



What's Working @ Faith
Friday, April 3, 2026

OUR LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES

Good Friday — April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

John 19:31-42

Mending in the Presence of Death

At Faith, our tradition is a Tenebrae service and this year, we are excited to be collaborating with Rockville UMC. Join us as we welcome Rev. YouJung Jung and members of the Rockville congregation to observe this solemn and meaningful night together.

Easter Sunday (Communion) — April 5 at 10 a.m.

John 20:1-18

Mending Hope

Easter 2 — April 12 at 10 a.m.

John 20:19-31

Mending Belief and Doubt

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FEATURING THE 7 SISTERS OF THE SPIRIT

Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark UMC-Hanover



For the first time, all 7 active African-American female bishops of the United Methodist Church will gather from across the nation to proclaim the story of Calvary in one place. This is more than a service; it's history, legacy, and holy fire converging in our sanctuary. Spread the word and make sure you are in the building for this mighty move of God!

You are invited to join in person:

Location: 1440 Dorsey Road, Hanover, MD 21076

Parking Lots Open: 5:30 p.m.

Doors Open: 6 p.m.

Pre-Worship Panel & Live Stream Begins: 6:30 p.m.

Worship Experience Begins: 7 p.m.

You are invited to join virtually:

Online: www.stmarkumchanover.org/watch-live

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@StMarkUMCHanover/streams>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkUMCHanover/>

COMMUNITY EFFORT

On the Sundays when we gather at the Communion table—usually the first Sunday of each month—we also share from our abundance to help feed our neighbors. Bring along a few pantry staples and drop them in the shopping basket in the narthex. Every can, box, and bag helps keep our Blessing Box full and welcoming.



If you're looking for ideas, click [this link](#) for a list of suggested items. Toiletries products are especially helpful and always in high demand. *Currently, we are overflowing with canned green beans and corn.*

The Blessing Box is truly a *community* effort—no single person carries the load. If you ever notice the basket filling up, feel free to whisk items to the closet in the office vestibule or place them directly in the Blessing Box. Those small acts of initiative make a big difference.



Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

REPORT FROM THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

The principal focus of the Leadership Board's meeting on March 8 was the consideration of missional use of church facilities and property to generate revenue, thereby supporting the costs associated with building maintenance.

With confirmation that the educators seeking grant funding for childcare certification-related building modifications will not require use of rooms 200-203, the Board acknowledged that leasing this "suite" to others could serve as a valuable source of sustainable income. The Board encourages

any members of Faith who are affiliated with non-profit service organizations to assist in promoting the distinctive advantages of this space to those organizations for staff accommodation and meeting space.

Upgrading Faith's kitchen to commercial standards represents another opportunity to increase income. The Board resolved to establish a work group tasked with researching both temporary kitchen uses currently in demand and the expenses involved in achieving commercial certification.

Representing the Affordable Housing Study Group (AHSB), Kathy King provided an update regarding the feasibility of multiple options, accompanied by consultants funded through a grant awarded by the Enterprise Faith-Based Development Initiative. The Board reviewed a consultant's report which concluded that construction of a large-scale building would not be viable for the property. Consequently, the AHSB will continue evaluating the suitability of more modest initiatives aimed at delivering supportive housing to vulnerable county residents whose needs are not met by the private sector. Following the Board meeting, Pastor Laura made a "shark-tank"-style presentation about the work of the AHSB to subject matter experts and advocates specializing in repurposing church-owned properties, resulting in several constructive recommendations for subsequent steps.

It is important to note that the Board's approach to exploring these opportunities relies significantly on the engagement of additional members of Faith who have relevant knowledge, expertise, and interest. Last year's consolidation of administrative and governing committees into the singular Leadership Board was intended to minimize redundant meetings and reduce the time commitment required from members. However, it was anticipated that dedicated work teams would be needed to fulfill specific tasks or objectives within defined timelines and report back to the Board. Participation in these work teams is strongly encouraged, and members are invited to accept any requests to join extended by Pastor Laura or other Board representatives.

If you have any questions, ask any Leadership Board member: Mike Coppersmith, Rachel Hedrick, Tamara Fish, Brian Jones, Kathy King, Janelle Veazey, Jennifer Young.

Bill Maas, Chair, Leadership Board



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Laura Norvell, Pastor

Mike Coppersmith

Rachel Hedrick

Brian Jones, Lay Member
of the Annual Conference

Kathy King

Tamara James-Fish,
Lay Leader

Janelle Veazey

Jennifer Young

YOUTH MINISTRY APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP

The week of July 12th, youth will head south to serve a mission week for Appalachia Service Project (ASP), a non-profit committed to eradicating the substandard housing of central Appalachia. Teams of youth and adults will work on everything from roofing to foundations, to support those most impacted by Hurricane Helene.

If you and/or your youth would like to participate this summer from July 12-18th, please register by using the QR code or [this link](#). You will need our join code: 7087. Contact [Suzanne Smedberg](#) with any questions.



