First United Methodist Church Purpose:

❖ Bring ❖ Build ❖ Send ❖

As believers in Christ as the Son of God, and the Bible as the inspired word of God, we:

▪ Glorify God through worship
▪ Build strong relationships in the church family
▪ Grow in the knowledge of the truth as revealed through Jesus Christ
▪ Serve people as a reflection of the love of Jesus Christ, and
▪ Spread the Good News of the Gospel so that others may come to salvation through grace

Worship With Us on Sunday Morning!

We would like to invite you to come and join us for one of our Sunday morning services.

Sunday Worship Time 8:30 & 11:00 AM
This Week’s Message: The Holy Spirit Helps Us

The Holy Spirit Helps Us – Do we remember driving a car without power steering? Do we remember the difference when we drive a car with power steering? A Christian living without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, is a Christian walking through life with manual steering. We must seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to be empowered.

Scripture: Acts 12:1-25

Next Week’s Message: Street Cred

Street Cred - God has carried us through much in our lives. Whether we have faced addictions - issues in our marriages or with our kids - never been married - infidelity - infertility - loss of jobs - or whatever we have faced - even the good stuff - God can use to help us share our witness and the Gospel.


Ray McDonald’s Blog | Thoughts and Reflections

Rev. Ray writes a devotional thought Monday through Friday each week. You can sign up to receive his posts by e-mail by going to his blog page at www.raymcdonald.wordpress.com

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## Upcoming Events

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**Website:** Please check out our new and improved website at [fumcl.org](http://fumcl.org). If you see any mistakes or think something should be on the site that is not, please let the office know at office@fumcl.org. We will try to perfect the site as we develop it. Thanks!

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- Facebook  [facebook.com/FirstUMCLaurelMD](http://facebook.com/FirstUMCLaurelMD)
Together we are stronger. There is so much we can accomplish when we come together in Christ’s name. God is always at work around us. Sometimes, we simply need to see where He is already working and join Him! So, please consider ways in which you can get connected with your church family and with our community.

Can you?

- **Sign-up to donate blood?** Please sign-up (in the Narthex) to indicate your interest! We have 19 volunteers so far – we need 40 in order to schedule a date!

- Mark your calendar, the **Christmas Bazaar** is scheduled for December 7th. Can you bake? Make candy? Make/Provide something for the silent auction? Volunteer to help during the event? See Jane Hanfman, Sherry Gotshall and/or Jakki Williams for more details.

- The **Men’s Winter Shelter** will be hosted at First Church Sunday, December 15 to the morning of December 22. WE NEED volunteers to make this happen! Can you prepare a meal? Stay overnight one or two nights?

- **Interested in taking a CPR class?** We are arranging for a class, including certification, to be held at First Church. The cost is approximately $20 per person. Additional information and sign-up is available in the Narthex.

- Bring in canned/dry goods for the Day Center. This month, their needs include canned meats (chicken, spam, Vienna sausage, salmon), canned fruit, canned soups (Chunky, Progresso), canned meals (Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore). **They will also, happily, take your leftover Halloween candy!!** Please place items in the bin near the fountain that is marked ‘Day Center’.

  **Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something!**

Interested? For more information on these and other possible ways to get connected at First Church, please see Debbi Schneider or email ([com@fumcl.org](mailto:com@fumcl.org) or [deborahjschneider@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahjschneider@yahoo.com)) (please include FUMCL Volunteer Opportunity in the subject).

Together, with and through Christ, we can accomplish amazing things!
Tuesday Bible Study!

Join us for the Tuesday Bible Study at 10:30am & 7:00pm. We are in the book of Titus.

Hope to see you there!
Altar Flowers 2019

The Flower Calendar for 2019 has been posted on the easel located in the main entrance area at the bottom of the ramp. If you are interested in ordering flowers, please provide your name and Loving Honor of or In Loving Memory of and that/those person’s name(s).

Cost: Cross Arrangement: $20 - Vase: $20

Please make all checks payable to: ALTAR SERVICE GUILD

Checks may be placed in the offering plate, marked ATTN: Altar Service Guild, or may be turned in at the church office.

