“Happy New Year in September!” 

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

“Happy New Year!” Come September, Jewish people celebrate their New Year greeting each other, saying, “L’shanah Tova” and “G’mar Chatima Tova.” – “Happy New Year!” “May you be sealed for a good year!”

The Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement are a culmination of a period of introspection started some 30 days before Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish New Year is also known as the Day of Judgment. The period between this day and the Day of Atonement is known as 10 days of Repentance.

Starting a new start in the middle of a year is not new. God told Moses to celebrate on the first day of the first month in the middle some months. “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.” (Exodus 12:2) It was a new beginning for the Israelites as they departed from the land of slavery.

Soon our children start their new school semester. For some of them, it is a brand-new experience filled with hope and adventure. How does it feel to have new books, new notebooks, and everything new in front of you? Can you recall the excitement mixed with some nervousness when you first met your new teacher and new friends? “Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can.”

We do want a success. But sometimes we mess up, and we like to start all over. There are times I feel like I would have done it differently. Then comes a moment of regret and remorse. Each time we feel disappointed, there is a whisper from the devil: “See~? It’s over, forget it. Give up!” Then we feel miserable about ourselves.

But the Bible does not agree with this feeling. It speaks of a completely new beginning. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). There is something exciting about starting over. Every day is a new beginning in Christ.

Are we going through tough times? Mostly, yes. Are we in Christ? If yes, then we are a new creation. We are renewed each day by the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling us. Therefore, do not lose heart but continue glorifying God in your daily worship.

To lose hope is to disappoint God. Instead honor God by hoping and trusting in God. He will surely help you find a new strength to start a brand-new start! We can start over again because the best is yet to come. Together we can face tomorrow because we know who holds the future.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Wayne*
What is the Apocrypha?
Sundays, 8:45am in the Parlor, starting September 9th

Join Hunter Prillaman and Phil Dawson in a study and discussion of these books that are part of the Bible in some Christian traditions, but not others. We'll learn about their history, what they meant to the early Church, and what they have to say to us today.

While we began this study last year, you can join anytime as there will be frequent recaps. This season we begin with Second Maccabees. Bibles with the Apocrypha will be provided.

Pursuing God’s Love: Genesis
Six-Week Online DVD Study, Every Other Sunday, 7:30-8:30pm, starting September 23

The greatest story we will ever encounter is the story of God's love for us. Stories were passed down orally long before they were written down. Genesis was written so that the Israelites would know God and his presence and involvement in people's lives since the beginning of the world. **Through the Genesis story, the Israelites are reminded how they became God's people and discover God's tremendous love for them.**

**Why pursue God’s love?** From the foundation of the world, God created us for love. Pursuing God's love isn't just about receiving God's love but recognizing that we were made for the purpose of loving God and loving others. We are meant to experience God's love and become expressions of God's love in our world.

**Dates:** Sep. 23, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 (No Homework).
Contact Gina Dawson with questions (gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

How does the Zoom online experience work?
Through your computer, laptop, or tablet, over an internet connection, all of us will be face to face in real-time. A built-in microphone and camera are preferred, but not required. If you don't have the mic and camera options, you can still listen and watch and can converse with us via the chat window. The leader will share her computer screen with everyone so we can all hear and see the video lesson. We've had several studies via Zoom and they've gone well.

Book Discussion: “The Line Becomes a River” by Francisco Cantú
Friday, September 14, 2018, 7:30-9:00pm, Room 206

The bi-monthly series, “the Other” is about different people’s stories – people who may, or may not, be different from us. We read personal stories so that we can hear their voices – What is their world like?

**In September we are moving to the border between the United States and Mexico.**
For Cantú, the border is in the blood: his mother, a park ranger and daughter of a Mexican immigrant, raised him in the scrublands of the Southwest. Haunted by the landscape of his youth, he joins the Border Patrol after graduating from college. He and his partners are posted to remote regions crisscrossed by drug routes and smuggling corridors, where they learn to track other humans under blistering sun and through frigid nights. They haul in the dead & deliver to detention those they find alive. He tries not to think where the stories go from there.

If you need a book ($15), pick up one at the mailboxes downstairs next to the church office and sign up as well.
**Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, starting October 4, 2018, Room TBD

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ? How can studying over 70% of the Bible with your peers over 34 weeks help you answer this question? How can putting the Biblical story into historical perspective from scholars help?

