

## THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

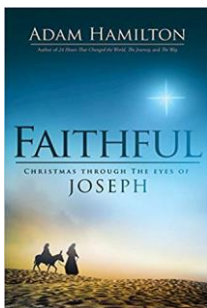
Sunday, November 11		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday School Classes	9:45-10:45 am	Education Building
DC Day Trip Informational Mtg.	12:15 pm	Sanctuary
Confirmation Class	5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 12		
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Inc. Rehearsals	6:30pm	Music Room
Tabitha Circle Meeting	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm	Older Adult Classroom
Tuesday, November 13		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Steering Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Wednesday, November 14		
Crafters & Friends Meeting	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School Teacher Training	7:00-8:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 15		
<b>Annual Charge Conference</b>	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 16		
Preparation for Dorcas-Lydia Craft Bazaar	All Day	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 17		
D.C. Day Trip		
Dorcas-Lydia Circle Craft Bazaar	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

**Annual Church Conference - November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

### Four Week Advent Study led by Rev. Oden Warman

“Faithful Through the Eyes of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton  
Study will begin on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many books to order.

The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don’t understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. We will explore what we can learn about God, about ourselves and about the meaning of Christmas from Joseph’s perspective.



FUMC is partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to stuff Thanksgiving Baskets for Neighbors in Need on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church. There will be two shifts this year that need volunteer assistance. The first shift starts at 7:15 a.m. which entails unloading donated food from the trucks and stuffing the bags. The other shift begins at 8:30 when the community members arrive and need help loading vehicles with their bags of food. So if you would like to sleep in and still provide a much-needed service for the event, then you now have the option to do so! Typically, volunteer assistance is needed up until 11:00 AM that morning. Additionally, youth can earn service learning hours and stay as long as possible to help fill the bags, load cars and share God’s blessings. A donation of \$32.00 will provide a complete turkey and fixings dinner for a family of four. Last year FUMC and St. James partnered to provide over 100 bags of food thanks to everyone’s generosity. Donations for Thanksgiving dinners can be made in cash or check (payable to FUMC) and placed in the small shoe box in the Narthex marked for this effort. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Vansant at (410) 212-0944.

Courtney Eversfield, our Children’s & Youth Ministry Coordinator, is busy planning the middle school and high school youth retreats. For more information and/or to sign-up please contact Courtney at [cymc@friendshipmethodis.org](mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodis.org). Cost to attend these trips increases on November 25<sup>th</sup> – be sure to sign-up ASAP!



The Middle School Retreat is scheduled for January 18-20, 2019 at High Point Camp in Pennsylvania. An information meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

ROCK 2019, the High School Retreat, is scheduled for February 8-10, 2019 in Ocean City, Maryland. An information meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 am at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

### SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a Children's Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The details of the service are being finalized! Would you like to sing a solo for the children? We are also looking for someone who would like to read a book to the children! If you would like to help with this service, please



contact Stacy Church (410-991-1033).



**Holiday Craft & Vendor Event**  
**Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm**  
**Friendship U.M. Church**  
**22 W Friendship Rd**  
**Friendship, MD**  
**(Rt 2 & 261 Friendship Rd at Circle)**

**STAY FOR LUNCH**

**BAKE SALE**

Come Start your Holiday Shopping here!!

- Handmade crafts
- Jewelry
- Candles
- And much, much more!!

Hosted by the Dorcas-Lydia's Ladies

### 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.  
**Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the FUMC 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 with any questions.*



### Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00pm

The time has come for us to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Please help us join in the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Church at 410-991-1033.

Through December 9th the Tabitha Circle is hosting a collection of men's, women's and children's socks and underwear to benefit the Project ECHO Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick. They are also in need of travel size items such as shampoo, conditioner, etc., the size you would get in hotels. Donations of such items can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall. The Tabitha Circle thanks you for helping to support the less fortunate in our Community this season.



### Support the Youth Fall Service Project to benefit



The Light House has provided emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and related support services to people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness in Anne Arundel County for almost 30 years.

Donations for: Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Baby Wipes, Shaving Cream, and Men's & Women's Razors will be collected until December 1.

**Become a Counter as your service project** – If you would like to become more involved consider counting the offering on Sunday. There is a dedicated group of people who serve in this capacity, but there is always room for one more. The new cycle begins in January. If you are interested contact Joyce Terry at 301-855-2461 or [jeter12@gmail.com](mailto:jeter12@gmail.com). Come join us.



Exodus is the second book in the Bible. It means "exit" or "departure". 300 hundred years separates Exodus from Genesis and Exodus is the record of Israel's birth as a nation. Exodus begins in pain and ends in liberation.



## GIVING TUESDAY INITIATIVE

Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, November 27, 2018. United Methodists will extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season as they #GiveUMC to advance ministry in our community and around the world. Last year on #GivingTuesday, United Methodists collectively raised more than \$677,000 online for projects and missionaries.

This year, FUMC's Missions Team is will augment donations you make from now through December 3 to The Advance and select local nonprofits. Missions has set aside up to \$5,000 for this giving initiative and challenges all of you get involved in Giving Tuesday. Give a gift and Missions Committee will give one too!

### **Step 1: Decide whether you want to give to The Advance or a local nonprofit.**

What is The Advance? The Advance is an official program of The United Methodist Church for voluntary, designated, second-mile giving. Through The Advance, individuals and families may choose to support mission programs or mission personnel with their financial gifts. Each Advance project has been vetted and approved by Global Ministries and Advance staff. The Advance allocates 100% of all giving to the designated project or missionary.

FUMC's Missions Team selected local nonprofits to be part of our Giving Tuesday Initiative:

1. Breakfast Club (Mt. Zion UMC)
2. Calvert Hospice
3. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry of Anne Arundel County
4. Home Team/ASP of Friendship UMC
5. Hospice of the Chesapeake
6. Project Echo
7. Relay for Life
8. Safe Harbor
9. South County Assistance Network
10. Voices In Praise, **Inc.**
11. Volunteers In Mission – Zimbabwe Trip (Community UMC)

### **Step 2: Make your donation.**

To give through The Advance, view the projects online at <https://www.umcmmission.org/Giving-Tuesday> and make your donation. If you're unsure about how to navigate the website, FUMC Youth will have laptops and be available to assist you after worship on Nov. 25 and Dec. 3.

To give to a local nonprofit, make a check payable to FUMC, write the name of the nonprofit on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. FUMC will direct 100% of gifts to the designated nonprofits.

### **Step 3: Tell us about your donation. This information will help us get an idea of what kinds of Missions our congregation supports.**

If you're giving through The Advance, there is a place to enter our church name, city, and state. Please fill in those details. After you've made your donation, please forward your receipt to [Missions@FriendshipMethodist.org](mailto:Missions@FriendshipMethodist.org) so that we're aware of your gift.

If you're giving to local nonprofits, you can skip this step. Because you're writing a check to FUMC, we'll have the necessary details about your gift.

Thank you for getting involved in Giving Tuesday! Missions can't wait to see what projects, nonprofits, and missionaries you choose to support with your financial gifts. *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*