



Friday, October 24, 2025

News & Events

United Women in Faith

Nancy Kneisly recently attended a conference in Annapolis facilitated by [United Women in Faith](#), formerly known as United Methodist Women. The group describes themselves as “a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.”

We want to organize a UWF group here at Faith! A representative from the BWC conference will be asked to speak with us to learn more about starting a group. Please contact Nancy (kneislynancy@gmail.com) to learn more!



Messy Gratitude

We thank the 12 families that created a trunk or treat Saturday and treated kids to a visual and sugar treat! Thank you also to the Messy Church team (Curtis Osborne, Intergenerational Coordinator; Susan Jones and Karen Simpson) and one of the Neighborhood Summer Renewal Groups that championed the trunk or treat activity led by Sara Romeyn. Our theme was "the Big God family," and Faith showed up with love and excitement, and it proved to be a big God event. This theme was carried through in worship, affirming that we are all part of God's family—regardless of who we are or what we look like. It was a powerful reminder of our call to love one another, including our neighbors, with compassion and grace.



Step In, Step Up, Step Out!

Over the past several weeks, members of our Generosity Campaign have shared powerful stewardship moments—stories of individuals stepping in, stepping up, and stepping out in new ways to serve our church community. These testimonies reflect the vibrant spirit of Faith UMC and the many ways God is at work among us.



Last Sunday, we enjoyed a shared meal together and also shared our commitments to the Faith community through our footprints. Over the next few weeks, we ask that you reflect on how you are called to support the Faith community as our official Generosity Campaign

comes to an end. How can you continue to grow in this community based on love and support for each other? How can you step in, step up, and step out to support our community?

[Make Your Pledge Today](#)

All Saints Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate beloved members of the church and to acknowledge a worldwide connection with those who claim the name of Christ. Traditionally, Faith UMC publicly remembers and honors those who have passed away. As a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us, we light candles and call the names of church members who have died since November 2024.



We also remember other special people in your life who have died within the year. If you wish to have your loved one remembered who was not a member of Faith, please call or email the church office with your loved one's name by **Wednesday, October 29**. (301-881-1881 or office@FaithWorksHere.com)

Share the Warmth!



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MCPS Prek & Head Start Program

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please help families in need
by donating new children's
winter gear

**COATS, BOOTS,
GLOVES, SCARVES,
SOCKS**

Your help is really appreciated!

**Drop-Off
Location**

MCPS Prek & Head Start Program
4910 Macon Rd. Room 141
Rockville, MD 20852

**For Additional
Information**

240-740-4530

Lisa Conlon
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**NEW COATS Boys and Girls,
sizes 5, 6, 6x, 7, and 8 are
most appreciated!**



The Faith Outreach Team invites you to share the warmth this season with the children in our community! We are collecting NEW winter outerwear through **Sunday, November 2nd**. Please place your donation of coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks in the collection box in the narthex or outside the church office.

Faith UMC Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

This conference is an annual meeting with church leadership and a district superintendent to review the past year's ministry, conduct essential church business, and set goals for the coming year. The charge conference is responsible for approving nominations. The Charge Conference is important as it reflects the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church, where decisions are made cooperatively by clergy, laity, congregations and connectional leadership.

All members of Faith UMC are invited to attend and join the Leadership Board members in the Fellowship Hall on November 11.

This year's theme is "Love Boldly: Building a Bigger Table". Love Boldly a principle, inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35, encourages United Methodists to passionately love God and, like Jesus, to embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. It means creating space for diversity and welcoming all neighbors and strangers. Building a Bigger Table: This phrase is a metaphor for radical hospitality and inclusion, emphasizing the need to make room for everyone in the community, especially those on the margins who might feel excluded or unwelcome in traditional settings.

Get Involved with Faith!

We commit to serve as members of Faith. Here are some ways you can serve in the weeks to come:

A/V Team: Even if you know nothing about sound or projection, we will train you. The following volunteer positions are needed to serve once every other month. Do you hear what I hear? manage the sound board; Feel the urge to direct? operate the camera; Control freak? control the projection for those in the sanctuary and online! Contact Jason Spriggs to volunteer and receive training at jason@jasonspriggs.com.

