



VIP Is Going GREEN Update!



Thank you to those that have donated to the VIP's going GREEN fundraiser. So far we have collected **603** items (164 Cell Phones, 394

Ink Cartridges, 17 Digital Cameras, 4 MP3 players, 7 Laptops, 7 iPods, 10 Handheld games and counting. This is just the beginning! We will continue collecting items until **Nov. 30**. Clean out those drawers, get with friends, neighbors, work associates... just about everyone has what we need. 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.



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

The time is drawing near. If you would like to participate in the Operation Christmas Child program please bring your shoebox to the church

this week. Drop it off at the church anytime between **today November 8th and Sunday November 15th**.

Boxes should be gift-wrapped (lids separately), labeled for a girl or boy, and secured with a rubber band. A donation of \$7.00 is requested to cover the cost of shipping. This year, we would prefer to send one check. Please make your check out to FUMC and write "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo section. (If you choose to put a check inside your own box, please make it out to Samaritan's Purse.)

Labels and more information on how to pack a box is available in the fellowship hall. Any other questions please contact Kristen Brought at kwbrought@yahoo.com or Tina Wilkerson at rtkjwilkerson@verizon.net or 410-257-6396. Thank you so much for supporting this mission.

Please Help Conserve Energy

Did you know that making a moral decision could be as simple as turning on or off a light? We need your help being a good steward of God's earth, and saving our congregation some money. Frequently, groups are leaving lights on and doors ajar when they leave the church. Please ensure that the building is properly secured and lights are out when you are done. Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK & BEYOND

TODAY	11/08	-	8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
		-	Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:15 pm, Music Room
		-	UMYF 6:30-8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Monday	11/09	-	Voices In Praise Rehearsals 6:30-9 pm, Fellowship Hall, Music Room, Sanctuary, etc.
		-	Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm, Upper Narthex
		-	Stewardship Committee 7 pm, Bishop Warman Room
Tuesday	11/10	-	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 pm, Sanctuary & Music Room
Wednesday	11/11	-	Weight Watchers 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall
		-	SPRC Meeting 7:30 pm, Bishop Warman Room
Thursday	11/12	-	Disciple III Class 7:15-9 pm, Fellowship Hall
Saturday	11/14	-	Fellowship Hall in use by Janice Moreland 3-7 pm
Sunday	11/15	-	Sanctuary Choir Workshop 12-3 pm, Sanctuary, Music Room, Fellowship Hall
		-	Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:15 pm, Music Room
Monday	11/16	-	Voices In Praise Rehearsals 6:30-9 pm, Music Room, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
		-	Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm, Upper Narthex
		-	Tabitha Circle Meeting 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11/17	-	Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm, Bishop Warman Room
		-	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30-9 pm, Sanctuary & Music Room
Wednesday	11/18	-	Weight Watchers Meeting 5-7 pm, Fellowship Hall
		-	Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm, Older Adult Classroom
		-	Communications Committee 7 pm, Bishop Warman Room



As of Sunday, November 1, your church has received **75** pledges for **\$203,688.00**. Thank you to each person who has turned in a pledge for the ministry and mission of Friendship United Methodist Church for 2010. If you have not turned in your pledge, there are additional cards in the narthex literature rack. Please fill out your pledge of support for our wonderful church and give it to Will Fowler or mail it to Will's attention at the church or place your pledge in the offering plate. Every pledge is important to your church as we plan our finances for 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Will Fowler or Pastor Byron.

Teachers' Meeting

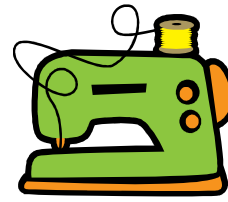


Christmas is fast approaching, which means we need to meet to discuss the pageant and other activities. Let's meet next Thursday, November 12th at 7:00-8:00pm. It is important that at least one teacher for each grade is present to represent each class in order to make decisions. Please talk with your co-teachers to see who can be there. Thanks to Linda Kovacs, we have a new production planned for this year's pageant on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 6:30pm.



Friendship church! Several members of the Sanctuary Choir are participating in the American Guild of Organists Annual Service of Scripture and Song. The concert is in the newly restored Chapel at the Naval Academy with its very famous organ. The festival is contains a variety of music from classical to spiritual. Come out and support members of the Sanctuary choir and enjoy an evening of music. The concert is at 7:00 PM on Sunday, November 15 at the Naval Academy grounds at the chapel. We look forward to seeing you.

Tabitha Circle is meeting Monday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join the group for an evening of fun decorating Christmas Scripture Bears for the shut-ins in our community and congregation. Please bring scissors, hot glue guns, needle/thread and any Christmas ribbon, lace, material etc. to decorate these 14" bears. You don't need to purchase a bears, bears are provided. Don't forget to bring your favorite scripture! For more information call Ricca Baker at 410-286-8177 or email denricbak@comcast.net.



Are you handy with a sewing machine? Volunteers will meet to sew jumper uniforms for children from Mi Refugio in Guatemala on November 21st at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **BUTTONS ARE NEEDED!** We need approximately 150 blue or black buttons about the size of a dime. If you can help please contact Betty Miles at 410-867-1506 or Marge Lewis at 301-855-6497.



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT CARD

Please grade yourself using an A, B, C, D, or F

- _____ I have turned in my pledge card for 2010.
- _____ I give sacrificially.
- _____ I pray before any decision involving stewardship.
- _____ I talk regularly with my spouse or family about our gifts to the church.
- _____ I can cite examples on how my giving has made a difference for others.
- _____ I'm not embarrassed to talk with other Christians about giving.
- _____ I keep pushing myself to grow in giving.
- _____ I live out of a theology, which affirms that God will continue to provide.
- _____ I have given at least one gift that was so generous that I needed to trust God to provide it.
- _____ I believe that it is a spiritual blessing to give to my church and to others.
- _____ The opportunity to give makes me joyful!