
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.

WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: *Song of the Cross* based on the hymn *Near the Cross* (2003)

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

arr.: Arnold B. Sherman, 1948-2024

Welcome

Sara Romeyn

Call to Worship

Frank Johnson, Liturgist

ONE: Christ has ascended.

Not to leave the world behind,

ALL: but to draw all creation more deeply into God's love.

ONE: The One who emptied himself in compassion

ALL: has been lifted up in glory.

ONE: So let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus:

ALL: a mind shaped by humility, justice, mercy, and peace.

ONE: We gather as people seeking to follow the way of Christ.

ALL: We gather to be formed again by divine love.

ONE: Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven and earth, come down.

ALL: Christ is risen.

Christ is ascended.

Christ is present among us still.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession

Frank Johnson

ONE: God of love,
you call us into the life of Christ,
yet we confess how easily we turn inward.

ALL: We cling to privilege instead of humility.

We seek comfort more than compassion.

**We protect our own interests while neighbors struggle
to be seen, heard, and valued.**

We pray in the name of Christ,

who is proclaimed in every circumstance.

Amen.

ONE: Too often, we forget that the way of Jesus
is not grasping for power,

ALL: but pouring oneself out in love for the sake of the world.

ONE: Forgive us when our lives reflect fear more than grace.
Open our hearts to one another.

ALL: Free us from patterns of indifference and exclusion.

**Teach us again the joy of shared humanity and beloved
community.**

ONE: Continue your work within us,

**ALL: so that our lives may sing with mercy, courage, and
hope.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Frank Johnson

Passing the Peace

WORD

Anthem: *God Is Gone Up with a Shout* (1960)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Healey Willan, 1880-1968

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-18

Frank Johnson

Today's scripture can be found on page #197 of the
New Testament in the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

*Hymn #384: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Offertory Prayer

Frank Johnson

WHAT NOW?

Recognition of Graduates

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

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

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 #185: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Postlude: *The Solid Rock* (2016)

Ann Bartlow, piano
from *Miniatures*; arr.: Mark Hayes b. 1953



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by David Cope, Jan Lafleur, and Andrea Marchesotti in loving memory of Brian Cope, son of Ms. Lafleur.

Additional altar flowers are given by Tim Evans and Sara Romeyn in honor of their daughter, Julia, in celebration of her graduation from Towson University, Maryland.

ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to scan the QR code—whether you are a guest or a member—so we know that you joined us today!



OFFERING

We are not passing an offering plate currently. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC

Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



We invite youth (middle and high school) and their parents to join us for our end-of-year picnic at Cabin John Park this Sunday evening. We'll gather from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Pavilion B for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and fun activities for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coord. at ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com.

BELLS OF FAITH

Faith's Schulmerich Handbells have been professionally refurbished and returned for us to enjoy! We are thrilled to once again be playing our beautifully restored, shiny bells. The Bells of Faith extend our heartfelt gratitude to the congregation or your generous support in helping us achieve this goal. We invite you to join us next fall, as we will have a few openings in the ensemble. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Kuhn at Nancykuhn@gmail.com.



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UWF)

Sunday, May 31 following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join us in rooms 205/206 as we 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.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for May: Marie Day

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer, Debbie Spriggs & Jason Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Sara Romeyn

Fellowship Hosts: Andy Fish & Tamara James-Fish

Liturgist: Frank Johnson

Money Counters: Jim Johnston & Jan Spencer

Nursery Caregivers: Tessa Ricketts & Celina Schmidt

Online Host: Belinda Tilley

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Nancy Hart, Dawn Adair Johnson, Susan Jones & Jane Rall

Middle School: Laura Basford & Bill Maas

High School: Ryan Babula & Kristen Wayne

Welcome Hosts: Bill Beisner &

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor | Ann Bartlow, Organist | André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader | Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager | Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator | Kim Webster, Financial Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director



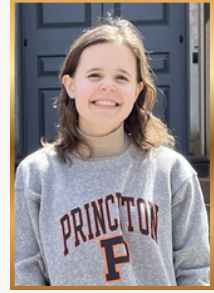
2026

Congratulations to our Graduates!

COLLEGE

SARAH BRYANT

Sarah is the daughter of Denise and Jeff Bryant. She is graduating from Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs, with a Master's in Public Affairs. Sarah will be moving to D.C. after graduation and working in the area of international policy and development.



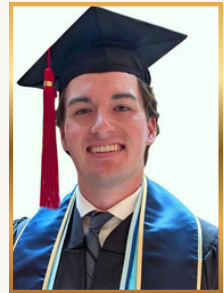
JULIA ROMEYN EVANS

Julia is the daughter of Tim Evans and Sara Romeyn. She is graduating from Towson University in the Fall of 2026 with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. Julia is the recipient of the Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship and a member of the Honors College. After graduation, Julia plans to work as a special educator and advocate for elementary school students with disabilities.



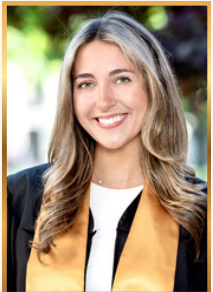
STEVEN NICHOLAS LAWRENCE

Steven is the grandson of Linda Pickle and Jim Pearson. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University receiving a BS degree with majors in Business Administration and International Relations/Political Science. He has accepted a position as a Risk Analyst at Deloitte in Rosslyn, Virginia.



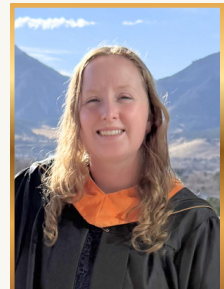
ZOE MARIE MALEKZADEH

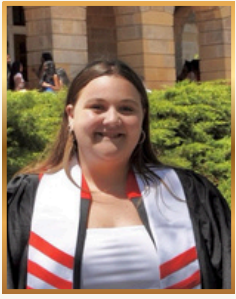
Zoe is the granddaughter of Nancy Hart. She will graduate from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with a double major in Politics & International Affairs and Communication. Zoe hopes to work on Capitol Hill where she served as an intern last summer.



KATIE ELIZABETH SPENCER

Katie is the daughter of Chuck and Jan Spencer. In December, she received her Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado. In January, Katie began working as a Systems Engineer at BAE systems in Boulder, Colorado.





MOLLY ROSE WINCHENBACH

Molly, the daughter of Jennifer Young and Eric Winchenbach, graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree with Honors, completing a double major in Neurobiology and Global Health. She also spent a semester studying abroad in Copenhagen. Over the next year, Molly will be working in healthcare in Madison as she prepares to apply to medical school.

HIGH SCHOOL



KELSEY LYNN BENJAMIN

Kelsey is the granddaughter of Erna & Stan Benjamin. She will graduate from Northern High School, Owings, Maryland.

NATHAN ROBERT BENJAMIN

Nathan is the grandson of Erna & Stan Benjamin. He will graduate from Broadneck High School, Arnold, Maryland and will attend St. Joseph University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



LILY ELIZABETH MALEKZADEH

Lily is the granddaughter of Nancy Hart and will graduate from Langley High School in McLean, Virginia. She is very excited to be attending the University of Georgia in Athens majoring in biology. She aspires to become a dentist.



MADELEINE "MADDY" YOUNG SMEDBERG

Maddie is the daughter of Ben and Suzanne Smedberg. She will be graduating from Rockville High School, where she is active in art and choir. This summer, she will start a 4 year plumbing apprenticeship with Clarksburg Plumbing, after which she will be licensed as a journeyman plumber. Maddie is thrilled to begin work and learn a new skill, and plans to continue art and music in her spare time.

