

VIP Is Going GREEN Update!

ONLY 2 more weeks! We will continue collecting items until **Nov. 30**. Dig deep, clean out those drawers, get with friends, neighbors, and work associates. It's win-win ... great for the environment ... cash for the VIP's! Please deposit your donations in the marked bins... located in Fellowship Hall. Questions? ... Please contact Donnie Gates at 240-508-7874.



Mark Your Calendar for December 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm
Please come out to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Once again, we will be having a pot-luck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. If you have gloves and clippers for working with the live greens, please bring them. No experience is necessary. Also, we will gladly accept donations to go toward buying new ornaments! Contact Brenda Page at 301-855-4126 or bmpage@comcast.net for more information. Hope to see you there.



The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that scholarship applications for 2010 are now available. You may pick up a copy of requirements and the application at the Church office, or it is available to download from the calendar page of the church website www.friendshipmethodist.org. The deadline for filing an application is Sunday, January 24, 2010. Completed applications can either be mailed to the Church, addressed to the Board of Trustees with "scholarship" written on the front, or they can be turned in to any Trustee, or dropped off at the office.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 7:30pm

Please come to this joint worship service, which has become such a strong bond of friendship between Carter's and Friendship United Methodist Churches. Carter's will host the service; parking is often full, so you are invited to park along the street or in the Brought's driveway.

Happy Thanksgiving!

EVENTS THIS WEEK & BEYOND

TODAY	11/22	- 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary - Voices In Praise High School sing at St. James - Music Ministry meeting following 11:00 Worship, Older Adult Classroom - Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:15 pm, Music Room - YOUTH GROUP 6:30 – 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Monday	11/23	- Voices In Praise Rehearsals 6:30-9 pm, Fellowship Hall, Music Room, Sanctuary, etc. - Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm, Upper Narthex
Tuesday	11/24	- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 pm, Sanct & Music Room - Building Feasibility Team Mtg 7 pm, Bishop Warman Room - So. Co. Garden Club 7:30 pm, Older Adult Classroom
Wednesday	11/25	- Weight Watchers 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall - 7:30 pm Joint Thanksgiving Worship at Carter's UMC
Sunday	11/29	- Voices In Praise at Festival of Trees 1 pm, Huntingtown High School - Informational movie about Lyme Disease 6:00 pm, FH - Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:15 pm, Music Room



FESTIVAL OF TREES FRIENDS OF CALVERT HOSPICE

Baked goods—cookies, fudge, brownies, breads, etc.—are needed for the "Festival of Trees" Hospice Gift Shop Bake Table to be held November 27, 28, and 29 at Huntingtown High School. Craft items are also welcomed. ALL proceeds from the gift shop go to support the construction of the Burnett-Calvert Hospice House. Items may be dropped off at FUMC, Huntingtown High School during festival hours, or I would be glad to pick them up. For more information, please call Kitty Beck Wilson (410-257-6519). THANKS!!!

INFORMATIONAL MOVIE TO BE SHOWN TOPIC: LYME DISEASE

Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 6:30 pm Trish Miller will be hosting this event featuring an informational movie about Lyme disease. The movie will be shown in the Fellowship Hall and runs approximately 1½ hours.





ARIELLA'S JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

St James' Parish Christian Formation Committee is sponsoring an Advent Program on Wednesday evening, December 2, 2009. Two separate programs for adults and children will help us begin Advent by thinking about: What is the best gift we can bring to Jesus?

The adult program called "Ariella's Journey to Bethlehem" will be led by Christian singer and songwriter, Sam Kauffman.

Ariella, the crippled daughter of Balthazar, one of the three kings, is called to Bethlehem to worship Jesus, the new king. As Ariella struggles with how to get to Bethlehem and what gift to bring, she experiences the miracle of Christmas. The Children's program will take place in the Christian education building for children ages three years to fifth grade. The children will be making an Advent craft as well as hearing the advent story!

Sam Kauffman has over 35 different musical programs available. Her style is hallmarked by her storytelling ability along with her singable music and memorable lyrics. Through her ecumenical ministry, each year Sam presents over 100 concerts, programs, workshops and retreats for church services, children and youth events, schools, conventions, women and family ministries. As the composer and lyricist of "In This Room", Sam was honored when Kairos Outside adopted it as their International theme song. Kairos Outside is an interdenominational group providing spiritual support for women who have a loved one who is now or has been incarcerated. Sam is also an active Cursillista and has served as Rector for the Ecumenical San Francisco Bay Area Cursillo Community. You can visit Sam's website to learn more about her ministry: <http://www.samkservantsheart.com/>.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 2, 2009
6 – 7pm Homemade Soup & Bread Supper
7 – 9pm Adult Program in Parish Hall; Children's Program in Education Building

WHERE: St. James Lothian, Parish Hall, 5757 Solomons Island Rd.,
Lothian, MD. 20711, 410-867-2838, www.StJamesLothian.com

We hope you will mark your calendars for this memorable event.

Please RSVP to the church office by November 30 so we will be sure to have enough soup for everyone! 410-867-2838 or Amanda@StJamesLothian.com

Cash or food donations will be provided to the South County Access Network (SCAN) Food Bank at St. James.



The Tabitha Circle is selling The 2009 White House Christmas Ornament \$20.00 each

The only president of the United States elected to two non-consecutive terms, Grover Cleveland served as the 22nd president from 1885 to 1889 and as the 24th from 1893 to 1897. The 2009 White House ornament commemorates the 24th presidency and it is the second of two produced in Cleveland's honor by the White House Historical Association.

