



What's Working @ Faith **Friday, July 3, 2026**

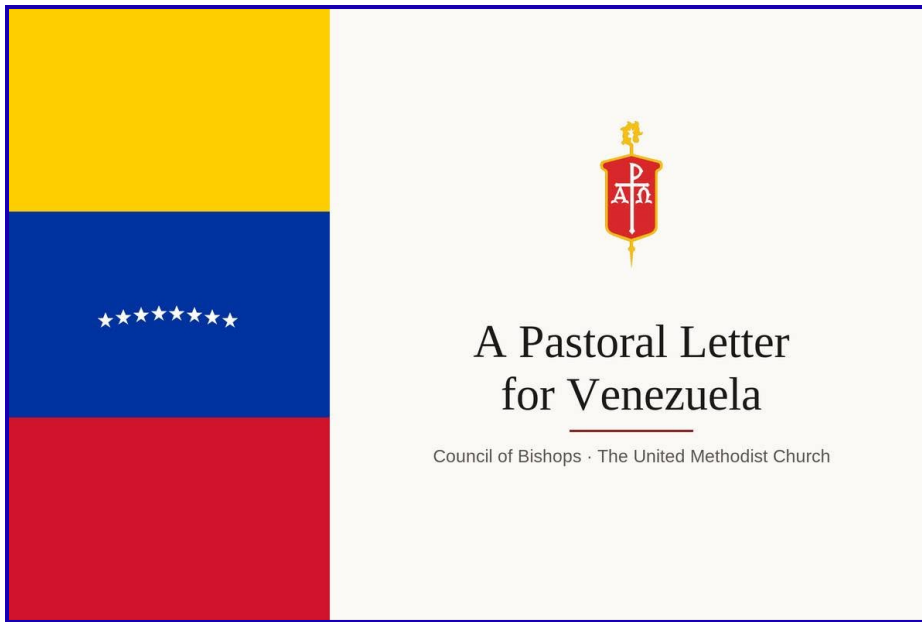
OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4TH

The church office is closed today, Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.



PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA

Please join us in prayer for the people of Venezuela, who were impacted by two major earthquakes on June 24, the worst to hit the country in nearly six decades. At least 2,250 people have died and thousands more remain injured or missing. Global Ministries and UMCOR stand ready to respond to this devastating crisis. UMCOR invites you to join in this prayerful response: "God of mercy, we pray for the people of Venezuela. Extend strength and protection to the first responders as they assist the injured and trapped. Give healing and hope to survivors as they recover. Comfort all who have lost loved ones and homes. Bring peace and stability to this nation that has endured so much turmoil. We pray that compassion would extend to Venezuela from around the world, and that generosity, care, and love would overflow in our hearts and in our response. Amen."



Scripture teaches us that when one member suffers, all suffer together.

Click the image to the left to read a Pastoral letter for Venezuela from the Council of Bishops.

UMCOR is already working with partners on the ground to provide emergency assistance, including food, clean water, medical care, and shelter. **Their presence is a sign of hope in times of despair.** [Give to UMCOR's international disaster response efforts.](#)

Faith in Action

REPORT FROM THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Leadership Board met on June 14 to conduct regular business, then again on June 20 with members of the Affordable Housing Study Group to consider missional uses of our building and grounds.

Legacy Planning Workgroup

Tamara James-Fish provided an update from the Legacy Planning Workgroup, formed in anticipation of major fundraising to support Faith's needs. The workgroup had met recently with Frank Roberts from the Mid-Atlantic Faith Foundation, who shared information about endowment requirements and Maryland-specific considerations. The Board recognizes that it will need to develop policies for endowments, gift acceptance and investments before any major campaign or legacy giving effort is launched.

Faith Foundation

The Board continued a conversation about the Faith Foundation, recognizing it as an example of, but not the only approach to, managing endowments or other legacy funds. Plans to invite the board of directors of the Faith Foundation to a segment of the Leadership Board's July 11 all-day 'retreat' were discussed. The goal is not to interrupt the Foundation's current grant work, but rather to have a conversation of shared discovery and faithful stewardship to clarify vision, roles, governance, and compliance responsibilities of each Board.

Board Retreat

The Board discussed a draft agenda for the July retreat. Prior to the shared conversation with the directors of the Faith Foundation, the Board will examine the experience with workgroups to date, especially to reflect on what has worked well and share best practices. The simplified board structure makes the role of workgroups even more important, and accountability is essential for making a simplified structure work. The Board will also consider alternative approaches to organizing and presenting the budget, to best communicate to the congregation Faith UMC's financial realities and priorities and mission impact.

Internal Audit

Several members of the Board comprise a workgroup that will conduct an internal audit of Faith's financial processes, which was completed by the end of June.

Safe Sanctuary

The Board approved a plan to review, and update as needed, Faith's Safe Sanctuary policy before the end of September.

Serving the Rockville Community

The June 20 meeting with Manuel Ochoa, community engagement consultant, built upon an earlier meeting to review progress by subgroups on exploration of potential new ministries within Faith's building and grounds. We are seeking to develop a process for imagining other ways to serve the greater Rockville community and conducting SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and unknowns) analysis of ideas being considered. We hope to recruit new members to help with this work before the next meeting in late August.

