"It was the Lord who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach the unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ. We will no longer be infants. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:11-13, 15-16)

Dear friends, greetings in the name of the Lord!

What was your most exciting moment in your life, may I ask? Let me guess from my experience. Among many others, what can be more exciting than to hold a new-born baby, your own baby!? Among many other gifts from God, life surely is the most precious one.

One of my friends, who recently became a grandpa, shared with me both his excitement and concern. The baby is a bit small in size since it arrived a few weeks earlier than expected. Yet, who knows? With proper care and nurture, a 16-inch and 4-pound-boy may grow into a strong, healthy, 6-foot and 240-pound-man. It is natural for babies to grow. And it brings joy to their parents, grandparents, and all who know and love them.

Some of our children and grandchildren started a new school life on every level -- elementary, secondary, college, and beyond. They are all expected to grow intellectually, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Growth matters! It is necessary and natural. It is hard to imagine, but what if an infant stops growing and keeps the same height and weight in ten years? We stop adoring and start wondering if something is wrong. Parents become worried. In the same way, it worries our Father in heaven when His children don't grow. It is unfair to say to an infant, "Stop being an infant," since it has no capacity to understand and it takes time to grow. We, born-again Christians, on the other hand, have an ear to hear and a strong desire to grow. We have a clear sense of our calling to be part of the Body of Christ, the Church. We know that God wants us to grow up and grow out, to know the truth, and speak the truth in love. So willingly do we use our gifts and talents to build up the Body.

One of my mentors used to tell the story of his father, who happened to be a carpenter. He remembers and retells his father's advice: "It is always easy to tear things down. All you need is a hammer in your hand. It always takes something to build up, though. It takes many parts, many hours, and efforts to build up a house."

Dear friends, what do you have in your hands to build up the house of God? It takes time, efforts, and yes, prayers and even tears to build up and grow our church. The growth is on the scale of the proper functioning of each individual. When you and I grow and mature, so does our church. When it happens, it brings an inexpressible joy to our Father in heaven.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Wayne
From the SPRC: Pastor Wayne Update

As was announced Sunday September 30th, Pastor Wayne will undergo surgery on October 9 to remove a growth on his gallbladder. He will be recuperating for 8-12 weeks. During this time Faith will have guest speakers in our pulpit. Clergy in our cluster will be available in case of pastoral emergency.

We will all hold Pastor Wayne and Esther in our prayers, and we wish him a very speedy recovery. Pastor Wayne has promised to let us know if the family needs anything. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Susan Ferris Wyderko
SPRC Chair
Sfwyderko@gmail.com

Guest Preacher Pastor Oden Warman

During Pastor Wayne’s absence, Rev. Oden Warman will be filling Faith’s pulpit on a number of Sundays, beginning October 14.

Pastor Warman served as a pastor in the Western PA Conference for 40 years. His education was at Dickinson College and Wesley Theological Seminary where he received his M.Div. In 1973. He retired as lead pastor at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Oden provided conference leadership for many conference programs over that time including serving as the District Superintendent of the Washington PA District. His passions have been preaching and teaching and reaching out to children and youth through educational ministries. He encouraged travel to the Holy Land and has led tours there five times. Oden is a supporter of camping, particularly, Jumonville in Fayette Co., PA. He makes his home with his wife, Debbie, on his family’s homestead in rural Maryland where he enjoys gardening.

Servanthood

Please consider how you might be able to help your church family at this time. Consider hosting Fellowship hour, teaching the children's message during the 10:00am service, serving as an usher, greeter, or Scripture reader. If you are looking for more ways to serve please contact the office at 301-881-1881. Together we put our faith, prayers, and love into action.
Book Discussion: “Beautiful Boy: A Father’s Journey Through His Son’s Addiction”
November 16, 2018, 7:30-9:00pm, Room 206

The next book in “the Other” series is Beautiful Boy: A Father’s Journey Through His Son’s Addiction by David Sheff, which is now a movie that comes out this fall (watch the trailer at www.beautifulboy.movie).