This ornament illustrates the special place of the Christmas tree in the holiday celebrations of President Cleveland's young family. The central hologram depicts the south façade of the White House after an evening snowfall. The warm glow of the first Christmas tree to be illuminated by electric lights is seen through the tall windows of the second floor Oval Room beyond the center of the columned portico. This softly colored view is based on a modern watercolor rendition by Margaret Huddy, a Washington, D.C.-based painter.

The reverse side of the ornament recreates a scene from the tree-trimming parties of President and Mrs. Cleveland, which were held annually for their children and those of cabinet members. The words of a period newspaper report help to describe the president's delight in preparing Christmas day for his young family. A finely crafted gold plated wreath of snowflakes, painted ice blue and white, frames the oval ornament.

See Wendy Ward or Mary Kauffman to purchase this beautiful ornament. Make checks payable to Friendship UMW.



*IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...
THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING FASTER THAN
YOU THINK. IT'S TIME TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING. YOU NEED A SMALL GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, YOUR HAIRDRESSER, THE
SCHOOL BUS DRIVER, OR A CO-WORKER. COME SEE US (THE DORCAS-LYDIA CIRCLE LADIES).
WE WILL BE SELLING OUR DELICIOUS JAR MIXES AND SNACKS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH
SUNDAY DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR. COME SEE US!*



*CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE MIX &
PUMPKIN-CRANBERRY NUT BREAD MIX - \$8.00
YUPPY CHOW SNACK MIX, WHITE TRASH SNACK MIX
& 6 BEAN SOUP MIX \$6.00*

HANDMADE 100% COTTON DISHCLOTHES AVAILABLE FOR \$3.00



DORCAS-LYDIA CIRCLE MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Dorcas-Lydia Circle will hold its next meeting on December 2, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, in order to make crab cakes for the NARFE luncheon. Following that meeting they will be going to Traders for their Christmas luncheon. All women of the church are welcomed. If you would like to attend or want more information, please contact Arlene Quigley at 410-286-3112.

Tabitha Circle Christmas Party/ Cookie Exchange is fast approaching. Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share, cookies for the cookie exchange, a gift for your secret sister or if you don't have a secret sister bring a gift for the gift exchange. Ho! Ho! I almost forgot don't forget to bring your wrapped Christmas ornament for the Dirty Santa game. Need more information call Ricca Baker at 410-286-8177 or email at denricbak@comcast.net



HOME TEAM

On Dec 12th Friendship will be building a ramp for a person in need. What a great Christmas present we can give this individual. We need all the help we can get, please contact Chuck Muller 301-938-6964 chuck.muller@ngc.com



The nursery for the 11:00 am Worship Service is now fully staffed by two lovely women of our church. They would be thrilled to have some 'clients.' Please feel free to bring your child (infant to age 5) to the nursery during the service. Hope to see some new little faces soon!

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for October

Emily Anderson
Joshua Anderson
Cameron Boyd
Josiah Brought
Nicholas Brought
Maddie Buckley
Madeline Case
Jess-Lyn Chafin
Abby Elliott
Katie Elliott

Madison Fredericks
Piper Henry
Matt LaJoice
Melissa LaJoice
Gaby Moreland
Thomas Ridenour
Tyler Sandlin
Jonathan Wilkerson
Kevin Wilkerson
Carly Wood

New to Sunday School this year is the Treasure Box!

This box of treasures is full of small toys, candies, and other treats to reward the children for memorizing Bible verses, actively participating in class, and good behavior. Thanks to Carolyn Bray for coming up with this great idea as well as maintaining the "goodie" supply!



Take a look at the bulletin board in the back of Fellowship Hall to see who has earned a pick from the Treasure Box so far this year!

Children's Prayers at Friendship UMC

Dear God, I wish I could speak with you. Abby (Age 7)

Dear God, what do you look like? Do you have a house? What does it look like? Do you know General Ulysses S. Grant? Thank you for my house and my family. Thomas (Age 9)

Dear God, thank you for paper, and flowers, and all the food. Caroline (Age 3)

I pray my mom and dad and my 2 sisters and all my other relatives will stay safe and not get sick. Carly (Age 10)

Dear God, thank you for the air we breathe. Anna (Age 6)

Dear God, I want to pray for people out all around the whole world for curing the swine flu, and even regular flu. What about the other people because they must feel terrible! Can we have more vaccines, please? Amen. Jordana (Age 9)

Dear God, I thank you for giving me all that I have today. I am very fortunate – for what you have given me is wonderful. Amen. Josiah (Age 10)

Dear God, I have a question, how old is Jesus? I hope that somebody gets my Christmas box. Your friend, Emily (Age 9)

Dear God, I bless you. I wish I could see you. I love you. Please take good care of my family. Amen. Sarah (Age 7)

Dear God, I'm thankful for lacrosse. Tyler (Age 9)

I pray my family will stay safe and healthy. Bailey (Age 11)

Dear God, thank you for my family and everything else I have like food, shelter, and oxygen. Jonathan (Age 9)

I am thankful for Christmas. Wyatt (Age 10)

Dear God, I wish 1,000 laptops and cell phones fell from the sky and I wish I had 16 million dollars and a cherry red Ferrari, and also are there video games in heaven? Amen. Nick (Age 8)

I pray that my family, pets, and friends will be in good health. Lily (Age 10)

Dear God, I see colors. I see purple. I see yellow. I see blue. I see red. I see pink. I see green. I see orange. I see a rainbow. Thank you for the colors. Elizabeth (Age 6)

I pray that my dad has safe flights when he flies. I pray that nobody dies! Abby (Age 9)

Dear God, I wish for candy. Halie (Age 6)

Dear God, please watch over the people who are in need of food, water, and shelter. Meredith (Age 9)

Dear God, how do you heal people? Matthew (Age 8)

I love God so much. Nadia (Age 5)