back to basics

the stories we receive
the practices we keep
the love we share



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 to request additional accommodations.

Sunday, November 15, 2026 I 10:00 a.m.
Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *The Hour Glass* (from *Short Organ Works,* 1926-1932)
Ann Bartlow, organ
Florence B. Price, 1887-1953

Welcome — Janelle Veazey, Leadership Board, member

Call to Worship — LeRoy Walters, Liturgist

One: What does the Lord require of us?
All: To do justice.
One: What does the Lord require of us?
All: To love kindness.
One: What does the Lord require of us?
All: To walk humbly with our God.

One: Not worship without compassion, not faith without action, not words without love.

All: Form us into people whose lives bear witness to your grace.

One: Come. Let us worship—and let our worship shape the lives we live.

Confession and Pardon — LeRoy Walters

One: God of justice, kindness, and mercy,
we confess how easily we substitute religion for faithfulness.

All: We sing about love
while ignoring the neighbor who needs it.

We pray for justice
while resisting the changes justice requires.

We speak about humility
while clinging to certainty, privilege, and control.

We mistake attending worship for following you.

One: Forgive us.
Bring together what we too easily separate:
prayer and action,
personal holiness and social holiness,
love of you and love of neighbor.

All: Teach us again to do no harm,
to do good,
and to stay rooted in your grace.
Make our lives an offering of love.
Amen.

Passing the Peace

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (1967, 1998)
Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, piano
Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997, arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

Children's Message — Rev. John Campbell

Scripture: Micah 5:2–5a; 6:6–8 — LeRoy Walters
The readings are on pages 865-866 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible.

Message: “If You Don’t Sing, You Can’t be Arrested”
Rev. John Campbell

*TFWS Hymn #2174: *What Does the Lord Require of You*
(refer to insert)
Chancel Choir, Congregation, Ann Bartlow, organ

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Offering — Rev. John Campbell

Offertory Prayer — LeRoy Walters

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
Rev. John Campbell

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.

Introduction to Sending — Rev. John Campbell

*TFWS Hymn #2236: *Gather Us In* (refer to insert)
Chancel Choir, Congregation, Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth — Rev. John Campbell

Postlude: *Allegretto* (from *Short Organ Works*) Ann Bartlow, organ
F.B. Price

The altar flowers are given from Linda Pickle and Jim Pearson, in loving memory of Linda's parents, Kathryn and Howard Williams.

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belong • become • believe • be love

ATTENDANCE

We invite all guests and members to scan the QR code so we can acknowledge your attendance today.

Everyone Sign In!

OFFERING

Currently, we are not passing an offering plate. 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.

Give today.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We invite you to join us after worship for Fellowship Time. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors, chat with fellow congregants, build community, and enjoy refreshments. We look forward to sharing this time of connection and hospitality with you!

YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Today following worship

Young Singers of Faith meets today following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Room 200. Participants will learn vocal fundamentals, pitch matching, and music reading while preparing music to share in worship throughout the year. Rehearsals conclude by noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today at 11:30 a.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and N. Bethesda UMC will gather at N. Bethesda UMC (10100 Old Georgetown Rd.) for Bible Study: “What does God say about prayer?”

Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator at ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com for more details. Scan the QR code to access the weekly full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics.

JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

Sunday following worship



This Sunday the 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 will resume. Juice, Joe & Justice (JJ&J) will be held in room 206 ("the Youth Room"). Grab a cup of joe or juice and a snack in the Fellowship Hall and bring it upstairs.

We regularly are invited to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. How might that be done? The United Methodist **Social Principles** give concrete expression to this vision, connecting our love for God and neighbor with our responsibility to pursue compassionate justice, build peace, and care for creation.

Taking an active stance in society is nothing new for followers of John Wesley. **He set the example for us not to separate love of God from love of neighbor and working for holiness in society.** Our Social Creed is a statement of faith reflecting our Social Principles.

Even if you haven't had time to review the Social Principles, come to JJ&J anyway to learn more about them and help guide topic selection for future JJ&J sessions. Teens are welcome in all Juice, Joe and Justice conversations.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday, November 22 following worship (note this is a date change)

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join Faith UMC women following worship in room 110 as they work to influence and impact our community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

FAITH UMC
UWF Ruth Circle

BACK TO BASICS: WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



Our "Back to Basics" campaign has walked us through grace received, gratitude practiced, and generosity shared — and today we get to share some encouraging news.

As of today, Faith has received pledges totaling **$435,000** toward our **$480,000** goal for 2027 — and based on past years, we expect more pledges to arrive in the coming days. If they do, we won't just reach our goal, we'll exceed it.

Thank you to this year's Stewardship Team — Laura and Andy Basford, Nancy Kuhn, Stephen Bell, Jane Rall, Jim Johnston and Tamara James-Fish — for leading this campaign so faithfully. If you haven't yet made your 2027 commitment, there's still time. Just scan the QR code.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS IS BACK FOR GRADES 3-5!
Friday, December 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



We're excited to announce our second Faithful Friends event, just for children in Grades 3–5! Each quarter, Faithful Friends gather on a Friday evening (6pm -8pm) for two hours of dinner, games, hands-on service projects, and plenty of fun.

It's a chance to build friendships, grow in faith, and discover how we can make a difference in our community—all in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

At our next gathering, we'll be making and assembling Christmas care packages for members of our congregation who might need some extra cheer this season.

Questions? Reach out to Jan Spencer – jspencer2@aol.com. **Register today using the QR code. Deadline for registration is Monday, December 7!**

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD! SPACE AT FAITH AVAILABLE

Flyers can be found in the narthex.



SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Nora Justice
Altar Guild for November: Nancy Kneisly
Audio Visual Volunteers: Andy Basford & Jason Spriggs
Congregational Welcome: Janelle Veazey
Fellowship Hosts: Tim Evans & Sara Romeyn
Liturgist: LeRoy Walters
Money Counters: Tim Evans & Jim Johnston
Nursery Caregivers: Tessa Ricketts & Celina Schmidt
Online Host: Linda Pickle
Sunday School Teachers
  Elementary: Dawn Adair & Nancy Hart, Nancy Kuhn & Susan Jones
  Middle School: Chuck Spencer & Janelle Veazey
  High School: Ryan Babula & Kristin Justice
Welcome Hosts: Bill Beisner & Sharon Virts