What had happened to my beautiful boy? To our family? What did I do wrong? Those are the wrenching questions that haunted David Sheff’s journey through his son Nic’s addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery.

Before Nic became addicted to crystal meth, he was a charming boy, joyous and funny, a varsity athlete and honor student adored by his two younger siblings. After meth, he was a trembling wraith who lied, stole, and lived on the streets. David Sheff traces the first warning signs: the denial, the three a.m. phone calls – is it Nic? The police? The hospital? His preoccupation with Nic became an addiction in itself. But as a journalist, he instinctively researched every treatment that might save his son. And he refused to give up on Nic.

Books ($10) will be available at the mailbox downstairs outside the Church Office, where you can sign up as well (you can pay on the night of the discussion). Contact Gina Dawson with any questions, gdawson@faithworkshere.com.

Life Transitions:
“Normal Forgetfulness or Memory Impairment”

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

"Life Transitions," our popular dinner and a guest-speaker series featuring pastoral care issues, returns on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. The topic is “Normal Forgetfulness or Memory Impairment?”, a discussion led by Christina Green, Director of Community Relations for Olney Assisted Living.

As we age, it is common to have some forgetfulness. With 5.3 million people living with Alzheimer's in the United States, however, how do we know when we should be concerned? Who should we turn to for help? Join us for this informative presentation about normal forgetfulness versus the signs of dementia. During this presentation, you will learn 10 signs that may indicate something more than normal forgetfulness, where you can go for help, and most of all where you can get support caring for someone with dementia.

Speaker Christina Green has over 28 years of experience in working with those living with Alzheimer’s and dementia. She has a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Gerontology. Early in her career she developed programs for nursing home residents designed for those with living Alzheimer’s disease. She managed dementia care units in nursing care and assisted living communities for 10 years, until transitioning to memory care specific assisted living communities.

Attendance will be limited, so please RSVP to sroby@faithworkshere.com no later than Wednesday night, October 3rd if you plan to attend (for the meal and presentation).
New Ministry Opportunity
Congregational Care Ministers (CCM)

Informational Meeting Sunday October 21, 2018, 11:30am Parlor

You are invited to an informational meeting to learn more about Faith UMC’s new ministry for Congregation Care Ministers (CCMs). CCMs are lay persons who work alongside their pastor to provide care for their church family. They are selected to participate in this ministry because of their gifts and graces in compassion, encouragement and organization. CCMs are volunteers, who sign a covenant of confidentiality, and who are also grounded in Scripture. They look to Wesley’s “Three Simple Rules” for guidance (“Do no harm; Do good; Stay in love with God”). They are: regularly-attending and financially supportive members of the church; deeply committed Christians; and are expected to commit to at least three hours per week to this ministry.

Faith will begin this new ministry journey October 21st, with an informal meeting, followed by CCM training classes beginning in November and running through January of 2019.

Like any new project, we will start small with the hope and prayers to grow a strong ministry in Christ’s love. If you are interested and have more questions, please contact Congregational Care Coordinator Scott Roby sroby@faithworkshere.com

What Gifts Make a Good CCM?

- Love God
- Love God’s people
- Active Listener
- Compassionate heart
- Open to God’s Spirit
- Practice Self Care

From the Director of Music

What a great start to the new fall church year! We have Esther Chung joining us in Chancel Choir, and we have at least eight children from Pre-K to First Grade singing in our Young Singers of Faith! Our Bells of Faith contributed to worship September 30.

Our Concerts for Others will start Friday January 11, 2019, 7:30pm, featuring Trio Illumino -- Virginia Lum, piano; Neil Brown, trumpet, and Stephen Czarkowski, cello. This group has a reputation for musical excellence and eclectic programming. Last October at Faith, they had works of Debussy, Bach, and even a little jazz! Save the date. More details coming.

Even before we created Concerts for Others, we had concerts hosted by Glenn and Karen Simpson as a Mission Auction benefit. This year’s program is Saturday, November 10. Details on page 4.

