

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 20		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Bible Study	9:45-10:45 am	Bishop Warman Room
Monday, November 21		
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 Meeting Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 22		
NO SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL TONIGHT		
Wednesday, November 23		
Thanksgiving Eve Service	7:00 pm	Carter's United Methodist Church
Monday, November 28		
Voices In Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall & Music Room
Wednesday, November 30		
Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Fellowship Hall

ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions

The season of Advent starts next Sunday. 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!

SOCK SOMETHING AWAY FOR SENIORS

TODAY we will have the opportunity to give thanks by making a special gift to the South County Faith Network. This is the group of churches in our area that provides services and support for the low income senior citizens in our immediate area. Your thanksgiving gift will help with medicine, home repairs and support to those in need. Please plan to sock some money away this month to help those in need.



The next meeting of the FUMC Tabitha Circle will be on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing our recent Shrimp & Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction and plans for our December 5 Cookie Exchange & Christmas Party. Given that this is Thanksgiving week, our meeting will be kept to an hour.



Friendship UMC is invited to join our friends at Carters UMC for a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm - 6715 Old Solomons Island Road, Friendship

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



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.

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.

*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!

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!!!**

From October 31 – December 4, 2016, VIP will be collecting the following items (working or not):

- Cell Phones
- Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
- Laptop Computers*
- Apple iPods
- Hand Held Games: Sony PSP Handheld, Nintendo DSi, Nintendo DS Lite, Nintendo DS Original, Nintendo Gameboy Advance, Nintendo Gameboy Color
- MP3 Players
- Digital Cameras
- Digital Video Cameras

Note: All donated laptops will have their hard drives removed and destroyed.



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.

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