Disciple 1 is a long-term commitment with group sessions and daily readings, and many of the people who have taken this course over the past 20 years have found this to be a transformative experience. Between the fellowship and discussions, daily Bible readings, prayer, and historical teachings, many of us have come away with a new perspective on what God has been doing and continues to do. We have not been left the same.

Instead of going for 34 straight weeks, we will be taking breaks at various points and for the summer. View the schedule on our website at www.faithworkshere.com/education-adult.html.

**Disciple Information Session**

**Sunday, September 16**

**Following the 10:00am Worship Service, Room 206**

Want to learn more about how Disciple works (both Disciple 1 and 3)? Meet up in Room 206 to discuss what is involved and pick up your study guide ($20).

If you can't make the session, contact Gina Dawson with questions and to pick up your book no later than the below dates so you can begin reading before the first session:

- Disciple 1: September 26
- Disciple 3: September 17

Questions? Contact Gina Dawson, Director of Christian Education, at 301-881-1881, ext. 2006 or gdawson@faithworkshere.com.

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**Disciple 3: Remember Who You Are, The Prophets and The Letters of Paul**

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, starting September 25, 2018, Room TBD

Prerequisite: Disciple 1 recommended, but not required (discuss with Gina Dawson before signing up)

Why does God send the prophets to Israel and Judah? Why does Paul write letters to church communities? Because we can easily forget. Just like the Israelites and the early church, life happens, we go along with our days, and we forget. The Prophets and the Letters of Paul remind us of who we are as children of God.

As we explore these books of the Bible over 32 weeks with our peers, scholars will help us with historical and geographical context. We will understand Bible study as a call to repentance—to turn life toward God, and echoes the demand of the prophets and Paul to put God first—to be a community of obedience... and not forget.

Instead of going for 32 straight weeks, we will be taking breaks at various points and for the summer. View the schedule on our website at www.faithworkshere.com/education-adult.html.
Faith on Film, Saints and Sinners: “Millions”
Friday, September 7, 2018, 6:30-9:00pm, Room 206

Faith on Film (aka the Friday Night Film series) will begin again on Friday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205/206. Our theme for the upcoming year is “Saints and Sinners (And A Little Bit of Both).” Our first film is Danny Boyle's wonderful 2004 gem, *Millions* (rated PG-13, 101 minutes).

The plot: *Millions* tells the story of Damian, a seven-year old Catholic school boy, whose family has recently moved to the suburbs after the death of his mother. Soon after the move, Damian's cardboard box “hermitage,” built near some train tracks, is disturbed by a bag of money flung from a passing train. Damian shows the money to his brother Anthony, and the two begin to plot what to do with the newfound cash.

But in their discernment process, some questions abound: Where did the money come from? Who flung it from the train? Should they go public with the discovery? Why does Damian suddenly receive visions of the apostles offering advice? And should Damian follow the guidance of local Mormon missionaries who encourage him to use the gains to feed the poor? And so begins a whimsical tale of ethics, faith, stewardship and an answer to the question, “Is anyone truly good?”

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

Coming in October:
some suspenseful spooky fun!

On October 5th, 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 (name withheld here to retain the surprise identity) 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.
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, 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.

**RSVP to Scott Roby no later than Thursday night, September 27th if you plan to attend. sroby@faithworkshere.com**

Mission Auction 2018

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/](https://mcch.net/) and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Disaster Relief. [https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/Disaster-Response](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.

To learn more or volunteer to help, contact Carol Henley, 301-787-8104 or cahrenley@comcast.net.
Music Opportunities at Faith

Young Voices of Faith

Young Voices of Faith will begin this fall. They will meet Sundays after the 10 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. They will contribute to worship about once a month from September to May. If you have children between the ages of 6 and 12 who are willing to give singing a try they are welcome to join.

Please contact our Music Director, Michael Wu for more information, singingwu67@gmail.com or (847) 971-0610. No previous musical experience is necessary.

Bells of Faith

Bells of Faith, led by Faith member and volunteer Nancy Kuhn, will begin rehearsals Thursday September 6, 7 to 8 p.m. Anyone who would like to explore and learn about ringing handbells and contributing to a larger team is encouraged and invited to join. Let Nancy, nancykuhn@gmail.com or our Music Director Michael Wu know.

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday nights beginning September 6th, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Adults who are interested in singing and contributing to our 10 a.m. Sunday worship, with additional services for Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday, are encouraged to join.