FAITH BY THE FIRE: FAITH SPRING CAMPOUT

Saturday-Sunday, May 2nd-3rd

Join the already 35 campers who have signed up! Remember, it is not necessary to spend the night, everyone is welcome to enjoy the day's activities. PLEASE NOTE: Registration deadline for overnight campers is Wednesday, April 15. Reserve today by scanning the below QR code or using this [link](#).

Faith United Methodist Church invites you to

FAITH BY THE FIRE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 2-3



**LITTLE BENNETT
CAMPGROUND**



GAMES | HIKING | FOOD | FELLOWSHIP

AND INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY MORNING

Pitch your tent at the family-friendly Little Bennett Campground in Clarksburg, MD. Whether you plan to stay overnight or simply join us for the day's activities, we would love to have you be part of the fun! Campers and non-campers alike are invited to RSVP using the QR code provided.

A \$40 deposit is required to reserve an overnight campsite, first-come, first-served. For questions, please contact Chuck Spencer at 240-370-2799 (vcspencer@aol.com) OR Sara Romeyn at 301-651-8210 (sararomeyn@yahoo.com).

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Join us as we explore *Mending Hope*.
The God who raised Jesus from the
dead is still mending lives,
communities, and the world.



Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: John 20:11-18

Communion: This Sunday we will gather in person and online to celebrate communion. Communion calls us to remember and live into our oneness as the body of Christ. To participate virtually, you will want to take some time to gather grape juice and bread or crackers of some sort. Spend an extra moment thinking about holy space, and consider lighting a candle, setting out some flowers, creating a little escape from the everyday things of home for this act of worship.

LIVESTREAM SERVICE

How do I get to the worship service on the Faith website?

There are three ways to access our worship experience on Sunday mornings through our website. [Click here](#) to learn about those options.

PREVIOUS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

[Listen and watch last Sunday's online worship service.](#) See and hear the worship service, led by Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



belong • become • believe • be love

Sunday School for
Children and Youth
learn, explore, grow

***Please note that Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 5 and will resume next Sunday, April 12.**

FAITH EASTER EGG HUNT

THIS SUNDAY, April 5th following worship



YOUTH MINISTRY

Please note that Middle and High School Youth *will not meet this Sunday evening* so that our youth may fully observe Easter with their families. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

SMALL GROUP LED BY BILL MAAS

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87429970926?pwd=OXp0WDMvQVByQzhWZXJXSzZaTThUQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 2997 0926

Passcode: 568601

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

BELLS OF FAITH AND CHANCEL CHOIR

There will be *no rehearsals this week*. Thank you for all your work and contributions to the life of the church and its worship through Holy Week culminating on Easter!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER GATHERING

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - noon

On April 11, Sunday school teachers for all ages will gather from 9 a.m. - Noon for a time of shared dreaming, learning and fellowship. Please RSVP to office@faithworkshere.com and plan to bring a breakfast/brunch goodie to share if you are able.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please email your prayer requests to Prayer@FaithWorksHere.com. Our Congregational Care Ministers (CCM), Tamara James-Fish, Jim Johnston, Susan Keller, Emily Sama-Miller, Chuck Spencer, and Kristen Wayne will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: Family of JoAnn Rice, member of Faith UMC, who recently passed away; Peter Stolz and his family (son of Sally Stolz); Jennifer Young and her family as her stepfather, Paul Augenstein recently passed away; Phil and Sandra Isaacs and Steve Bell.

Prayers for those dear to us: Svitlana and her husband in Ukraine and their son, Anthony attending college in VA (friends of Kristin Justice); Linda Norvell (Pastor Laura's mother-in-law); Brother and niece of Suzanne Smedberg; Family of Carol Triplett Robbins (cousin of Lloydie Zaiser) as she recently passed away; Moses from Kenya who frequently worships with us online; Ms. Alice and Terrie (friends of Lloydie in Kenya); Connie and her family (friend of Sharon Virts); JR (friend of Janelle Veazey); Jan and Don (friends of Nancy Kneisly) and Family of Joe Murphy (friend of Kay McCarty) as he recently passed away.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: APRIL 1-15

April 2: Nancy Hart

April 4: Jeff Bryant & Ruth Prillaman

April 5: Suzi Dennis

April 8: Charlotte Hoffman & Jim Johnston

April 10: Bill Zaiser

April 11: Kim Webster

April 12: Chuck Spencer

April 13: Karen Stakes

April 14: Chloe Bartlow & Bob Hoffman

ANNIVERSARIES: APRIL 1-15

April 7: Smith and Sunny Keene

April 9: Linda and Steve Peterson

April 15: Irven and Tammy Woolard



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Faith United Methodist Church is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.



We seek to welcome and include all people in the life of this congregation. Our building and gathering spaces are accessible to people who use wheelchairs and walkers. Large-print hymnals and Bibles, FM wireless assistive listening devices, sensory friendly items for children, and gluten-free communion elements are available during worship.

