



Friday, February 13, 2026

News & Events

Join Interfaith Neighbors for a Screening of Award-Winning Documentary

Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Registration closes today!



You are invited to a special screening of *Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round*, a documentary chronicling the desegregation of Glen Echo Park. The film highlights the 1960 partnership between Howard University students and members of the Jewish community who united to challenge segregation, featuring rare archival footage that brings this pivotal moment in local history to life.

This program is hosted by the JCRC of Greater Washington in collaboration with Montgomery College, B'nai Israel, Adat Shalom, the Montgomery County Committee

Against Hate and Violence, Faith United Methodist Church, and additional community partners. The screening will take place on February 19 at 6:00 p.m. on Montgomery College's Rockville Campus. A light reception for students and community leaders will begin at approximately 5:15 p.m.

We are honored to welcome guest speakers Ilana Trachtman, the film's director, and Tina Clarke, one of the original protestors featured in the documentary.

Registration is limited to 200 participants. Those wishing to attend may register using this [link](#). **TODAY is the final day to register.**

United Women in Faith

Sunday, February 22, following worship

This event has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 22. We hope you will join us!

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United Women in Faith Interest Meeting
Come learn, connect, and see what sisterhood in action looks like.

Curious about United Women in Faith? This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to learn more about who we are, what we stand for, and how women of all ages are living out love in action.

Whether you're new, returning, or just exploring, there's a seat for you.



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Scan QR Code to join us on UWFaith Digital

Sunday, February 22, 2026
following worship in room 205/206
at Faith UMC
6810 Montrose Rd
Rockville, MD 20852

Rev. Laura Novell, Pastor
Nancy Kneisly, President, UWFaith

What to expect:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Overview of United Women in Faith
- Ways to get involved locally
- There will be time for questions.

You can find more information on our national website UWFaith.org. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Stay curious. Come as you are.

Fabric Scraps Needed for Lent

To prepare for Lent, the worship team seeks scrap fabric to cut and use throughout the season. If you have scrap fabric you are willing to donate, please drop it off near the office within the next two weeks. Many thanks!

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Juice, Joe, & Justice

You are all invited to join the Juice, Joe, and Justice discussion this Sunday, February 15, after worship in the youth room (room 206).

We will be continuing our conversation on migrants and refugees. Please feel free to visit Fellowship Time first and then bring your food up with you.

At this session we will discuss the first chapter in the study guide: [Called to Journey, Called to](#)

[Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration](#). We will survey your interest in continuing the six chapters monthly as a series for Juice, Joe and Justice, and whether some may wish to meet more frequently to more quickly, with this or other study resources, to enhance our understanding of how we are called to respond to challenges faced by our neighbors.

You can access more resources from the UMC General Board on Church and Society on immigration justice and ways to engage [here](#). If this topic is of interest, please come even if you don't have the time to review it first. You might also review some inspiration and UMC resources about migrants and refugees that were listed in the January 16 issue of What's Working at Faith.

If you can't attend in person, you can also join online.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039059163?pwd=RnJiSkxqQy8yZHhzUUUtbktFUitvdz09>



Meeting ID: 603 905 9163

Passcode: 458440

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

- *Location: Room 203, Curriculum: Godly Play*

3rd-5th Grade

- *Location: Room 200*

Middle School (6th–8th Grade)

- *Location: Room 206*

High School (9th-12th Grade)

- *Location: Room 205*

Youth Ministry

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

This Sunday the middle and high school youth will meet at N. Bethesda UMC at 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda for activities, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

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. Dr. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

Monday, February 16

Small Book Group Led by Janelle Veazey

Monday at 7:00 p.m.

This group invites everyone as they explore the book, *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. It will continue on the theme of finding ways to care for those who live in our neighborhood. The book is available at the library and on Hoopla. Please contact Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu for more details and Zoom credentials.



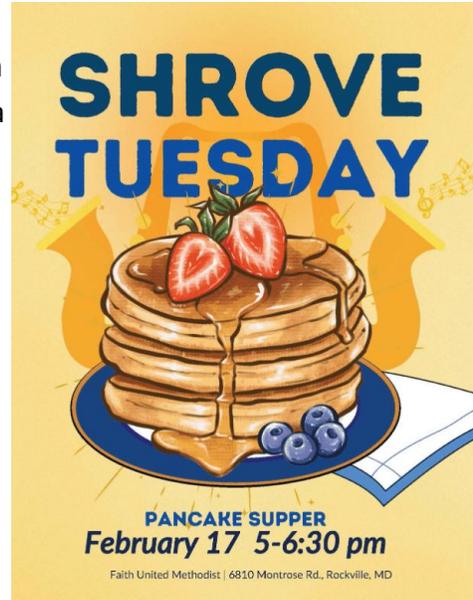
Tuesday, February 17

Blowout Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

On February 17, Faith Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Shrove Tuesday is your last chance for a blowout meal — gluten-free options will be available — before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

The day is also known as Mardi Gras, so be ready to eat king cake and find the baby, listen to New Orleans jazz, make your own mask, and generally be in a celebratory mood. By the way, "shrove" refers to hearing a confession and receiving absolution—but we'll never tell. If you are interested in helping after 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17 to prepare for Shrove Tuesday, please email Pam Kessler at kesslerpamela@gmail.com.



Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

A Season of Mending Begins

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when Christians slow down and reflect on their lives and the world around them.

Many people receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us that we are human—imperfect, mortal, and deeply loved by God.

This day isn't about guilt or shame. It's about honesty and grace. It's a chance to notice what feels broken and to trust that God is at work mending our lives and our world.

You don't need to have it all figured out to come. Ash Wednesday is simply an invitation to begin again, just as you are.



Thursday, February 19

Bells of Faith

Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Bells of Faith will not meet this week.

Chancel Choir

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. under the direction of Faith's music director, Dr. Michael Wu, in the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests

Please email your prayer requests to prayer@faithworkshere.com. Our congregational care ministers — Tamara James-Fish, Jim Johnston, Susan Keller, Emily Sama-Miller, Chuck Spencer, and Kristen Wayne — will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: Bill Cooper; Caroline and Ryan Babula; Terrie Tuckman and Sue Walters.

Prayers for those dear to us: Sister and newborn niece of Rachel Hedrick; Ken, son of Virginia McDowell; a woman in Nancy Kneisly's building who is nearing the end of her life; our immigrant friends and neighbors; friend of Nancy Kneisly; Family and friends of Phil Grimley, neighbor of Linda Pickle and James Pearson, as he recently passed away and Rev. Loren Scribner, friend of Kay McCarty.



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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.