Previews of Special Music in November and December:

- Our Chancel Choir will contribute movements from the Requiem of Luigi Cherubini as part of our annual All Saints’ Sunday worship, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. Luigi Cherubini (1760 – 1842) is one of the few composers of the Classical Era whose Requiem survives to this day. His writing was conservative for his time, and his training in opera seria (serious as opposed to comical opera, genres further evolving during his day) shows in the movements we present, which includes a beautiful and identifiable musical motif that underscores his setting of the Latin text, "grant to the departed eternal rest".

- Our Music Ministries Celebration Sunday comes the following week on Sunday, November 11. See all the friends and members of Faith singing and ringing to contribute to our 10 a.m. worship. Michael Wu, Director of Music will preach.
Bells of Faith Thanks You

The Bells of Faith are returning this fall with an expanded 4-octave set of chimes! A huge and heartfelt thank you to all who participated in our Bells of Faith Tea last spring in memory of Mary Mehring. A special thank you to David Mehring for his generous support and to the following individuals who each donated a chime, as indicated:

D#–6: Karen Johnston and WW Bridge Group
A–6: Jane and Sam Rankin
B♭–6: Lucille J. Browne, in memory of her mother Hallie Jackson
B–6: Bill and Janice Jones
C–7: Mary French
F#–4: Jean Decker
F–4: Nancy Kuhn
E–4: Wonder Women Bridge Group

Mission Auction Friday, October 26, 2018

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship while we raise funds to support local causes and world-wide disaster relief. The action starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and a silent auction. The live auction begins about 7 p.m. Cost is $5/adult. Children are free. All are invited. Bring your friends and family. Children are welcome to participate in the auction. We will also have some special fun things to play with while they are here.

Proceeds will benefit Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) [https://mcch.net/] and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Disaster Relief. [https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/Disaster-Response]

Most items auctioned are donated by fellow Faith folks -- gourmet dinners, fresh baked goods, weekend escapes, gift baskets, home services, restaurant gift cards, collectibles, handcrafts, home décor and much more (we encourage you to come up with creative new ideas!) So...in addition to your attendance, we need your donations to make the event a success. We will be collecting donations on Sundays in September and October during fellowship time, but can make arrangements to accept items during the week.

Mission Auction “Musicale”
November 10, 2018 7:00pm

Mark your calendar for the evening of November 10, 2018, 7:00 pm, for the annual Mission Auction "Musicale" at the home of Glenn & Karen Simpson.

Tickets will be available at the Mission Auction on October 26. Any seats remaining after the auction will be sold on Sundays Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 or by contacting Carol Henley cahrenley@comcast.net.
Your Mission Auction Proceeds at Work

On August 28, Faith’s Fellowship Hall and Memorial Garden were filled with backpacks, books, school supplies and children eager to get ready to go back to school. Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) once again took advantage of our great indoor and outdoor space for their Back to School Fair. Over $20,000 in supplies were donated by community members to these families who were formerly homeless and continue to be supported by MCCH services.

MCCH has been designated as one of the organizations to receive Mission Auction proceeds. Watch the video to learn more. [https://mcch.net/back-to-school-fair/](https://mcch.net/back-to-school-fair/)

Last fall, we assembled 100 cleaning kits (flood buckets) and sent them on their way to flood and tornado victims via the UMCOR Disaster Response distribution network. Our buckets were delivered to Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville and then onto Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. See article “Journey of a Bucket” to learn more about where buckets were distributed last year - over 31,000 buckets as well as 250,000 hygiene (health) kits and 90,000 school kits. We know that the supplies will be depleted once again after Hurricane Florence. Watch for news about a bucket project next spring, which we will fund with proceeds from this fall’s Mission Auction (Oct. 26, 6 p.m.) [https://www.umcmission.org/find-resources/new-world-outlook-magazine/2018/june/0614journey-of-a-bucket](https://www.umcmission.org/find-resources/new-world-outlook-magazine/2018/june/0614journey-of-a-bucket).

Interfaith Works

Thank you Faith UMC

Friends at Faith UMC,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of NEW school supplies to Interfaith Works– Clothing Center.
Thank you for also adding a smile to the faces of the wonderful children we serve.

