

back to basics

the stories we receive

the practices we keep

the love we share



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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, October 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *Invitation to Quiet No. 3*

Ann Bartlow, organ
Clarence Mader, 1904-1971

Welcome

Bill Maas, Leadership Board, Chair

Call to Worship

Jane Rall, Liturgist

One: Remember what God has done.

All: God has been faithful.

One: Remember the grace that brought you here.

All: God has been faithful.

One: Choose this day how you will live.

All: We will turn our lives toward God.

One: With our prayers and presence, our gifts, service, and witness,

All: We will turn our lives toward God.

One: Come. Let us worship.

Confession and Pardon

Jane Rall

One: Faithful God,
we make many choices each day,
but too often discipleship receives whatever is left over.

**All: We give you leftover attention,
leftover time,
leftover energy,
leftover resources.**

**We intend to pray, serve, give, forgive, and love,
but intention without practice fades easily.**

One: Forgive us for living accidentally
when you call us to live faithfully.

All: Help us choose again.

**Order our lives around your grace.
Teach us practices that loosen fear,
deepen trust,
and make love more visible.
Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Jane Rall

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *Be Joyful in the Lord* (1997)

Young Singers of Faith: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
based on Psalm 100; Robert J. Powell, 1932-2025

Lyrics: Lift every voice and sing a song, a song of praise to the Lord. | The Lord who made the heaven and earth is God of all creation. | Sing to the Lord: we praise your name. | Sing to the Lord: we praise your holy name. | Let heaven rejoice; O earth, be glad and praise your holy name. || Come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before our Maker; |

You are the Lord, the Lord our God, and we are the sheep of your pasture. | Praise God the Lord, praise God the Lord; be joyful in the Lord and come before God's presence with a song.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Anthem: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (1994)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
American spiritual, arr. Hal H. Hopson, 1933-2025

Scripture Readings: Joshua 24:1-15

Jane Rall

The readings can be found in the Old Testament
on pages #215-216 of the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #396: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

WE RESPOND

Stewardship Moment: SET ASIDE

Jane Rall

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Jane Rall

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 TFWS #2130: *The Summons* (refer to insert)
Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Menuet Gothique* from *Suite Gothique* (1895)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Léon Boëllman, 1862-1897



ATTENDANCE

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



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.



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.) following worship for Bible Study exploring this question: "What does God say about the role of women in the church?" 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.



BACK TO BASICS...STEWARDSHIP

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Stewardship Campaign will be wrapping up on **Commitment Sunday, November 8**, followed by a special Stewardship Fellowship Time.



The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing! This week, the stewardship topic is **SET ASIDE**. We ask that you consider the following question and share your responses using the paper stone cut-outs or by emailing the office at office@FaithWorksHere.com. **What are you called to set aside in order to be more connected to God and to this church community?**

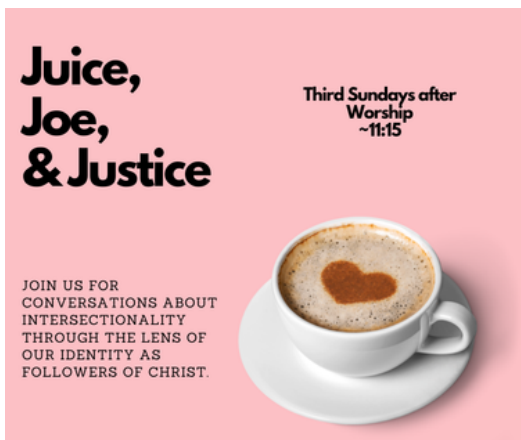
We had some great responses to last week's prompts. Some gifts our community has received from Faith UMC include "faith," "hope," and "food." You should have already received your pledge card in the mail. You may bring your pledge card on Sunday, November 8 or feel free to submit your pledge online by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura & Andy Basford (basfordlaura@gmail.com; andy_basford@yahoo.com).



JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

Today following worship

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



This summer some 3,500 Haitian immigrants in the U.S. lost their Temporary Protective Status (TPS) protections. What is the impact of that policy change on these individuals and their adopted communities? We have invited Anne Hastings, a fellow resident of LeRoy and Sue Walters' retirement community, to help us answer that question. For 17 years, Anne and a Haitian priest built from the ground up Haiti's largest microfinance institution - with 46 branches located in the rural areas of the country.

Since then, she has been Vice President of the University of Fondwa USA that support a rural university of the same name in Haiti that provides degrees in Veterinary Medicine, Agronomy, and Business Management. Anne can help us understand not only what has been in the news, such as the plight of Haitians living in Springfield, OH, but also the situation of local Haitians who have lost their TPS protections.

If you can't make the discussion in person, there is also an opportunity for folks to join on-line. Suggested readings and a Zoom link was provided in Friday's *What's Working at Faith*.

SAVE THE DATE: JOIN US FOR CROCKPOT FRIDAY

Friday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and care for one another. We'll share a simple meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbor to join us, to connect as a community and to enjoy meaningful conversation together. We have crockpots of food to share and everyone is invited.

Thank you to those folks who have previously signed up with Tamara. If you plan to bring a crockpot but didn't put your name on the list, please email Tamara James-Fish at tamarajame@gmail.com. If you're able to assist with set-up, please arrive about 10 minutes early. Clean-up will be a shared effort—many hands make light work!



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Sunday, October 25 following worship

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.



POTOMAC AREA INTERFAITH COMEDY EVENT

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Interfaith Comedy is a clean comedy experience that brings together comedians from a wide range of religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Through humor, the show reaks down barriers, challenges stereotypes, and creates opportunities for greater understanding—all while keeping audiences laughing. One night. Many faiths. Lots of laughs.

The event is free and will take place at Congregation Har Shalom (11510 Falls Rd, Potomac) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Additional information can be found at www.harshalom.org/InterfaithComedy.

SERVING US TODAY

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