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To ensure your gift is properly credited to Faith UMC and counted for 2026, please contact **Kim Webster, Finance Manager**, at kwebster@faithworkshere.com by **December 1, 2026**. The final deadline for 2026 stock gifts is **December 11, 2026**, but earlier notice is strongly encouraged.

Please provide the stock name and number of shares you plan to donate. Transfer instructions will then be provided for your broker. Advance notice is essential because stock gifts are received into a shared account and cannot be credited to Faith UMC unless the donor is identified.

Faith in Action

WE GIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE FIRST RECEIVED

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign begins this week. This year, the committee will be offering messages of generosity, hope, thankfulness, and commitment from church members during the service, in keeping with our "Back to Basics" worship theme this fall.



Your financial support is vital as we prepare for the year ahead. By pledging to support the church, you allow us to plan for staffing, determine the ministries we can support, and ensure we continue to belong, become, believe and be love in the world. Together, we can make a lasting impact in our church community and also in the wider world.

Look for your pledge card today or tomorrow, or feel free to submit your pledge *online* [using this link](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura & Andy Basford (basfordlaura@gmail.com; andy_basford@yahoo.com).

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Stewardship Campaign will be wrapping up on **Commitment Sunday, November 8**, followed by a special Stewardship Fellowship Time. We hope you will join us.

JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

Sunday, October 18 at 11:15 a.m.

A pink rectangular poster for the "Juice, Joe, & Justice" event. The title "Juice, Joe, & Justice" is in large, bold, black font on the left. To the right, it says "Third Sundays after Worship ~11:15" in a smaller, bold, black font. At the bottom center is a white cup of coffee with a heart shape in the foam. On the bottom left, it says "JOIN US FOR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT INTERSECTIONALITY THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR IDENTITY AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST." in a small, black, all-caps font.

This month we will resume our monthly discussions about social justice issues and how our own identity and experiences may impact how we work to expand our love for all our neighbors. Juice, Joe and Justice (JJ&J) will be held October 18 after worship in room 206 (“the Youth Room”). Grab a cup of joe or juice and a snack in the Fellowship Hall and bring it upstairs.

This summer some 3,500 Haitian immigrants in the U.S. lost their Temporary Protective Status (TPS) protections. What is the impact of that policy change on these individuals and their adopted communities? We have invited Anne Hastings, a fellow resident of LeRoy and Sue Walters’ retirement community, to help us answer that question. For 17 years, Anne and a Haitian priest built from the ground up Haiti’s largest microfinance institution - with 46 branches located in the rural areas of the country. Since then, she has been Vice President of the University of Fondwa USA that support a rural university of the same name in Haiti that provides degrees in Veterinary Medicine, Agronomy, and Business Management. Anne can help us understand not only what has been in the news, such as the plight of Haitians living in Springfield, OH, but also the situation of local Haitians who have lost their TPS protections.

You can access more resources from the UMC General Board on Church and Society on immigration justice and ways to engage [here](#). If you can’t make the discussion in person, there is also an opportunity for folks to join on-line. Suggested readings and a Zoom link will be provided in next week’s *What’s Working at Faith*.

Please note that childcare is available and we request that you RSVP to the church office if childcare is needed by Thursday, October 15! Teens are welcome in all Juice, Joe and Justice conversations.

SAVE THE DATE: JOIN US FOR CROCKPOT FRIDAY

Friday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and care for one another. We'll share a simple meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbor to join us, to connect as a community and to enjoy meaningful conversation together. We have crockpots of food to share and everyone is invited.

Thank you to those folks who have previously signed up with Tamara. If you plan to bring a crockpot but didn't put your name on the list, please email [Tamara James-Fish](#).

If you're able to assist with set-up, please arrive about 10 minutes early. Clean-up will be a shared effort—many hands make light work!



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Back to Basics

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-7; 20:1-17

Theme: *Grace gives us a way to live*

Each week we will ask one simple question: What is the church practicing today? We will practice something we do every time we worship. This week, we practice recognizing what we have received and giving thanks.

