

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 28		
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, August 29		
Private Voice Lesson	5:45-6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Upper Narthex
Voices In Praise Rally	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall, Music Room, etc.
Finance Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday, August 30		
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:45 pm	Music Room
Wednesday, September 7		
Dorcas-Lydia Circle Pot-Luck Lunch Meeting	12 noon	Fellowship Hall
Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm	Bishop Warman Room
Saturday, September 10		
UM Men's Breakfast followed by picnic set-up at FUMC	7:00 am	JT's Kitchen, Sunderland
Sunday, September 11		
Church Picnic	12 noon – 2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall, Church Grounds

Repair on the front doors to the Narthex has begun, or will begin very shortly. Entry through the front Narthex doors will be interrupted for several weeks while the work is being completed. Please use the glass door entry at the front of the Fellowship Hall during this time!



New-and-Improved WEBSITE 

The FUMC Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the new website has been launched! www.friendshipmethodist.org

Help Wanted

No previous experience necessary. If you have love and kindness in your heart and want to help children grow, please prayerfully consider helping out the Sunday School Program. We need teachers for the following classrooms: 2-year-olds, Kindergarten – 1st Grade, 2nd/3rd grade, 4th/5th grade, middle school and high school. We also need teacher assistants (people who are willing to help in the classroom, but are not comfortable teaching). Sunday School will begin September 11th. Please contact Mary Kauffman at mary.kauffman00@gmail.com or Tricia Leighton at rtleighton@gmail.com if you are willing to help. We will be happy to answer any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support!

Children's Choir Director – This is a great opportunity to lead our Children's Choir (ages 4-11) and earn a small stipend. The choir practices once per week for about 45 minutes and performs once each month at a church service. For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne."



We are searching for a Youth Pastor/Minister and need your help! The SPRC has developed surveys for our Adults, our Elementary School Children, our Middle School/High School Youth, and a survey for the Parent/Guardian so that the congregation to share input in the process. Hard copies of the surveys are located on a table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. The surveys are also available online (see below). We request that survey response be received by September 18th. *Please note that there is an "underscore" where the spaces appear.*

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FUMC_Adult_Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FUMC_Elem_Short_Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FUMC_MSHS_YouthSurvey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FUMC_Parent_Survey

Dorcas-Lydia Circle



The ladies of the Dorcas-Lydia Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 12 noon for a pot-luck lunch meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome!

The Stephen Ministry class that was to begin in September is being postponed at this time. Two person's expressed interest in taking the class...we were looking for 4-6. If we can get to the 4-6 we will look at re-scheduling. Please contact Paula Madden if you have questions or are interested in joining this caring ministry. 443-262-2635 or pajaty@comcast.net



Our nursery is starting to get a little crowded with toys, etc. and we are moving a few things out. There are three little wooden chairs and a nice wooden changing table available to anyone that would like them. We would like to have them picked as soon as possible. See Janice Wilkerson or Lillian Mair if you are interested in any of the items.

There are a couple of dates remaining on the 2016 calendar to sponsor altar flowers. September 25th, October 2nd and November 13th are open if you want to place flowers on the Altar Tables in honor or memory of someone. Sign up on the calendar located in the glass case on the wall in the Narthex. The Worship Committee thanks those who have placed flowers on the tables through the year!



THE MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET FOR BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 AT 7:00 AM AT JT'S KITCHEN IN SUNDERLAND. FOLLOWING BREAKFAST THEY WILL HEAD TO CHURCH TO SET-UP FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC. ALL ARE WELCOME!





Sunday School will begin on September 11th at 9:45 a.m. We are trying something different for some of the students this year! Students in Kindergarten - 5th grade will now meet in Room 206 (last door on left, across from the music room). At 10 a.m. teachers will take the children to their individual classrooms. At 10:30 a.m., the children return to Room 206 for large group activities. Parents of K-5th Grade, please escort your children to Room 206, especially the first Sunday that they attend to fill out the necessary registration form. We will also need you to pick them up promptly at 10:45 in Room 206.

Location and schedule for the 2 - 4 year old children remain the same - parents will take children to their individual classrooms, on the 1st floor.

Middle and High School will meet at their regular location and time.

Please note, each child must have a registration form filled out. Parents, please accompany your children to their classrooms on the first day they are attending Sunday School to fill out his/her registration form. Thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing you!



Bible Studies

Thursday Evening Bible Study starts on Thursday, Sep. 15th, at 7:00 pm with the Gospel of Luke ch. 1. New study books are placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School resumes its study on ch. 8 of the Book of Proverbs/Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs on Sunday, Sep. 18th, 9:45 am in the Bishop Warman Room.

* "Both old members and new friends are welcome. Please bring your Bible, thoughts, questions, and stories to share with others."



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Summer is almost over and that means that our choirs will soon get back to a regular rehearsal schedule!

Voices In Praise begins on Monday, August 29 with RALLY NIGHT! VIP is open to 6th through 12th graders and regular rehearsals are Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm in the music room.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin on Tuesday, August 30 from 7:15-8:45 pm in the music room.

Handbell Choir rehearsals begin on Monday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the upper narthex