



225TH Anniversary Commemoration

Our church was founded in 1785. We celebrate that heritage of witness to God and this community. Our beloved sanctuary is 175 years old and continues to be a blessing. You can help celebrate this heritage by your purchase of a Friendship Church Historical Plate. These commemorative plates are available in the Fellowship Hall for \$20.00, and all proceeds go to our Building Fund.

Expanding the Circle Events

There are three upcoming events for you to know about:

'Town Hall Meeting'

Sunday, March 28th, 12:30pm

Kick-off Covered Dish Dinner

Saturday, May 15th

Commitment Sunday, May 23rd

Your financial gift pledge to the Capital Campaign may be turned in at this time.

You have three years to honor your commitment. Thanks!



CEMETERY FLOWERS

Spring time is just around the corner, which also means grass cutting season. Please remove all ground flowers off the cemetery by April 25, 2010. Any flowers left on the cemetery grounds after this date will be removed and discarded. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Cemetery Committee



Let's Tell the World the Good News!

We hope you like and support Friendship UMC enough to tell others about our church when you have the opportunity to do so. One neat way is if you are already a fan, "suggest" to your Friends to become a Fan of Friendship on our new Facebook page. Not only can they learn about the good news

here – the Lenten Bible verses are really a blessing and from the Info tab you and they can easily go to our website and the Calendar of Events

EVENTS THIS WEEK & BEYOND

TODAY	03/21	-	4 th Grade Communion Class 9:45 am, Kindergarten Class
		-	Worship Committee Meeting following 11:00 am Worship, Older Adult Classroom
		-	Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:15 pm, Music Room
Monday	03/22	-	Voices In Praise Rehearsals 6:30-9:30 pm, Music Room, Sanctuary, etc.
		-	Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm, Upper Narthex
		-	Stewardship Committee 7:00 pm, Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday	03/23	-	Logistics Sub-Team Orientation 6 pm, Older Adult Class
		-	Building Steering Committee 7 pm, Older Adult Class
		-	Sanctuary Choir 7:30-9:30 pm, Music Room & Sanctuary
Wednesday	03/24	-	Lenten Luncheon 11:45 am devotional, 12 noon Lunch, Fellowship Hall
		-	Weight Watchers 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall
		-	Community Lenten Service at Coopers UMC (hosted by Adams UMC) 7:00 pm
		-	Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Thursday	03/25	-	Disciple Bible Study 7:15-9 pm, Fellowship Hall
Friday	03/26	-	Voices in Praise Rehearsal & Lock-In 8 pm, church and education building
Saturday	03/27	-	Lock-In ends at 8:00 am
		-	Children's Easter Party 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
		-	Fellowship Hall reserved for Birthday Party 6-10 pm
Sunday	03/28	-	Congregational Meeting 12:30 pm, Sanctuary



Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Devotional begins at 11:45am

Fried chicken, ham, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, cottage pudding, and drinks.

\$10 Adults - \$4 Children * Sponsored by The Dorcas-Lydia Circle

CENSUS 2010

Please honor your civic duty by completing your 2010 Census. Help Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties with a strong response. It is a joy to be counted as a resident of the United States of America. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010 * 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
FRIENDSHIP UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
Donations of Plastic Easter Eggs & candy to hide inside are needed.

(There will be a box labeled in the hall)
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING TREATS
DON'T FORGET B.Y.O.B.

(Bring your own basket)

Contact Beck Lare (410)867-6297 or
Roxanne Lane 410-286-3284 with questions



Please join us for our
Annual Easter Family Gathering
from 9:45 to 10:45 am

on

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010!

This annual tradition replaces children's Sunday School for the morning (teachers will be enjoying the program with their families). The activities include transforming the rugged cross with a handful of flowers (please bring your favorites-- either store bought or home-grown), a simple snack, fellowship time, a family craft and, new this year, an Easter Drama.

The Fifth Grade Sunday School class has taken on a Lenten project to support SmileTrain. The following is a write-up from the organization's website:



"Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly. They aren't allowed to attend school or hold a job. They face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache.

The good news is every single child with a cleft can be helped with surgery that costs as little as \$250 and takes as little as 45 minutes".

The Fifth graders would like your support. We will be selling happy face cookies and novelties during Fellowship Time next Sunday, March 28. We ask

that you visit our display to learn more about this charity. Thanks from the Fifth Graders!

Please join together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with your Friendship United Methodist Church family!

As we move through the season of Lent with its focus on prayer and repentance, we look forward to the celebration of Easter and the joy of the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. One of the ways we celebrate Easter at Friendship is by our decoration of the resurrection flower cross. It is exciting to see an old rugged barren cross transformed into a colorful flowering symbol of the resurrection. For this to happen each of us is invited & encouraged to bring a handful of flowers on Easter Sunday, April 4, to place on the cross. Plan now to celebrate Easter by placing a flower on Friendship's Resurrection Cross; and thank you for your participation in this symbolic and joy-filled event.



Please see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for information about Four Day Camp programs at West River Camp for children who have completed kindergarten through 4th grade!