

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## May 2018

### FORWARD FOCUS UPDATE

Where we have been, and where we are now, was the focus of the second Forward Focus Congregational meeting. Despite the heavy rain downpour, people turned out for the supper and for the meeting. Thank you everyone who was able to attend. We did hear from the history committee and received their reports on worksheets 1, 2, and 3 of the Forward Focus Process. It was good to remember the many things the people of Friendship have been doing in the years since 1878.

Now we are looking ahead to the **third congregational meeting on May 15**. Again, we will offer a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Before that meeting, the Data gathering team and the Data Crunch team will meet to reflect on a 33-page report of information about the community within a 5.5-mile radius around Friendship. These teams will prepare worksheet 4, which evaluates Finances and Facilities, and worksheet 5, which provides a tool for evaluating our Ministry and begins reflections for future ministry. **Please make every effort to participate in this congregational meeting.** Since we are all praying for understanding of the information we are gathering, **we anticipate a lively discussion at this meeting.** Your thoughts and dreams for Friendship's future are important – you are part of our Church family, and we need you to hear what we are gathering together and to share how accurate you think the information is and what ways we should use this information. **Looking for YOU on May 15, at 6:30 p.m. You/We are the Church!**

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### FAN at One Year

Our Faith, Activity, and Nutrition program is drawing to the close of its first year. We will be evaluating our continuance of this program for a second year. We began this program slowly and added more as we've gotten familiar with it. We have had some good nutrition information shared, done some stretching during worship, continued growing through small group study, and are looking

forward to having some **Hula-Hoop fun during the Car Show and Beach Bash on**



**May 12.** Whether you are an avid hula-hoopist or one who enjoys laughing at your own exploits with a hula-hoop be ready to join the fun. Know someone who enjoys a hula-hoop? Invite them to come share in the fun. Bring your own hoop, if you have one. If not, we will have extras here.

Speaking of exercise activity, remember our weekly Monday walk group at 5:00 p.m. At this point, we are a small group, but that means there is plenty of space for others to participate. Can you only walk for ten minutes? Come do ten minutes with us, then rest and enjoy the fellowship.

Check out the new FAN notes on the table as you enter from the portico!

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### SC United Methodist Conference, June 3-6

One exciting event that will occur will be the packing of 10,200 UMCOR Health Kits. The conference is asking each district to raise the money for 850 kits. Materials to make the health kits cost \$12.00 per kit. April 29 and May 6, we will have \$12.00 "tickets" available for purchase. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can purchase one, two, or more tickets. The money needs to be at the conference office by May 15, so they will know how many supplies they can order. If you would like to help pack the health kits, you can sign up online at [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) There, you can look up the Annual Conference Mission Initiative and the follow the link to volunteer.

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**EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!** Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and church's like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2018,

to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



The grass cutting teams could still use extra help. If you are willing

to do one of the following, **once** a month please contact Randy at [Thompsons@Comporium.net](mailto:Thompsons@Comporium.net).

- weed eat
- push mower - if you are willing to cut around the crepe myrtles along the road, the swings, and the back of the fellowship hall
- riding mower – we need extra help on the team

### Deeper Still – a Small Group Study begins May 1<sup>st</sup>



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Meeting every First and Third Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join us in a bi-weekly gathering for a

short bible lesson/devotion, prayer time, fellowship, and lunch. Please invite your friends.

On May 1, lunch will be provided. At future meetings, tea/coffee will be available and ladies are asked to bring a bag lunch.

### Mark Your Calendars



**Car Show & Beach Music**  
by Surfside  
**May 12, 5:00-7:30pm**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Strawberry Shortcake**

Please start buying canned drinks and water for this event. Also, everyone needs to bake something for the Bake Sale, cakes, pies, breads, cookies & brownies, etc. Please let Joyce know if you have a pop up tent.



### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** **MAY 5, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon**

Many people love their animals and find they have become significant to their family life. They are happy to have a church family who understands the love that develops between them and their pet. If you would like a blessing prayed for your animals bring them to Friendship, and we will pray blessings on them. Enjoy animals and want to be part of the praying teams? Join us at 9:30 as we set up and make ready for our time with the animals. Invite others to bring their animals and join us. Remember to restrain you animals for their safety, and that of others.

### **House of Agape Meal Ministry**

We have tried to be proactive and have a list of team captains for the House of Agape meal ministry for the entire year.

May 17	Hal & Sylvia Kennedy
June 21	Janis Long
July 19	Chapman Family
August 16	Lynne Tyner
September 20	Sandy Ransom
October 18	Chapman Family
November 15	Sara Thompson
December 20	Donna Williams

The P/S PRC has agreed to have Rev. Scott Cloninger serve as Minister of Visitation for our parish. This will be part time (five hours weekly). If you would like a visit by Scott, please let him, Nellie, or a member of the P/S PRC know. (P/S PRC members from Friendship are Nancy Love, Frank Caldwell, Richard Tyner, Rusty Thompson, Jim Ransom, Ashley Lance; and from Heath, the members are Richard Bolton, Crissie Paquin, Jerry Johnson, Bitty Faustman.)

### **Memorials**

**In memory of Tony Thompson**  
*by Lesslie VFD; Scott Thompson*

**In memory of Laura Gaulden**  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Moody*

**In memory of Kim Whitesell**  
*by Doris Williams*



Rusty Thompson	5/1
Gary Johnston	5/3
Adell Wasiewicz	5/5
Connor Fong	5/6
Frank Caldwell	5/10
David Hardin	5/10
John Setzer	5/11
Eric Cale	5/15
Randy Thompson	5/16
Angie Smith	5/22
Jeremy Newman	5/23
Jimmy Plyler	5/25
Chuck Hammond	5/29

Carol & Larry Sanders	5/07
Robin & Jeffrey Fickes	5/14
Phyllis & Don Stroud	5/19
Doris Williams & Gene Gardner	5/29
Denise & Gene Gardner	5/30
Debi & Wesley Deal	5/31



**Worship Leader** – Patricia Cloninger

**Greeter** – Sheila Sanders

**Communion Servers** – Lynne & Richard Tyner

**Money Counters**

May 06	Denise & Holly
May 13	Grady & Joyce
May 20	Patsy & Denise
May 27	Janis & Tony

**Cool Church**

May 06	Phyllis Stroud
May 13	Ethel Sutton
May 20	
May 27	Preston Starkey

**Nursery Ministry**

May 06	Debbie A & Rose
May 13	Ashley & Angie
May 20	Janis & Josie
May 27	Sheila & April