The Interfaith Works– Clothing Center (IWCC) distributes donated items free of charge, to low-income residents of Montgomery County. By proving basic necessities free of charge we enable our clients to use their scarce financial resources for other pressing needs such as rent, food, transportation, and healthcare. Thousands of individuals, businesses, schools, camps, service organizations and congregations donate time and goods, which makes our program possible.

We are happy that you have joined us in our efforts to provide this much needed service. We are proud to provide the link between people in our community who have things they no longer need or want with people in the community who are in desperate need of the same items.

We are looking forward to seeing you again!

In gratitude,

Monica Barberis-Young
Director of Family Services
Interfaith Works
Faith on Film, Saints and Sinners:  
Friday, October 12, 2018, 6:30-9:30pm, Room 206

On October 12th, join us for The Prestige (2006, rated PG-13, 130 minutes). This mystery thriller from Christopher Nolan is set in Edwardian London, where two rival magicians and former partners (Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale), feud bitterly after one of them performs the ultimate magic trick - teleportation. His rival tries desperately to uncover the secret of the former’s routine, experimenting with a dangerous new science as his quest takes him to the brink of insanity and jeopardizes the lives of everyone around the pair.

A dark and powerful film, with plenty of twists, that poses provocative questions about identity, conscience, ambition, and the nature of reality.

Movie fare provided—pizza, popcorn, and drinks. Desserts are welcome. Childcare available (contact Gina Dawson to reserve at gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

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Showing in November  War Room
November 9, 2018, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Room 206

Our third film in the series is War Room (2015, rated PG, 120 minutes)

The plot: With great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony flirts with various temptations and wife Elizabeth becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest real estate client, Miss Clara, who encourages her to become a “prayer warrior” and the couple to find happiness through the power of prayer.

A heart-felt film from the Kendrick brothers (directors of Fireproof, Courageous and Facing the Giants), this a movie that will challenge your own sense of spiritual discipline.

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Kenya Night for Nyumbani
Saturday October 20 6:00pm-9:30pm

Benefit for orphans & caregivers affected by HIV/AIDS

Come and enjoy dinner, dancing with tribal flair, craft boutique, children's crafts and more; all to help those who are affected by HIV/AIDS. $15 per person or $30 per family. Saturday October 20 at 6:00pm at Christ Episcopal Church Kensington  4001 Franklin Street Kensington (Parking/entrance on Everett Street). You can make reservations at ccpk.org, click on Nyumbani. Questions, contact Carol at 301-598-0348 or Tina 240-505-0921.
Serving in October

**Altar Guild:** Colleen Wootten
**Communion Steward:** Barbara Wege
**Communion Servers:** Barbara Wege, Linda Werling, Mike Newton

**Greeters:**
Oct. 7: Caren & Jeff Stefan, Courtney, Hannah & Betty Crisp
Oct. 14: Joan & Ed Haller
Oct. 21: Alma Rines & Jane Tascher
Oct. 28: Susan Costlow & Bill Moore, Billy & Laura Moore, & Lydia Costlow

**Projection:**
Oct 7: Woody Machalek
Oct 14: Woody Machalek
Oct 21: Debbie Spriggs
Oct 28: Debbie Spriggs

**Security / Lock-up**
Oct. 7-13: Tim Evans
Oct. 14-20: Ken Ayres
Oct. 21-27: Mike Newton
Oct. 28–Nov. 3: Chuck Spencer

**Sound:**
Oct. 7: TBD
Oct. 14: Doug Dismukes
Oct. 21: Doug Dismukes
Oct. 28: Doug Dismukes

**Ushers:**
Oct 7: Bill Maas, Gearold Knowles, Glenn Simpson
Oct 14: Ken Ayres, Elaine Ayres, Scott Springer
Oct 21: Bill Jones, Ann Tognetti, Jay Moore
Oct 28: Steve Wege, Elease Bruner, Edward Bruner, Donna Wood

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Eat for a Purpose:
Support Faith Music Program

Monday October 8 at 5:00pm
Join us to dine with a purpose at Il Porto’s. The owner has graciously agreed to give the church 20% of his sales that evening. There will be a kids’ menu so the event is family friendly. Come anytime during the dinner hour, identify yourself as part of Faith UMC group, and enjoy delicious food and great company. No reservations needed. Il Porto Restaurant is located at 245 Muddy Branch Road in Gaithersburg.