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

Bill Maas, Chair, Leadership Board



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR, ONE CAN AT A TIME

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 here](#) for a list of suggested items. Toiletries products are especially helpful and always in high demand.

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.

AN AUTHOR SHARES THEIR INSIGHT

Sunday, July 26 following worship at Faith UMC

JOIN US AT FAITH UMC
FOR
A TALK WITH AUTHOR
NICO LANG

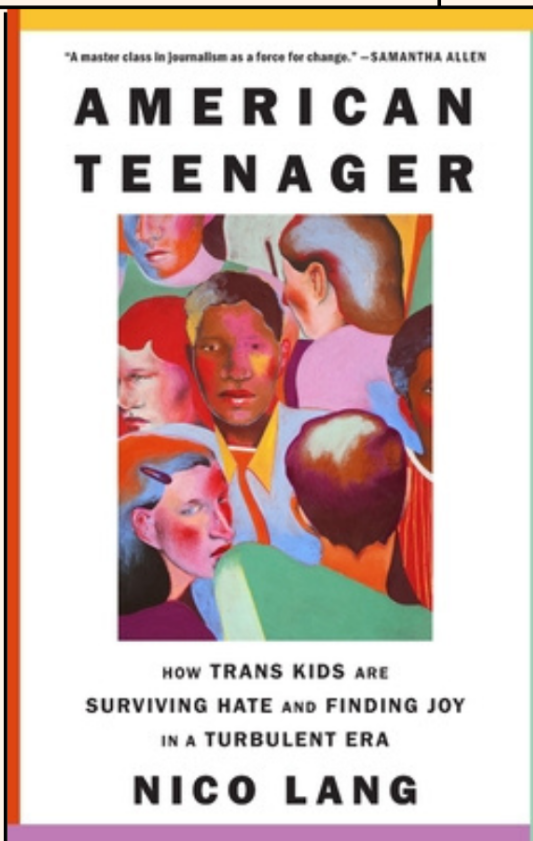
Award winning author of
American Teenager - exploring
the lives of trans kids

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC

Light luncheon followed by
author reading and Q&A



Nico Lang (they/them) is a nonbinary award-winning journalist with over a decade of experience covering the transgender community's fight for equality. Their work has appeared in major publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time* and *The Washington Post*.



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**CAN'T MAKE SUNDAY'S EVENT? HEAR THE AUTHOR
TUESDAY AT THE SILVER SPRING UMC**

Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. in Silver Spring



NICO LANG
A CONVERSATION REGARDING TRANS CHILDREN

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 28TH AT 7 PM
8900 GEORGIA AVE SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

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TEENAGER**



HOW TRANS KIDS ARE
SURVIVING HATE AND FINDING JOY
IN A TURBULENT ERA

NICO LANG

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. John Campbell

The Rev. John Campbell is a retired pastor of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Over the course of his ministry, he served congregations in Clinton, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Mt. Airy before being appointed as a missionary to Alaska.



Rev. Campbell was the founding pastor of both Aldersgate United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church of Unalaska in Alaska. He later

served a congregation in Davidsonville, Maryland, before returning to Alaska for an additional six years of ministry. He subsequently served as a missionary in Lithuania alongside his wife, Bonnie, where he held the role of District Superintendent while Bonnie served several local churches.

In 2010, Rev. Campbell and his wife returned to Maryland, where he served at Fallston United Methodist Church until his retirement in 2013. His wife, the Rev. Bonnie Campbell, is also an ordained United Methodist pastor. Together, they have four children, nine grandchildren and a few great grandchildren!

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

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.



Join us for the last week of our series Rooted and Grounded: Love Boldly. We will remember what we have promised as members of the body of Christ: 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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 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

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SATURDAY, JULY 11

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

The Board will examine the experience with workgroups to date, especially to reflect on what has worked well and share best practices.

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: Terrie Tuckman; Julia (daughter of Jane and Steve Bell); Alma Rines; the family of Laura Basford as her aunt recently passed away; Mary Stark; Lloydie Zaiser and Jason Smith

Prayers for those dear to us: Henry (friend of Brian and Susan Jones); Megan (friend of Nancy Kneisly's daughter); Dan (stepfather of Sara Romeyn); Juliette (friend of Hannah Coppersmith) and Baby Laura (Lucy Nguli, baby's mother in Kenya supported in part by Jim Pearson and Linda Pickle).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: July 3-15

July 3: Roland Zapp

July 6: Calvin Hedrick and Virginia McDowell

July 7: Pamela Kessler

July 8: Jean Decker and Emma Jónsson

July 12: Cooper Hoffman

July 13: Michelle Buckley

July 14: John Reading

ANNIVERSARIES: June 26-July 15

July 7: David & Nancy Kuhn; Dave & Lorena Savell

July 9: Kristin & Timothy Kunkle

July 12: Ben & Suzanne Benjamin



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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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