

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 23		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
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
Thursday, December 27		
Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party	6:00 pm	Ken & Faye Reynolds Home
Sunday, December 30		
Joint Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Friday, January 4		
Voices In Praise Concert Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, January 5		
Darien Pasch Wedding	10:30 am	Sanctuary
Sunday, January 6		
Voices In Praise Epiphany Concert	7:00 pm	Sanctuary



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*



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

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.

Bible Study



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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.



20th Annual Herman Fletcher Memorial

PRAYER BREAKFAST

8 am, Thursday, January 10, 2019

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1300 West Street, Annapolis, MD

RSVP: (410)222-4549 or (410)222-4937

Brti.fletcher@goodnewsjail.org or chase.wood@goodnewsjail.org

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.



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.



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.

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.



A major message of Leviticus is the holiness of God and how sinful man can approach Him. The idea of "holiness" appears some 87 times. To be holy means to be "set apart" or "Separated". The Israelites were to be separated from other nations unto God.

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!