



What's Working @ Faith  
Friday, April 17, 2026

## Faith in Action

### JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

*Sunday, April 19 following worship*

## Juice, Joe, & Justice

Third Sundays after  
Worship  
~11:15

JOIN US FOR  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
INTERSECTIONALITY  
THROUGH THE LENS OF  
OUR IDENTITY AS  
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.



Everyone is invited to join the Juice, Joe & Justice discussion Sunday, April 19, after worship in the youth room (room #206).

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

This session will focus on Chapter 3 of the study guide, [\*Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration\*](#). (The study guide is free and accessible by clicking its title.) Beginning on page 12, this chapter reflects on Deuteronomy 10: God's Love for the Sojourner.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: The UMC General Board of Church and Society shares information on immigration justice along with opportunities for engagement [here](#). Materials on migrants and refugees that were shared in a previous *What's Working at Faith* are provided below.

If this topic is of interest to you, please feel welcome to attend even if you haven't had time to review the material in advance!

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## UMC migrant and refugee resources

- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/what-the-umc-believes-about-immigrants-and-migrants>
- <https://www.umcjustice.org/articles/welcoming-the-migrant-to-the-us-119>
- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ways-united-methodists-can-stand-with-migrants>
- <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/798>: A UM Bible Study on immigration and refugees with some family stories

## Local migrant and refugee stories

- <https://mailchi.mp/nnia-maryland/nnia-december-2025-newsletter-11029438>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/01/10/afghan-refugees-kansas-national-guard-shooting/>

If you are unable to attend in person, you can also join online.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039059163?pwd=RnJiSkxqQy8yZHhzUUtvbktFUitvdz09>

Meeting ID: 603 905 9163

Passcode: 458440

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

*Sunday, April 26 following worship*



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

United Women in Faith (UWF) launched last month with a strong start, welcoming 15 enthusiastic participants. UWF will continue to meet the last Sunday following worship each month. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at [kneislynancy@gmail.com](mailto:kneislynancy@gmail.com).

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## **SAVE THE DATE: DISABILITY AWARENESS**

*Sunday, April 26*

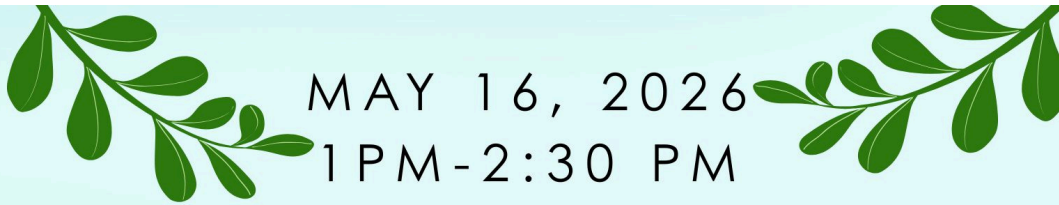
Join Faith as we celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday on April 26th. On this day, we take time out to recognize the gifts, needs, and contributions of individuals with disabilities. It's a time to reflect on how the church can be more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming to all of God's people.

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## **FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

*Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.*

Our Community Garden is a group effort and we are thrilled that this is our fourth year growing and harvesting vegetables for our community. This space was formerly a playground, transformed by the hard work of church members. Last year, Ryan Bloom improved the garden as part of an Eagle Scout project. Please join us on May 16th to plant seedlings. All ages are welcome; no experience is needed. To join the garden team, get updates, or ask questions, contact Garden Gurus Sara Romeyn at [sara.romeyn@gmail.com](mailto:sara.romeyn@gmail.com), Janelle Veazey at [jv448@cornell.edu](mailto:jv448@cornell.edu), or Celina Schmidt at [jakecelina@gmail.com](mailto:jakecelina@gmail.com).



MAY 16, 2026  
1PM-2:30 PM

## FUMC Community Garden

### Spring Planting Day

- Help us prepare the garden for Spring and plant a wide variety of seeds and seedlings
- All are welcome, ages 2-92! No experience necessary
- Wear comfortable clothes and old sneakers....you will get dirty



*The Week Ahead*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Preaching:** Suzanne Smedberg  
*Youth Ministry Coordinator*

**Scripture:** Acts 9:1-19a

*Saul, once consumed with zeal to silence the followers of Jesus, is suddenly met by a radiant encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Struck blind, he is led into the city—no longer in control, but now open to grace.*

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## **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.

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belong • become • believe • be love

**Sunday School for  
Children and Youth**  
learn, explore, grow

## **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. 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

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Sunday at 5:00 p.m.*

Please note that Middle and High School Youth will meet this Sunday evening at N. Bethesda UMC at 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at [ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com).

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

## **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.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please email your prayer requests to [Prayer@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto: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:** Pastor Laura Norvell and her family; Family of JoAnn Rice, who passed away March 28; Jonathan Romeyn (father of Sara Romeyn); Dan Vitiello (stepfather of Sara Romeyn); Jennifer Young and her family; Phil Isaacs and Terrie Tuckman

**Prayers for those dear to us:** Aunt of Laura Basford; Anna (friend of Kathy King); Svitlana and her husband in Ukraine and their son, Anthony attending college in VA (friends of Kristin Justice); Linda Norvell (Pastor Laura's mother-in-law); Carol Triplett Robbins (cousin of Lloydie Zaiser); and Moses (online worshipper from Kenya).

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## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS: APRIL 17-30**

April 19: Ryan Bloom, Emily Kuhn, Steve Peterson &  
Alma Rines

April 23: Arvina Dalaya Gadre

April 27: Carol Dismukes

April 29: Jane Rall

April 30: Dean Savell & Suzanne Smedberg

## ANNIVERSARIES: APRIL 17-30

April 25: John and Nancy Ganz

April 28: LeRoy and Sue Walters



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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.

