

# Faith United Methodist Church

Repair is  
Radical

*Mending Belief and Doubt*



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## VISITORS

If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to complete a guest card available from a welcome host. Please drop it in the offering chest or hand it to one of the welcome hosts following the worship service.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Faith offers a variety of accessibility resources for your use, including large-print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive-listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones. These items are available on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use whatever you need and return the items after the service. If you have any questions, speak with the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance. You may also contact Jennifer Young, Faith's Accessibility Coordinator, at [young.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:young.jennifer@gmail.com) to request additional accommodations.

## WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: "Petit Canon" (*Trois Improvisations*, 1911)

Ann Bartlow, organ

Welcome

Nancy Kneisly, Chair, Outreach Team

Call to Worship

Sue Walters, Liturgist

ONE: Come, you who believe and you who doubt.

Come, you who carry questions into faith.

Come, you who long for peace.

**ALL: The risen Christ stands among us.**

**The Spirit breathes courage and life.**

**Let us worship God together.**

ONE: God of mercy,

**ALL: we confess that we often mistake doubt for failure.  
We hide our questions instead of bringing them to you.  
We distance ourselves when faith feels uncertain.  
Forgive us.  
Mend our belief,  
making room for honesty, trust, and growth.**

ONE: Hear the good news:  
Christ meets us behind locked doors.  
Peace is spoken even in our fear.  
In Christ, we are forgiven and held.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Passing the Peace

## WORD

Anthem: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (2013), Traditional French Carol  
Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director  
arr. Gabrael St. Clair, living; Lyrics: J. M. C. Crum, 1872-1958

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain. | Wheat that in  
the dark earth many days has lain; | Love lives again, that with  
the dead has been; | (Refrain) Love is come again like wheat  
arising green. || In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, |  
Thinking that he would never rise again, | Laid in the earth like  
grain that sleeps unseen, | Refrain || Forth he came at Easter, like  
the risen grain, | He that for three days in the grave had lain; |  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; | Refrain || When  
our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, | Your touch can call us  
back to life again, | Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have  
been; | Refrain || Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
| What that in the dark earth many days has lain; | Love lives  
again that with the dead has been; | Refrain

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-3

Sue Walters

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

\*Hymn #475: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

## **WONDER**

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Sue Walters

## **WHAT NOW?**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #306: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Congregation  
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572 (1708 - 1712)

Ann Bartlow, organ  
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



## **ATTENDANCE**

Please take a moment to scan the QR code—whether you are a guest or a member—so we know that you joined us today!



## **OFFERING**

We are not passing an offering plate currently. An offering box has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex. You may also scan the QR code to the right to give online.



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Middle and high school youth meet this Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at Faith UMC for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at [ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com).

## **WHAT'S WORKING AT FAITH**

If you are not receiving our weekly e-newsletter, *What's Working at Faith* and other digital communications, please contact the office at [office@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto:office@FaithWorksHere.com) or call 301-881-1881 to be promptly added to our mailing list. Faith will also send communication through the mail upon request.

## **THANK YOU**

I have been out sick for about a year, and I was deeply touched when Carol Henley brought me the beautiful shawl that the knitting group, Made in Faith, made for me. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much to me and truly lifted my spirits. Thank you again, and God bless you all. ~Terrie Tuckman

## JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

# Juice, Joe, & Justice

Third Sundays after  
Worship  
~11:15

JOIN US FOR  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
INTERSECTIONALITY  
THROUGH THE LENS OF  
OUR IDENTITY AS  
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.



*Sunday, April 19 following worship*

Everyone is invited to join the Juice, Joe & Justice discussion Sunday, April 19, after worship in the youth room (room #206). We will be continuing our conversation on migrants and refugees. Please feel free to visit Fellowship Hour first and then bring your food up with you.

This session will focus on Chapter 3 of the study guide, Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration. (The study guide is free. Its link is available in Friday's *What's Working @ Faith*.) Beginning on page 12, this chapter reflects on Deuteronomy 10: God's Love for the Sojourner.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: The UMC General Board of Church and Society shares information on immigration justice along with opportunities for engagement and this information can be accessed from Friday's WW@F.

If this topic is of interest to you, please feel welcome to attend even if you haven't had time to review the material in advance! If you are unable to attend in person, you can also join online. Refer to WW@F for the Zoom credentials.

## **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 scan the QR code and use join code: 7087. Contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, Suzanne Smedberg, at [ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com) with any questions.



Faith youth serving in central Appalachia last year.

## **FAITH BY THE FIRE: FAITH SPRING CAMPOUT**

*Saturday-Sunday, May 2 & 3*

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.



**Please note: deadline for overnight reservations is April 14.**

For questions, please contact Chuck Spencer ([vcspencer@aol.com](mailto:vcspencer@aol.com)) or Sara Romeyn ([sararomeyn@yahoo.com](mailto:sararomeyn@yahoo.com)).



## GRATITUDE

The God who raised Jesus from the dead is still mending lives, communities, and the world. Pastor Laura invited us this Easter season to notice—and join—that work. Faith is grateful for the work of congregants, friends of Faith and staff. Did you know that it takes more than seventy people to make Holy Week and Easter services happen? That number includes liturgists, audio visual volunteers, staff, the choir, the bells, the creative team that designs worship, the Sunday School and Nursery workers, guest musicians and others. And a special shout out to our building integrity team that made sure the building was in tip top shape for a full season. **The next issue of *The Good News* will feature photos and share the details of Faith in action!**

## SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for April: Ann Coppersmith & Dawn Adair Johnson  
Audio Visual Volunteers: Andy Basford, Connor Dowd & Debbie Spriggs  
Congregational Welcome: Nancy Kneisly  
Fellowship Hosts: Andy & Laura Basford  
Liturgist: Sue Walters  
Money Counters: Gary Clark & Tim Evans  
Nursery Caregivers: Tessa Ricketts & Emily Sama-Miller  
Online Host: Lloydie Zaiser  
Sunday School Teachers  
    Elementary: Dawn Adair & Frank Johnson, Karen Simpson & Janelle Veazey  
    Middle School: Laura Basford & Bill Maas  
    High School: James Hedrick  
Welcome Hosts: Carol and Gordon Henley

## FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor | Ann Bartlow, Organist | André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader | Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager | Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator | Kim Webster, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director