

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, October 11, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *Kyrie*, from *Hallelujah* (2022)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Thomas Keesecker, b. 1956

Welcome

Ann Coppersmith

Call to Worship

Janice Jones, Liturgist

One: God has carried us by grace.

All: We give thanks.

One: God calls us into covenant.

All: We will learn the ways of love.

One: God gives practices that lead toward life.

All: Shape our habits and form our hearts.

One: Come, people of God.

All: With gratitude, we come to worship.

One: God of freedom,
you give us ways of living that protect relationship,
honor neighbors,
and turn us toward you.

Yet we confess that we often want grace without formation.

All: We resist practices that interrupt our habits.

**We measure faith by what we know
rather than by the love taking shape in us.**

We harm when we could heal.

We remain silent when we could do good.

**We neglect prayer, worship, rest, generosity, and
community
until our souls grow thin.**

One: Forgive us.

By your sanctifying grace,
keep working on us.

**All: Teach us to do no harm,
to do good,
and to stay close to the means by which your grace
forms us.
Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *On Eagle's Wings* (1979, 1991)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, piano
Michael Joncas, b. 1951, arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

Refrain: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, | Bear you
on the breath of dawn, | Make you to shine like the sun, | And
hold you in the palm of God's hand. | You who dwell in the
shelter of the Lord, | Who abide in God's shadow for life, | Say to
the Lord, "My refuge, | "My Rock in whom I trust." | Refrain |

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, | And famine will bring you no fear: | Under God's wings your refuge, | God's faithfulness your sword. || *Refrain* || You need not fear the terror of the night, | Nor the arrow that flies by day; | Though thousands fall about you, | Near you it shall not come. || *Refrain* || For to God's angels God's given a command | To guard you in all of your ways; | Up on their hands they will bear you up, | Lest you dash your foot against a stone. || *Refrain*.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Readings: Exodus 19:1-7; 20:1-17

Janice Jones

The readings can be found in the Old Testament
on pages #65-66 of the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #500: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

WE RESPOND

Stewardship Moment: GIVE THANKS

Dawn Adair Johnson

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Janice Jones

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 #419: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Toccata in E minor, P. 462*

Ann Bartlow, organ
Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706



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.

BACK TO BASICS...STEWARDSHIP

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing! This week, the stewardship topic is GIVE THANKS.



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We ask that you consider the following questions and share your responses using the paper stone cut-outs or by emailing the office at office@FaithWorksHere.com.

Stewardship begins by noticing what has already been given. What has the Faith UMC community provided you in your life?

How has the generosity of others shaped your life? You may have already received your pledge card this weekend in the mail 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).

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



YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Today following worship

Young Singers of Faith gather today and almost every Sunday after 10 a.m. worship in Room 200. We learn the fundamentals of singing, pitch matching, and music reading while working on music that we will sing in worship on occasion. The group also participates in the Family Christmas Eve service at Faith the afternoon of December 24. Rehearsals end by noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and North Bethesda UMC will gather at Faith UMC for fellowship and dinner this evening. Rockville Youth is a collaborative ministry between Faith and North Bethesda UMCs intended to give young people in our community a place to build relationships with other youth and adults who love them as they are. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

Scan the QR code to access the weekly full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics.



JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

Sunday, October 18 following worship

This month we will resume our 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. Juice, Joe and Justice (JJ&J) will be held October 18 after worship in room 206 ("the Youth Room").



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.

You can access more resources from the UMC General Board on Church and Society on immigration justice and ways to engage at resourceumc.org. 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 will be provided in next week's *What's Working at Faith*.

Please note that childcare is available and we request that you RSVP to the church office if childcare is needed by Thursday, October 15! Teens are welcome in all Juice, Joe and Justice conversations.

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!



SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Alice Hedrick

Altar Guild for October: Laura Basford & Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer & Jason Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Ann Coppersmith

Fellowship Hosts: James & Rachel Hedrick

Liturgist: Janice Jones

Money Counters: Jim Johnston & Jan Spencer

Nursery Caregivers: Lesley Avery & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Dawn Adair & Frank Johnson, Jane Rall & Janelle Veazey

Middle School: Bill Maas & Seren Hemmings-Burke

High School: James Hedrick & Dave Savell

Welcome Hosts: Bill & Lloydie Zaiser

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