Thank you for your continuing support of this mission of the Altar Service Guild.
Julie Hildebrand – Treasurer

Let Us Put a Smile on Other’s Faces

Join Our Congregation Care and Outreach Team by delivering Flowers to Church Family Members that are Homebound or Unable to Join us for other Reasons.
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY

The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses

This study highlights 16 key Bible verses that stand as "turning points" in the Biblical story line enabling us to see God’s incredible plan to redeem His people and glorify His name from Genesis to Revelation.

Whether it’s the creation of humanity, the establishment of the covenants, or the coming of the Messiah, this study will help us see how God’s Word tells a single story about His sovereignty, glory, and grace.

Sundays: 9:45 AM – October 6 – November 24

Moving on Ministries is a resource for anyone who has lost a loved one and has questions about their mourning. This grief ministry takes 2 forms. One is the Care Notes for kids, teens and adults that are on the table in the Narthex for anyone to take to read. You can return them or pass them on to someone you believe would benefit from reading them. I try to put out subjects that our world is struggling with. The second part is a series of books called “Journey through Grief” that I mail out to anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The 4 books are sent out within a year after the death and can be reread as many times as needed. There is no timetable for grief or a to-do list of what should be done. It’s a journey, not a race, and everyone grieves differently.

I also put fliers out in the Narthex about a support group offered during the year for the loss of a spouse—The Patuxent Widowed Persons Service. I can recommend them highly as a group that helped me immensely.

If you have any questions about the Moving On Ministries, or its resources, please call me. Thank you. Lois Hamilton
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Altar Service Guild will begin taking orders for Christmas poinsettias on Sunday, October 20th. All orders must be in on or before, Sunday, November 17th. Order forms will be available at the church this Sunday.
Christmas Memorials 2019 ~ Missions Donations

Make All Checks Payable To: ALTAR SERVICE GUILD

ALL DONATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019*

*Donations made after the due date may not be in in time to be included in the memorial’s booklet.

Presented by (Please Print): ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________

In Loving Memory of (Please Print): ____________________________

In Loving Honor of (Please Print): ____________________________

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GRAND TOTAL DONATIONS FOR MISSIONS

Donations may be turned in at the Church Office or placed in the offering plate - PLEASE MARK ENVELOPE ATTN: Altar Service Guild

Also, orders can be given to or mailed to: Julie Hildebrand, 15719 Haynes Road, Laurel, MD 20707

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials 2019

If you are interested in giving a memorial Christmas poinsettia, please complete the order form below.

Make All Checks Payable To: ALTAR SERVICE GUILD

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

No Orders Can Be Accepted After the Due Date

Presented by (Please Print): ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________

In Loving Memory of (Please Print): ____________________________

In Loving Honor of (Please Print): ____________________________

*Please check the appropriate box for ‘Pick Up’ or ‘Give To’ one of our members.

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FREE Movie Night coming up next Friday, November 22nd featuring War Room. Come join us, bring a guest, all are welcome!
New to You

If you plan on donating items to the New to You--section of the Bazaar, please be advised that the last day to drop off will be on Monday December 2nd.
Come one, come all to our annual Fall Bazaar and Vendor Fair: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

We will have the “New to You” tables, candy, baked goods, many vendors, lunch served, and the Silent Auction.

If you would like to have a table, please email our Office Asst. Jakki Williams at jakki@fumcl.org.

If you have items for New to You, please bring them to church and take them upstairs to Room 203, across from the central stairs and mark them “New to You”. Contact person is Pam Phillips.

If you have a basket or other idea for a Silent Auction item, please contact Jane Hanfman. Note: art or collectors’ items have not sold well and themed baskets including gift cards do, so talk to Jane about your donation. Our Sunday School classes made awesome donations last year!

If you want to make candy, please contact Mary Hoffman or see a member of the Christian Fellowship class.

We’d like to ask all church members to consider baking for the baked goods table—bread, cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes—we love them all! Any questions or ideas? See Jane Hanfman or Sherry Gotshall!

