UMW host luncheons following funerals conducted at FUMC as a means of comfort and fellowship for grieving families. For additional information about this or any other Committee, please contact Pastor Wayne Chung.

“FUMC” BIBLE BITES

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3. If I speak in tongues of men or angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



Design Development drawings have been completed by our architectural consultant. Prior to proceeding to the next phases of the renovation (Construction Documents, Permitting, Bidding, and Construction) the Church Council voted to proceed, on the recommendation from the Board of Trustees, once 75% of the projected budget of \$400,000.00

has been provided. This means that \$300,000.00 is to be in the church account prior to proceeding forward. At the present time the balance in the kitchen fund is \$114,706.00. Early summer is the timeframe for the council accepted plans to be submitted for permitting. However, this will be subject to the fulfillment of receiving 75% of the projected budget. Please keep this in your prayers and church giving considerations. Accepted plans for the kitchen are posted in the fellowship hall.

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 18		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am	Education Wing
Friendship Around the World		
Fellowship Time	12:00 noon	Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 19		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rehearsals	6:30-8:30 pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Meeting	6:45-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, February 20		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Thursday, February 22		
Lenten Study	7:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, February 24		
Movie Night – all are welcome!	4:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 25		
Health Information & Blood Pressure Screening	9:30 am & 12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Casual for the Choir (see ad)	11:00 am Worship	Sanctuary
Middle School Retreat Meeting	12:15 pm	Sanctuary

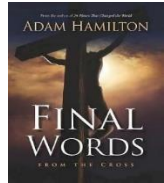
Lent: A Journey with Jesus to the Cross and Beyond

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent, a time of repentance, a time of self-examination and preparation for the Easter. It offers a time and place for us to reflect honestly about our relationship with God and others. This Lent, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and Cabinet are calling upon the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to fast one day a week. *"We, God's children, want to get out of the realm of the physical to focus our attention on God and to shift attention from the immediate things that demand our energy and attention to who and what God is calling us to be."* May the Lord bless our Lenten journey!

TODAY - Following 11:00 am Worship

Come enjoy a special coffee hour featuring food from around the world! Get information about all the committees and programs Friendship has to offer! *Open to all ages!*

Friendship Around the World



Rev. Oden Warman will be leading our Lenten Study Thursdays at 7 PM, Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22. We will be reading Final Words - from the cross by Adam Hamilton. It's about Jesus' words spoken from the cross. It includes first-person stories from the viewpoint of the characters at the cross. Together we will discover the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today.

The next meeting of the FUMC Tabitha Circle will be on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a very special meeting as Circle members Joyce Terry and Karen Eggert will be providing a program on hand bells, including a bit of history and a mini concert. All Circle Members and women of FUMC are welcome. Bring a friend to enjoy what promises to be a very enjoyable evening! We will not be conducting a separate mission project, but please feel free to bring a box or two of cereal for SCAN.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, February 24
4:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
All are welcome! Come out and enjoy the family friendly movie, fellowship, and snacks!

Sunday, February 25 - Casual for the

Choir! Come to church casual for the choir! Trade in your usual Sunday best for jeans and sweaters to support Voices In Praise uniform fund. Everyone wearing casual clothes is asked to make a donation! Dress down to help the choir dress up!



FUMC is participating in the Christmas in April program through Calvert County in 2018. We are in need of volunteers to help with the project. The project includes replacing soffit, fascia, gutters, and downspouts, repairing a roof, painting, and landscaping, so we will need plenty of help. The project day is Saturday, April 28, 2018. Any volunteer must be at least 14 years of age. Please contact Ray Wilkerson at 410-257-6396 or rtwilk92@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

The Board of Trustees Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00 am until 12 noon. Come out and lend a hand with various clean-up projects around the church. Many hands make light work! For more information, see Keith Ulrich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School ...

August 13-17, 2018. Volunteers are needed – contact Ev Klahr at 443-550-3209!