United to Love Update

On Sunday, August 12, the Baltimore Washington conference of the United Methodist Church hosted the “United to Love” rally on the National Mall. It was the one year anniversary of the demonstrations in Charlottesville. Faith UMC was represented by at least three-- Ralph & Lesley Avery and Belinda Tilley.

“What an inspirational experience for us as well as the many others there,” Said Lesley. “We were proud to stand for love rather than hate.” The United Methodist church incorporated sermons, prayer, song, & speakers from all religions. The rally was peaceful and truly filled with the Spirit of God.

Peace Mission Dance Team

A Korean Dance ensemble, Peace Mission Dance Group, rehearse at Faith and occasionally preform during worship. This ensemble will be hosting Korea Day at the Sandy Spring Museum from September 15th- September 23rd.

Faith and Friends are invited to come and enjoy the performance on Saturday Sept. 15 at 12:30pm and 2:30pm and Saturday Sept. 22 at 1:30pm. The Peace Mission Dance Team will be performing Traditional Korean Dances and Drumming. There will be a workshop during the event where everyone can learn and participate in a small drumming performance. Included in the program is:

- Dance Performance- Te Pyung Mu, Hwa Gwan Mu (Floral Dance), Bu Che Chum (Fan Dance), Tal Chum (Masked Dance), Drumming (Buk & Jang Gu)

- This experience also includes My Life: Mark of a Needle exhibiting Korean Quilting, hand sewn embroidery, Traditional Marriage outfits, and Han Bok. Come and join the fun!
**Serving in September**

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Skinner  
**Card Ministry:** Pam Kessler  
**Communion Steward:** Sarah Rosenbaum  
**Communion Servers:** Nancy Skinner, Jim Johnston, & Karen Johnston  

**Greeters:**  
Sept 2: Katie Cope & Susan Keller  
Sept 9: Dee & Owen Frisby  
Sept 16: Trish Clark & Mary Francis Woods  
Sept 23: Janice & Bill Jones, Brandon, Nicole, & Rachel Baptista  
Sept 30: Erna Benjamin & Debbie Spriggs

**Projection:**  
Sept 2: Phil Dawson  
Sept 9: Woody Machalek  
Sept 16: Woody Machalek  
Sept 23: Debbie Spriggs  
Sept 30: Debbie Spriggs

**Security / Lock-up**  
Sept 2-8: Bob Wood  
Sept 9-15: Woody Machalek  
Sept 16-22: Griff Lindsay  
Sept 23-29: Mike Newton

**Sound:**  
Sept 2: Chuck Spencer  
Sept 9: Brian Jones  
Sept 16: Doug Dismukes  
Sept 23: Doug Dismukes  
Sept 30: Doug Dismukes

**Ushers:**  
Sept 2: Steve Wege, Terrie Tuckman, Bill Maas, Bill Zaiser  
Sept 16: Gordon Henley, Lloydie Zaiser, Bill Jones, Ken Ayres  
Sept 23: Bob Graves, George Graves, Jan Lafleur, Terrie Tuckman  
Sept 30: Gary Clark, Brian Jones, Bill Zaiser, Lloydie Zaiser

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**20/20 Vision Update**

Many thanks to all the givers who committed to our 20/20 Year End giving program. At this point, we have 31 people/families who have committed to increase their giving through the end of the year, reflecting over $13,500 in additional giving by year's end. It's not too late to participate. You can pick up an orange card in the Narthex and drop it in the offering plate or simply notify our Church Financial Manager, Jan Spencer, of your plans. jspencer@faithworkshere.com

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**15th Annual Mercy Health Clinic Golf Classic**

Take a swing for community healthcare! This event will take place on Monday, September 17 at Manor Country Club in Rockville MD with a shotgun start at 12:30 PM. Lunch, a player gift, chances for prizes, a cocktail reception and an awards buffet dinner are all part of the day. More information is available online at [www.mercyhealthclinic.org/golf](http://www.mercyhealthclinic.org/golf) or call Joan Ronnenberg at 240-773-0332.

Mercy Health Clinic is a volunteer-driven, out-patient clinic offering free of charge primary and specialty care, health education support, and medications to low-income Montgomery County residents who have nowhere to turn for medical care. Please support the work of the clinic.

The Faith Foundation has supported this organization with grant funding.
Our deepest Christian Sympathy goes to the family of Henry Beisner who died on August 7th, 2018.

Articles for the October Good News are due Monday September 17th.