Hello First “Churchers”,

We are coming up on one month until our New to You, Silent Auction and Vendor Fair here at the church. We would like to invite all the Sunday School classes and other church groups to consider creating a basket or similar item for our Silent Auction on Saturday, December 7th.

In the past, some recent standouts have been an Italian Pasta night basket, a tower of Christmas cookies, a night at the movies (complete with DVD’s, popcorn making supplies and a gift card), and a firepit with filled with supplies to use on a chilly evening!

We’ll be coming around to the Sunday school classes in the coming Sundays to encourage great participation. We can’t wait to see your creativity unleashed!

Talk to Jane H, Sherry G or Jakki W if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting our church in mission!
SAVE THE DATE!

ADVENT FAMILY SERVICE NIGHT AND POTLUCK DESSERT PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

COME HELP SET UP MATERIALS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND ENJOY ADVENT FELLOWSHIP!

POSSIBLE SERVICE PROJECTS:

- ANGEL TREE GIFT WRAPPING
- ANGEL TREE FOOD SORTING AND BOXING
- BLESSING BAG FILLING UP AND DISTRIBUTION
- WINTER SHELTER BLESSING BAGS
- HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS COOKIES DECORATING
- HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS
- WINTER SHELTER PLACEMAT DECORATING

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!

HOT CHOCOLATE, MARSHMALLOWS, COFFEE, TEA, JUICE, WATER WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH PAPER PRODUCTS!

LAUREL WINTER SHELTER IS COMING SOON!
First United Methodist Church will host the winter shelter for men and women in Laurel with housing difficulties again this year. We provide a warm place to stay, a dinner, and a bag lunch. We would also like to provide entertainment or other services for the week they are our guests.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT!
We need 7 nights of meals, check in desk volunteers, and overnight volunteers.
HELP BE THE HANDS AND FEET FOR CHRIST...
Please check the dates below and sign up with Russ Wilson, Bev Raynor, or call the office.

MEN SHELTER: Dec 15th-22nd
WOMEN’S SHELTER: Feb. 9th-16th
Our Church Directory is Online!

We are getting our Church Directory updated for Christmas Cards and visitation.
Please make sure we have your current address!
Send a favorite picture of you and your family to Office@fumcl.org
Include your furry friends too!
Cherilyn or Trudie are happy to take your picture any Sunday if that works better for you.

Our church directory is available to view on any web browser!
Look for “Instant Church Directory” — the program we use to build our church directory — has a free website for church members to view our directory online.
To view the directory online, go to http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com to log in.
You will be asked to enter in your email address as it's listed in our directory.
If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Cherilyn know so it can be added.
SEE the printed FLYER in the Narthex
Dear New Day supporters,
We are so excited to share that New Day Maryland, Inc has been selected to be a part of the Giant Food Community Bag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. For the month of November, each time a reusable $2.50 Community Bag is purchased at the Giant Food located at 1009 Fairlawn St Laurel, $1 will be donated to New Day Maryland, Inc, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for our cause.

Let's get started! We can begin by spreading the news to our friends and family. Call, send emails, and post on social media. The more people who learn about the program and purchase the Community Bag during the month of November, the more money we will raise.

To learn more about this program, please visit giantfood.bags4mycause.com.

Best,

Dr. Michael W. Schaffer - President
New Day Maryland, Inc.
329 Prince George Street
Laurel, Maryland 20707
301-498-2100 Office
301-273-8520 Cell
Thank you as this letter is sent to you for your generous donation in scholarship money to whom it was received.

I thank you for putting aside a portion of what you had to support and invest in my future. Michael T.

-May it lead me in the right direction and bring me closer to God's plan.
Job Available at Our Church

We have one opening on our staff at First Church. It is for our director of music. A job description is available for this position. Send your resumes to resumes@fumcl.org.
The Holy Spirit in Acts
November 3 thru November 24

11/3 - The Holy Spirit Comes
11/10 - The Power of the Holy Spirit
11/17 - The Holy Spirit Helps Us
11/24 - Street Cred

Services at
8:30 & 11 am
Come As You Are
All Are Welcome

But you, LORD,
do not be far from me.
You are my strength;
come quickly to help me.

PSALM 22:19