



What's Working @ Faith
Friday, April 24, 2026

IMPORTANT: DRIVING TO CHURCH SUNDAY

The Pike's Peek 10K is this Sunday morning, April 26. Rockville Pike will be closed for the race, meaning that cars cannot cross the Pike between MD 200 and Randolph Road. Please consider alternate routes so that you can worship with the family of Faith at 10:00 a.m.!



BUILDING ACCESS UPDATE

Over the past several weeks, we have implemented security upgrades throughout the building to help ensure the safety of everyone. One of these updates affects how the building is accessed.

The keypad located outside the main office door will be removed and will no longer be available for entry. **Beginning Monday, May 4**, anyone needing access to the church during the week is asked to visit during regular office hours, when a staff member will be happy to assist with entry. A reminder that office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as we implement these improvements, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Faith in Action

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Saturday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m. at Faith UMC

We invite the Faith community to join Makom, a Rockville non-profit that supports and empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as we observe World Labyrinth Day.



On Saturday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m., Makom will lead a reflective program of meditation, music, and a guided walk through the labyrinth **in our Memorial Garden**. This gathering offers a meaningful way to connect with our community and participate in a global movement for peace. Join thousands around the world in this shared, moving meditation for hope.

Please [RSVP here!](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO #StillInMission!

Thursday, May 7 at noon via Zoom

Belinda Forbes, a global missionary in covenant partnership with Faith UMC serving in Latin America, will present updates from her missionary placement site with AMOS Health and Hope. This one-hour gathering is an opportunity to learn about the different ways Belinda answers God's call. [Registration](#) is required!



A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH ANN BARTLOW

Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music on May 16 at 3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church. Ann will bring the sanctuary to life with the piano and organ featuring works by Bach, Boulanger, Giacchino, and Vierne — a blend of classics and charm. A reception will follow.



WORSHIP/SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: BE AN EQUALIZATION MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday-Friday, May 27-29



Annual Conference is a meaningful gathering where clergy and laity come together to discern, worship, and shape the future of our shared ministry. This year's conference will meet May 27-29 in Baltimore. The theme is Rooted in Christ: Love Boldly. Being "*Rooted in Christ*" reminds us that our identity and mission begin not with strategies or structures, but with a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus. This unfolding theme is rooted in and shaped by the new United Methodist Church Vision Statement, which calls us to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. The 2026 conference begins the journey with "*Love Boldly*," and will be guided by holy scripture from Ephesians 3:16-19.

Each Annual Conference session must include an equal number of lay and clergy members. Because the clergy membership includes not only pastors serving local churches but also those in extension ministries, retirees, and clergy on leave, the conference needs additional lay attendees to help bring the conference into balance. Serving in this role is a wonderful opportunity to represent the voice of the laity and take part in the work of the church at the conference level. If you feel called to serve in this way or simply want more information on the 2026 Annual Conference, please contact [Pastor Laura](#) or [Brian Jones](#).

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY



Preaching: Jennifer Young, chair, AIM (Accessibility & Inclusion Ministry);
Seren Hemmings-Burk

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to illustrate how the church is a single unit made of many diverse and essential people. He emphasizes that every member, regardless of whether they may be viewed as strong or weak, is indispensable and welcomed by God to ensure the whole body functions correctly. This passage reminds us that we all belong as interdependent members of the body of Christ.

As part of our celebration of the diversity of our human family, we are shining a spotlight on disability inclusive literature, particularly for children and young adults. In partnership with [Child's Play Toys and Books](#), we are offering an opportunity to purchase from a selection of books to donate to the church library or for your own use at home:

<https://faithumcbooks.square.site/>. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds will come directly back to Faith.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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Sunday School for
Children and Youth
learn, explore, grow

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. 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: Godly Play, room 203

3rd-5th Grade: room 200

Middle School (6th-8th Grade): room 206

High School (9th-12th Grade): room 205

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday, April 26 following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join us in rooms 205/206 following worship as we work to influence and impact our community.



United
Women
in Faith

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Please note that Middle and High School Youth will meet this Sunday evening at Faith UMC for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

FAITH BY THE FIRE

Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

The church camping trip at Little Bennett Campground is next weekend, May 1-2! To prepare, we invite all campers to attend an optional Zoom meeting on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will review information about the weekend and answer any questions.



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/95948350673?
pwd=Duzmk8itImsjEIibXo512FmVRTIYUJ.1](https://zoom.us/j/95948350673?pwd=Duzmk8itImsjEIibXo512FmVRTIYUJ.1)

Meeting ID: 959 4835 0673

Passcode: 280422

If needed, click [here](#) for instructions on how to join a Zoom meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

SMALL GROUP LED BY JANELLE VEAZEY

Monday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

This group continues to explore the book, *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan on the theme of finding ways to care for those who live in our neighborhood. Please contact Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu for more details and Zoom credentials.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

BELLS OF FAITH

Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. 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, and Kristen Wayne will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: Sue Walters; Pastor Laura Norvell and her family; Jonathan Romeyn (father of Sara Romeyn); Dan Vitiello (stepfather of Sara Romeyn); Phil Isaacs and Terrie Tuckman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: APRIL 24-May 10

April 27: Carol Dismukes

April 29: Jane Rall

April 30: Dean Savell & Suzanne Smedberg

May 3: Michael Medina & Zoe Peck-McLain

May 4: Carol Benson, Woody Machalek & LeRoy Walters

May 5: Grace Basford & Connor Brand

May 6: Eva Szabo & Isaiah Woolard

May 7: Stephanie Balian, Jan Lafleur & Maddie Smedberg

ANNIVERSARIES: APRIL 24-May 10

April 25: John and Nancy Ganz

April 28: LeRoy and Sue Walters

May 4: Bob Wood and June Watts

May 8: Michael and Michelle Buckley

May 10: Hank and Teresa Meadows



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Faith United Methodist Church is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network.



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.

