



Friday, November 14, 2025

Five Crock Pot Friday is BACK!!

TODAY, November 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

With so many folks impacted by the federal government shutdown, it feels like breaking bread together in a safe and loving atmosphere is a good idea. We pray that all folks will be back to work soon, however let's plan to gather between the fall sports season and the holiday crush. Join us for a crock pot dinner goodness!

News & Events

Faith Garden

Tomorrow, November 15 at 1:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars! On November 15, we'll gather in the FUMC Community Garden to prepare the space for winter.

What's on the agenda?

- Weeding and cleaning garden beds
- Mulching
- Disassembling the greenhouse
- Storing garden tools
- Planting bulbs for a colorful spring

The garden team will provide plenty of tools and gloves, so just bring your energy and enthusiasm!

All hands on deck! Kids are welcome to join in the fun. [RSVP Here.](#)

Special Edition of Juice, Joe, & Justice

Sunday, November 16, following worship

We will be welcoming two guests to this month's meeting of Juice, Joe, & Justice held after worship in room 206 (the Youth Room). Christine King is one of the cofounders of the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA). This organization ministers to 102 refugee families, comprised of 405 individuals, who live in Montgomery County. NNIA's 33 members include 12 Christian churches, nine Jewish congregations, and three Islamic groups. Ms. King will be joined by Debra

Randall, a member of our sister congregation, Grace United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg. Ms. Randall chairs the Food Committee of NNIA. The guest speakers will provide an overall description of NNIA's activities, with a particular emphasis on its food program. All members of the congregation are invited to join this special edition of JJ&J!

We are continuing our monthly discussions about how our own identity and experiences may impact how we work to expand our love for all our neighbors. Please join us in any month. These events are not a continuing series, so every conversation stands alone. Come share your experience and learn alongside others on the journey. If you can't make the discussion in person, there will be an opportunity for folks to join on-line. (Zoom credentials will be included in next week's *What's Working at Faith.*)

Please note that childcare is available! Teens are welcome in all JJ&J conversations.



You Are Invited to Support Girls' Education in Kenya

**Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Sunday, November 23 from noon to 5:00 p.m.**



Faith friends are invited to a special event to support 400 adolescent girls. The lack of resources in Kenya can often prevent girls from attending school and even dropping out altogether. To help keep them in school, Faith members Bill and Lloydie Zaiser generously provide sanitary napkins and underwear for an entire year. To offset this cost, they are hosting a FINAL sale of beautiful items crafted by over 180 Kenyan female artisans. Begin your holiday shopping early and drop by the Zaiser's home November 22 & 23: 500 Goldsborough Dr., Rockville. Contact Lloydie for additional information at LloydieKenya@gmail.com.

Get Involved with Faith

We commit to serve as members of Faith. Here are some ways you can serve in the weeks to come:

A/V Team: Even if you know nothing about sound or projection, we will train you. The following volunteer positions are needed to serve once every other month. Do you hear what I hear? manage the sound board; Feel the urge to direct? operate the camera; Control freak? control the projection for those in the sanctuary and online! Contact Jason Spriggs to volunteer and receive training at jason@jasonspriggs.com.

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

A Pilgrimage with the Prophets

What is a pilgrimage? From Compostela to Canterbury, it is an intentional journey to a revered place. There may be obstacles—boulders to climb over or rushing streams to ford—but they are part of the journey. To Christians, Advent is a spiritual pilgrimage that leads us, like the Wise Men, to the stable, the manger and the Baby Jesus.

At Faith Church on November 16, we are starting our own pilgrimage, choosing as our guide the words of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and John. Though Advent begins on November 30, we have timed our departure as pilgrims early, in order to explore the wisdom of the prophets as we travel spiritually through Advent to Christmas Eve.

Have you taken a pilgrimage? We will be inviting you to share your recollections with us, as we follow our sacred journey.

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 at all times. 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

- *Location:* Room 203; *Curriculum:* Godly Play

3rd–5th Grade

- *Location:* Room 200

Middle School (6th–8th Grade)

- *Location:* Room 206

High School (9th–12th Grade)

- *Location:* Room 205

Meeting: Sunday School Teachers for Children in 3rd-5th Grade

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School teachers who work with 3rd- through 5th-grade children will meet following worship in room 200.

Youth Ministry

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

This Sunday, middle and high school youth are invited to gather at Faith UMC for an evening of activities, food, and fun. Looking ahead, the group will go ice skating at Rockville Town Center on Sunday, November 23; stay tuned for more details. For more information, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

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.

Last Sunday's Worship Service

[Listen and watch last Sunday's online worship service.](#) See and hear the worship service, led by Rev. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

Monday, November 17

Small Book Group Led by Janelle Veazey

Monday 7:00 p.m.

This group discusses the book, “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice” by Jamar Tisby and meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. Christian responses to social justice issues, including racism and migration, are explored. It’s a great opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with others in conversation around important topics. For more information, contact Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu.

Tuesday, November 18

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Outreach Team meets on the third Tuesday of every other month via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kneisly at Kneislynancy@gmail.com.

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 842 5198 6858

Passcode: 672271

Wednesday, November 19

Small Group Led by Jane Rall

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - noon

This group meets every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Jane Rall at Janeerall@yahoo.com.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 815 8816 6859

Passcode: 511624

Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Leadership Board consists of the nine members below and meets via Zoom. This Board was created to simplify the church's leadership structure and allow people to focus their gifts and free up more time for acts of service and compassion.

Bill Maas, Chair
Mike Coppersmith
Rachel Hedrick
Brian Jones
Mike Kitzman
Nancy Kneisly
Jane Rall
Janelle Veazey
Jennifer Young

Thursday, November 20

Bells of Faith

Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday 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, Sue Walters and Kristen Wayne will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: John Redding; Jim Pearson; Terrie Tuckman; Emma Brown; Bill Jones; Kathy King and Tammy Woolard.

Prayers for those dear to us: Cathy Kitzman, mother of Mike Kitzman; Terry Chili's daughter and good friend; Jim Henley, brother of Gordon Henley; Jeff and Ross Johnson, brothers of Carol Henley; Parents of Ryan Babula; the family and friends of Ben Mosteller,

Bullis School colleague of Sara Romeyn who recently passed away and Ken, son of Virginia McDowell.



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Faith United Methodist Church seeks 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. As we grow in Christ's love, Faith UMC continues to take new steps forward to help ensure that all people can participate fully in this community of faith.