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Pacesetters

Sunday October 14 at 11:30am
Pacesetters, will be gathering again for our monthly brunch on **Sunday, October 14, at 11:30 am** at Clyde’s Tower Oaks. Please contact Anne Kuester (301-216-4948) by **Friday, October 12**, whether or not you’ll be coming so that reservations can be made. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

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Church Work Day

**Saturday, October 27, 9:00am**

Mark your calendars for the Church Work Day. All are invited to lend a hand. We will be cleaning out and sprucing up our space, inside and out. Coffee and bagels will be available.

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Faith UMC Card Ministry

Do you like sending encouraging notes, wishing folks a Happy Birthday? Join Faith’s card ministry. For more information contact Carol Dismukes at [2acebygolly@gmail.com](mailto:2acebygolly@gmail.com).
Our deepest Christian Sympathy goes to the family of Mary Melvin, a charter member who died on September 16. She was 89 years old. A service was held in Michigan and another is planned at Asbury Methodist Village, Guild Chapel, on October 19 at 2:00pm.

**October Birthdays**

| Oct. 1 | Dave Melia |
| Oct. 3 | Ken Ayres, Dot Springer, Bruce Werber |
| Oct. 4 | Brian Jones |
| Oct. 5 | John Kelly |
| Oct. 8 | John Billingsley, Emma Brown, Bill Spriggs, Bethany Stokes, Kem Stokes, Karen Melia |
| Oct. 11 | Betty Crisp |
| Oct. 12 | Gary Clark |
| Oct. 13 | Julia Hedrick, Teresa Meadows, Scott Springer |
| Oct. 15 | Bonnie Alcid, Janet Angell, Patty Green, Sandy Haass, Tori Whitaker |
| Oct. 16 | Hank Meadows, Janice Moon |
| Oct. 17 | Krista Baptista |
| Oct. 18 | James Gautereaux, Rosemarie Lapham |

| Oct. 19 | Jillian Mahoney |
| Oct. 20 | Karen Johnston |
| Oct. 21 | Tacy Roby |
| Oct. 22 | Ethan Gray |
| Oct. 23 | Christopher Summers, Ned Taylor |
| Oct. 27 | Iva Defibaugh |
| Oct. 29 | Kay McCarty, Glenda Winters |
| Oct. 30 | Stan Benjamin |

| Oct. 5 | Dominick & Bonnie Alcid |
| Oct. 8 | Jim & Janet Angel |
| Oct. 10 | Bob & Sarah Rosenbaum |
| Oct. 11 | Howard & Jane Ortmeyer |
| Oct. 15 | Bill & Debbie Spriggs |
| Oct. 20 | Michael & Bethany Kaye |
| Oct. 24 | Curt Ollayos & Christine Hellauer |

**Articles for the November Good News are Due Monday October 22**

**Miss Out on the Photo Directory Sessions?**

If you missed out on having your photo taken for our new directory, feel free to submit a digital image for inclusion. Photos would ideally be landscape orientation and can be emailed to jspencer@faithworkshere.com. Deadline for submission is **Sunday, October 14**.
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**Notes:**
- 6:30pm Faith On Film: "The Prestige" (FRI)
- 6:00pm Mission Auction (SAT)
- 10:00am Christian Education (SUN)
- 10:30am Bible Study (SUN)
- 11:15am After Class: 1st to 4th
- 1:30pm Mizo UMF
- 7:30pm Pursuing God Study
- 6:00pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 7:30pm Disciple 3 Study
- 7:30pm Disciple 1 Study
- 7:30pm Disciple 1 Choir