Chat Host: Participate in the chat online on Sunday mornings. Serving as a host includes: welcoming others who join worship online; reporting any technical issues (i.e. no sound);

gathering joys and concerns from listeners to share with the greeter. The only requirement? A cell phone and ability to text. **BONUS: Hosting can be done from home or while you are sitting in a pew at Sunday worship!** If you would like to serve as an online host contact Linda Pickle at Lwpickle353@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Sunday School



Children and youth are invited to begin their Sunday morning in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Middle and high school students are dismissed prior to the Children's Message, while children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are dismissed following the Children's Message.

All Sunday School classes return to the sanctuary after the sermon to rejoin the congregation for the remainder of worship.



We joyfully welcome children in worship at all times. Whether your child prefers to remain in the pews or spend time at the kids' table at the front, they are warmly invited to participate in our worship gathering in the way that feels most comfortable to them.

Kindergarten–2nd Grade

- *Teachers:* Dawn Adair Johnson & Sally Stolz
- *Location:* Room 203
- *Program:* Godly Play

3rd–5th Grade

- *Teachers:* Nancy Hart & Susan Jones
- *Location:* Room 200

Middle School (6th–8th Grade)

- *Teachers:* Janelle Veazey and Barbara Wege
- *Location:* Room 206

High School (9th–12th Grade)

- *Teachers:* James Hedrick and Ryan Miller
- *Location:* Room 205

Juice, Joe & Justice

We invite you to participate in our next discussion about social justice issues this Sunday, following worship in room 206. We will be discussing "Affordable Housing: Why it is Impossible and the Right Thing to Do." Please feel free to visit Fellowship Time first, and then bring your food up with you.

As you know, these events are not a continuing series, and every conversation stands alone, so please consider joining us. If you can't attend in person, you can also join online. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.

[Click Here to Zoom](#)

Youth Ministry

Middle and high school youth **do not** gather on Sunday! We look forward to a time of fellowship and connection on Sunday, November 2, at Faith UMC. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com for more information.

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.

Last Sunday's Worship Service



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

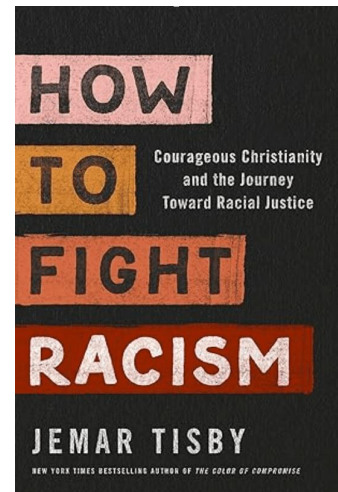
Monday, October 27

Small Group Led by Janelle Veazey

Join us for a meaningful small group discussion of the book, “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice” by Jamar Tisby. This group will meet every other Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Christian responses to social justice issues, including racism and migration will be explored. It’s a great opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with others in conversation around important topics.

For more information or to express interest, please email Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu. We hope you’ll consider joining us!



Wednesday, October 29

Small Group Led by Jane Rall

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - noon

This group meets every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Jane Rall at Janeerall@yahoo.com.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 815 8816 6859

Passcode: 511624

Thursday, October 30

Bells of Faith

Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday 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, Sue Walters and Kristen Wayne will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: Bill Jones; Pastor Laura Norvell and her family as her mother Eileen Manny recently passed away; Helen McMunn; Caroline Babula

Prayers for those dear to us: Family and friends of Summer Lim, the 11-year old struck and killed by a school bus in Montgomery County; Kristen Benjamin, 24-year-old grand niece of Erna and Stan Benjamin; Jimmy Castillo, family friend of Dave and Lorena Savell; Family and friends of Mohnish (Arvina Dalaya Gadre's brother's brother-in-law) who passed away Sunday in India at the age of 41; Jerry Winkler (brother-in-law of Pastor Laura Norvell); Family and friends of the man who tragically lost his life in the motorcycle accident Sunday morning outside Faith UMC on Montrose Road; Martha (aunt of Pastor Joye Jones); Family and friends of Brendan (neighbors of Bill and Lloydie Zaiser); Mona (woman who is unhoused in our community) and Norman Brandstat, son-in-law of Glenn and Karen Simpson.



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Faith United Methodist Church seeks 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. As we grow in Christ's love, Faith UMC continues to take new steps forward to help ensure that all people can participate fully in this community of faith.