Each week, that question will invite us to notice not only what happens in worship, but what kind of people these practices are forming us to become.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday during worship

Sunday School is one of those “church traditions” that carries a holy purpose: helping children know they are seen, known, and loved in the body of Christ.



Children and youth are warmly welcome to join worship each Sunday in the sanctuary, either seated with their families or at the children's activity table near the front of the sanctuary. Sunday School classes are led by two screened, trained, and caring adult

The Details

Nursery and Sunday School classes are taught by two screened, trained, and caring adult volunteers who provide a safe and engaging learning environment. All children and youth (except those in the nursery) start in the sanctuary for 10 a.m. worship and are then invited to their Sunday School classrooms.

ELEMENTARY K-2ND: ROOM 203

ELEMENTARY 3RD-5TH: ROOM 200

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH: ROOM 206

HIGH SCHOOL 9TH-12TH: ROOM 205

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

This Sunday, October 11, Faith will celebrate *Pastor Appreciation Day*. This is an occasion to recognize and thank pastors for their dedication, leadership, and spiritual guidance. It's a time for congregations to express gratitude for the support and inspiration pastors provide. Pastors play a vital role in fostering community, offering counsel, and leading worship, making a significant impact on the lives of their congregants.

The Leadership Board encourages those who worship at Faith to show Pastor Laura appreciation for her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our faith and community. Even a simple card with a heartfelt message can profoundly show your appreciation. While folks are welcome to mail messages to the office, we suggest simply bringing them to the October 11 service, if you are able, and placing them in the “treasure chest” in the Narthex, so they can be presented to Pastor Laura during Fellowship Time that day.

Leadership Board

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YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Sundays following 10:00 a.m. worship

Young Singers of Faith gather each Sunday in room 200 to learn the fundamentals of singing, pitch matching, and music reading in a fun and encouraging environment. The group sings approximately once each month in worship, and participates in the Family Christmas Eve service on December 24. Rehearsals conclude by noon.

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Sunday following worship

The Leadership Board will meet following worship in room 110. The Board combines the traditional roles of the Church Council, Trustees, Finance Committee, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) into one streamlined governing body allowing people to focus on their gifts and free up more time for acts of service and compassion.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and North Bethesda UMC will gather at Faith UMC for fellowship and dinner this evening. Rockville Youth is a collaborative ministry between Faith and North Bethesda UMCs intended to give young people in our community a place to build relationships with other youth and adults who love them as they are. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

Access the full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics [here](#).

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 last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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>



belong • become • believe • be love

**Wednesday Night
Small Group**

study, grow, connect

Meeting ID: 874 2997 0926

Passcode: 568601

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

BELL CHOIR

Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Bells of Faith rehearses every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Nancy Kuhn in the sanctuary.

GREATER ROCKVILLE HUB MEETING

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Churches belonging to our HUB group which includes Gethsemane UMC,, Jerusalem Mt. Pleasant UMC, Millian Memorial UMC, N. Bethesda UMC and Rockville UMC, will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The focus for connecting pastors and lay people is to foster community among our hub churches and participate in collaborative efforts.

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

We have the opportunity and freedom to pray with one another and then to carry those things out into the world!

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: Smith Keene and his family, as his sister recently passed away; Roberta Zapp; Janice Jones as her sister, Marilyn, recently passed away and Caroline Hopkins.

Prayers for those dear to us: Cliff and Ginny Eby (former members of Faith UMC) as their daughter, Brooke, recently passed away; father of Kristen Justice; Shirley (sister of Emma Brown); Megan (friend of Nancy Kneisly's daughter); Michael; Tim (Nolan Hogenboom-Jones's father); Son of the boss of Ryan Babula; Jim (Ryan Babula's father); Jim Bell (brother of Stephen Bell) and Peter (cousin of Janelle Veazey).



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.



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