

What's Working @ Faith
Friday, May 29, 2026

BUILDING ACCESS REMINDER

As we continue adjusting to the recent security updates to our building, here is how you can access the FUMC building.

On Sunday mornings, the Main Entrance and Sanctuary door will remain unlocked for members and guests arriving for worship from 9:00 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. and will automatically lock thereafter.

Welcome Hosts will be available at the Sanctuary Doors to assist anyone arriving after that time.

If you need access to the church during the week, members and guests are always welcome to stop by during regular office hours, and a staff member will be happy to help you enter the building. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our church both welcoming and secure for everyone.

Faith in Action

CONFIRMATION AND NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 7

Join us in worship as we warmly welcome our new confirmands and newest members into our faith community. Following the service, please continue the celebration by gathering with us during Fellowship Time to honor and support them.

FAITH FOUNDATION

The Faith Foundation is a powerful resource that strengthens the Church's mission today and for generations to come. The Foundation is seeking applications for grants to be awarded to charitable organizations within the Maryland/DC/Virginia area. Faith UMC members are welcome to contact not-for-profit organizations in the area to apply for grants from the Foundation.

Applications for grants up to \$2,500 are being accepted through **June 13, 2026**. To apply, please click the GRANTS image located to the right.



FAITH UMC SHOWS UP FOR PRIDE

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!

Our congregation will have two opportunities in June to support Pride events in our area and invite members of the community to get connected and worship at Faith.

Sunday, June 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Rockville Pride will take place at Rockville Town Center on Sunday, June 7. Faith will be represented at a table alongside other United Methodist churches. We would love to have individuals and/or families represent our congregation for a 1-hour shift, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff and Denise Bryant at jdsabryant@comcast.net.



Saturday, June 20 afternoon

We also have reserved spaces to participate with the Capital Area United Methodist float and viewing area. The DC Pride parade will be on Saturday, June 20. There are two ways individuals and families can participate on Saturday afternoon:



FIRST WAY: Walk in the parade with the Capital Area UMC float and Methodists from around the area.



SECOND WAY: Watch the parade with other United Methodists at a specific meet up location. This may be National City Church again, but the venue will be confirmed closer to June 20.

Everyone at both sites will have the opportunity to hand out candy, and everyone who participates will receive a T-shirt that matches the capital area UMC group. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff and Denise Bryant at jdsabryant@comcast.net, and indicate whether you would like to walk in the parade or watch from the UMC meetup area.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, June 14 following worship

Young people who are finishing third grade this year and older are encouraged to attend a training session for acolytes on June 14 immediately after the worship service. Those already serving are encouraged to also attend as they will be learning new ways of participating in worship.

Young people will learn about bringing the light of Christ into the service and leading the congregation out into the world at the end of service. This is a great way for young people to be involved in worship on Sunday mornings. The expectation is that acolytes will serve about once a month. If your young person plans to attend, please let the office know at office@FaithWorksHere.com.

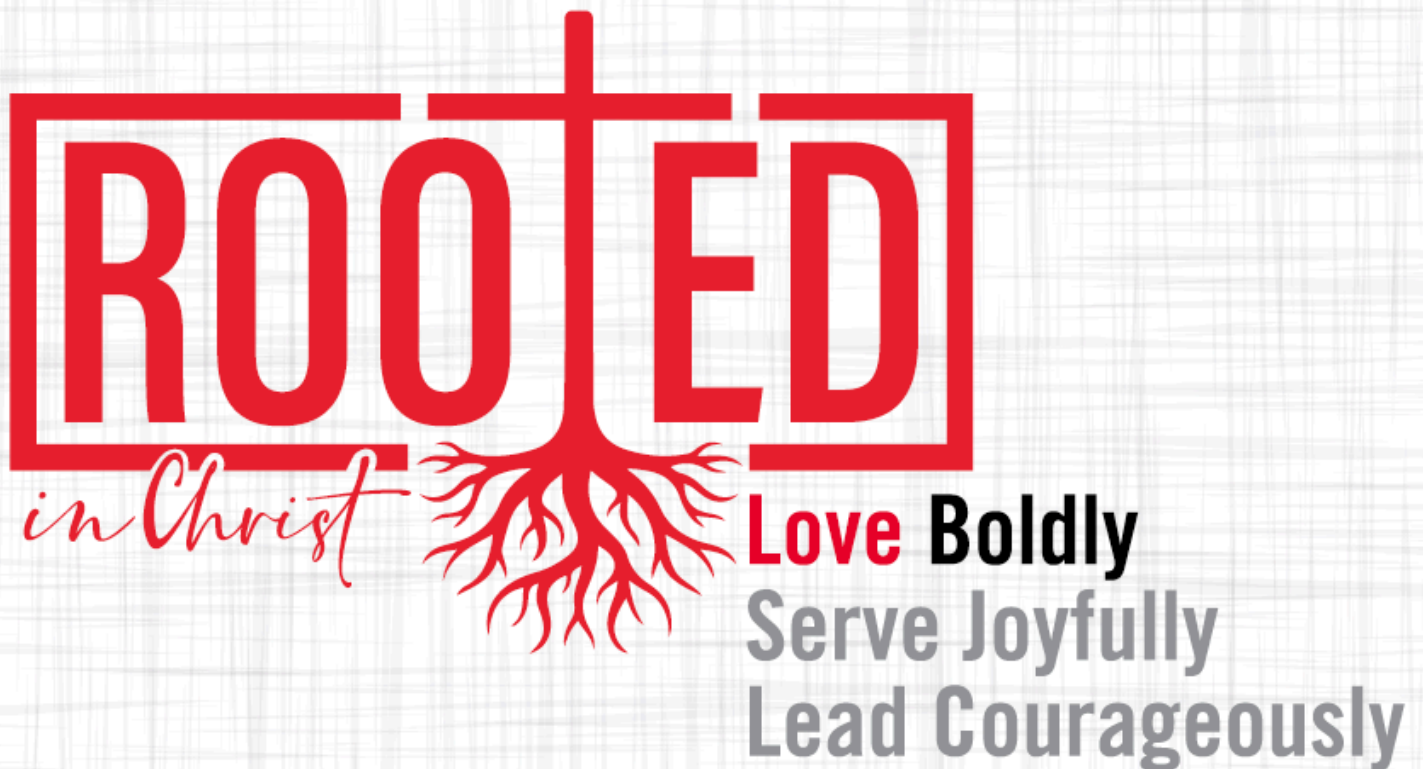
The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-2, 14-19; Ephesians 3:16-19



