

THE WEEK AND BEYOND AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 8		
8:30 am Worship Bible Study (cont'd. Book of Isaiah) Sunday School for All 11:00 am Worship Voices In Praise Epiphany Concert	8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Education Building Sanctuary Sanctuary
Monday, January 9		
Private Voice Lessons Handbell Choir Rehearsal Voices in Praise Monday Night Dinner & Rehearsals Stephen Ministry Meeting	5:45-6:30/6:30-7:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm 7:00 pm	Sanctuary/Upstairs Classroom Upper Narthex Fellowship Hall, Music Room Older Adult Classroom
Tuesday, January 10		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, January 11		
Crafters & Friends Meeting Communications Committee Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 am	Fellowship Hall Bishop Warman Room
Thursday, January 12		
Bible Study on the book of Luke	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Friday, January 13		
LaHeist/Castner wedding decorating	All Day	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
Saturday, January 14		
LaHeist/Castner wedding & rehearsal Cemetery Committee Meeting	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Education Building
Sunday, January 15		
Morning Worship Bible Study Sunday School	8:30 & 11:00 am 9:45 am 9:45 am	Sanctuary Bishop Warman Room Education Building

★ VOICES IN PRAISE ★

**Epiphany Concert, Sunday, TONIGHT at 7 pm
Friendship UMC Sanctuary**

Followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Voices In Praise will present a concert tonight at 7pm. Please come and enjoy their wonderful music! The concert features beloved holiday classics like *Carol of the Bells* and *O Holy Night*, along with new anthems, spirituals, and gospel selections. Celebrate all 12 days of Christmas and Epiphany with Voices In Praise!



Crafters 'n' Friends will meet Wednesday, January 11 starting at 10:00 am. This time we have a demo on how to wear those ruffle scarves. Then "Do you want to build a snowman?" We will and ours won't melt and we'll stay nice and warm. We have snacks. Come and join the fun! Contact Vera Pflum, vpflum@msn.com, 301-261-9469 or just come and give us a try.

The FUMC Tabitha Circle announces its' next meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, at which we will prepare Valentines for church Shut-ins and friends. If anyone (Circle Member or not) knows of someone in need of a "Valentine hug in an envelope," please provide his/her/their name(s) and address(es) to Circle President Shari Thorne-Sulima prior to the meeting. All women are welcome to attend the meeting to help expand our Tabitha Circle of Friendship! Call Shari at 301-261-9376 with questions.



Ushers and acolytes are needed for 2017. Please consider giving your time and talent to this important part of worship. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

The 2017 Flower Chart is in the glass case in the Narthex. Please sign up to sponsor flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special!



Sign-up sheets for 2017 scripture readers and communion helpers for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services are in the Narthex. Please take time to sign-up for a Sunday or two!

Please be sure to pick up your 2017 offering envelopes! They are located on a table in the front hall between the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.



FRIENDSHIP ZONES

Thanks to the hard work of Bonnie Revell, with the help of Bee Hobbs, a new Zone Calendar for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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!)	Socks/underwear
New clothing (all sizes-kids and teens)	Books
Toothbrush/toothpaste	Small toys
Pajamas	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. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION, WITH A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS, IS JANUARY 29, 2017. LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**



LEADERSHIP DAYS!

Dear **Leaders and future Leaders** of Friendship, you are invited to an exciting TWO-PART learning event to encourage, inspire & prepare you for a new year of ministry! Register now for both parts:

SAT., FEB. 11, 9AM-12:30PM: a great morning of classes for all ministry interests. Learn more about various church committees, special ministries, community ministry! Choose Good Shepherd UMC in Waldorf or Glen Burnie UMC in Glen Burnie.

SAT, MARCH 4, 9AM-4PM: full day workshop with Dr. Phil Maynard, author of "Membership to Discipleship." Come and learn effective ways to "grow disciples," not just church members! REGISTER NOW (last day is Jan. 31). Go to: <http://www.bwcumc.org/events/leadership-days/>



The H.O.M.E. Team is getting ready for the 2017 ASP mission trip this summer (July 2 through July 8). We will start accepting applications from the youth for the summer mission trip starting on Sunday 1/8/17. Because space is limited this year (only 15 spaces for youth) we will be taking applications on a first come first serve basis. All applications must be filled in completely and

accompanied with the payment (there are scholarships for anyone needing one). All applications must be received no later than 3/19/17. Applications are available in the Fellowship Hall, through the church office (410-257-7133), or online on our website: www.friendshipmethodist.org.

To help raise funds for our trip we will hold the Super Bowl Sub Sale again this year on Sunday Feb 5th. Order forms are available in the Narthex and there will be a box in the Narthex starting Sunday 1/8/17 to start collecting Sub orders.



SCAN wants to thank Donny Gates and the Chevele Car Club for donating 85 boxes of cereal to SCAN collected at their Christmas Party. An average of 40 boxes of cereal is given out each week. Also, SCAN wants each individual that donates cereal and money to know we very grateful. Friendship UMC is a very generous, giving church.

The Lothian Ruritan Club is sponsoring ten \$1,000.00-per-year scholarships to be awarded to graduating high school seniors. You can pick up an application and information about the requirements in the Fellowship Hall or you can pick a copy up in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. This application is not available online through Friendship church.