In our June worship series, join us as we begin with Rooted in Christ: Love Boldly, a series shaped by Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and the vows we make in baptism. Week by week, we'll remember what we have promised: to repent, to resist evil and injustice, to nurture one another in faith, and to live as people who are "rooted and grounded in love."

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

Sunday School for all ages of children will resume in the Fall.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Sunday following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join us in rooms 205/206 as we work to influence and impact our community.



United
Women
in Faith

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

WELCOME HOST TRAINING

Sunday following worship

If you are currently a welcome host/usher or would like to serve as a welcome host/usher, Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager will be conducting a training that includes our new security features and our accessibility resources. Training will begin in the narthex.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Michael Wu, Faith Music Director, in the sanctuary.

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: Pastor Laura Norvell and Brian Jones as they participate in the annual conference today; Jason Smith and Sue Walters

Prayers for those dear to us: Diane; Jennifer Triplett (niece of Lloydie Zaiser); Betsy Terlep and Sho Sho Alice (friends of Lloydie Zaiser); Jim Howard (brother of Kay McCarty); Crystal (a member of our community); Grandmother of Julia Evans; Nancy Kneisly's grand nephew; Karen Balman (neighbor of Bill & Lloydie Zaiser) and JR (friend of Janelle Veazey).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: May 29 - June 10

May 29: Hannah Schmidt

May 30: Alex, Charlie & Will Balian and Phoebe Peck-McClain

May 31: Marijka Spriggs

June 2: Caroline Babula

June 3: John Ganz

June 6: Amanda Curto, Julia Jónsson and Howard Wickham

June 7: Katie Spencer

June 8: Grace Bartlow

June 9: William Kuhn

June 10: Ryan Miller

ANNIVERSARIES: May 29 - June 15

May 29: Ann & Howard Bartlow

June 9: Dave & Kathy King

June 12: Roberta & Roland Zapp

June 14: Ann & Mike Coppersmith



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LEADERSHIP BOARD REPORT

The Leadership Board met on May 17 to learn more about the Faith Foundation, begin updating key policies, review input from the May 9 joint meeting with the Affordable Housing Study Group on the missional use of church space, prepare for an internal audit, and discuss security upgrades.

[The Faith Foundation](#)

The Faith Foundation was established as a separate nonprofit 30 years ago and is one way to maintain permanent restricted funds for designated purposes. Gordon Henley, chair of the Foundation's board, gave an overview of its grant-making process and goals. The Leadership Board, which has ultimate oversight, will meet with the Foundation board in July to discuss policies that support accountability and a shared vision. This conversation is part of a broader effort to develop gift acceptance, restricted funds, and investment policies so Faith UMC is better prepared to encourage and receive legacy gifts. A legacy giving workgroup, made up mostly of non-Board members with Tamara James-Fish as liaison, will begin meeting in early June.

[Key Policies](#)

Recent grant applications and expanded building use have highlighted policies that need to be updated or created. Brian Jones will catalog them, and the Board will prioritize them for development in 2027.

[Affordable Housing Study Group](#)

The Board and several members of the Affordable Housing Study Group met with an experienced community engagement consultant to discern a vision and process for using church property to continue and expand the church's mission. They reviewed Montgomery County's Priority Needs from its HUD Consolidated Plan, which includes data on housing, youth education and

enrichment, and services for low- and middle-income communities facing challenges to their quality of life. Workgroups were formed to further develop three possible uses of the building and share their ideas at a June 20 meeting with the consultant.

Board Goals

The Board discussed goals for a five-hour July retreat, which Janelle, Bill, and Pastor Laura will plan.

Internal Audit

Because an outside audit was completed last year, Faith only needs an internal audit this year, and a workgroup was formed to carry it out in June.

Security Upgrades

The Board received an update on plans to improve building security as new electronic access controls replace the keypad and physical keys, and on how these changes are being communicated to the congregation.

Questions? Please contact any Leadership Board member: Mike Coppersmith, Rachel Hedrick, Tamara James-Fish, Brian Jones, Kathy King, Janelle Veazey, or Jennifer Young.



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Rachel Hedrick

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