



WHAT'S WORKING @ FAITH

Friday, January 9, 2026

News & Events

Faith Small Group Invites You to MLK Events

Monday, January 19

The small group led by Janelle Veazey typically meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. To kick off the new year, group members invite everyone to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with two meaningful activities.

- **Lecture series** on racial justice, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. More information: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/martin-luther-king-jr-celebration/#event-presenters>
- **Food sorting service project**, 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., North Bethesda UMC. More information: <https://www.northbethesdaumc.org/>

The group will leave the lecture after the closing remarks and head to the food-sorting event (arriving slightly late and departing a little early). You're welcome to participate in one or both activities as your schedule allows.

Vision Retreat

Saturday, January 24

As our pilgrimage to Bethlehem during Advent comes to a close, we enter the new year reflecting on where God may be calling us next. After celebrating the birth of Jesus, how do we respond and become the people God calls us to be and be love in our communities? What passions has God placed on your heart? How do your God-given talents make a difference in your community? What can we, as a church, do to be love more consistently and effectively?



Where are our ministries doing really well? Do you have ideas for things you wish Faith UMC could do? Is there a passion on your heart that you've been hoping to find others who share it? **Come join us Saturday, January 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch included).** We'll hear about some dreams already brewing and spend time naming what we care deeply about, where we think we can make a difference, and how we want to be a more vibrant church for our greater Rockville community. We are asking children, youth and adults to join us for an afternoon of encouragement, discussion and brainstorming as we seek to listen to where God might be calling us as a church—and as individuals—in 2026.

Stay tuned for more information about registration and lunch.

Love in action is UNSTOPPABLE



United Women in Faith Interest Meeting

Come learn, connect, and see what sisterhood in action looks like.

Curious about United Women in Faith? This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to learn more about who we are, what we stand for, and how women of all ages are living out love in action.

Whether you're new, returning, or just exploring, there's a seat for you.

Sunday, January 25, 2026
After Worship
Room 205/206
Faith UMC
6810 Montrose Rd
Rockville, MD 20852

Rev. Laura Novell, Pastor

Nancy Kneisly, President, UWFaith

What to expect:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Overview of United Women in Faith
- Ways to get involved locally Time for questions

You can find more information on our national website UWFaith.org. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Stay curious. Come as you are.



JOIN US AND BECOME UNSTOPPABLE

Scan QR Code to join us on UWFaith
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Join Us for Crockpot Friday

Friday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

We will gather on February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are seizing the opportunity to gather as a community to care for one another and enjoy one another's company. Join us!

We need five crockpot dishes to share. We'll have a low-key gathering over lovely homemade food. If you are able to help with set-up, come about 10 minutes early. Clean-up will be "all hands on deck."

If you are willing to provide food, please reach out to Tim Evans at advisors@starpower.net.



Save the Date for Messy Church!

Saturday, February 7

More details are coming. volunteers. If you would contact Curtis Osborne



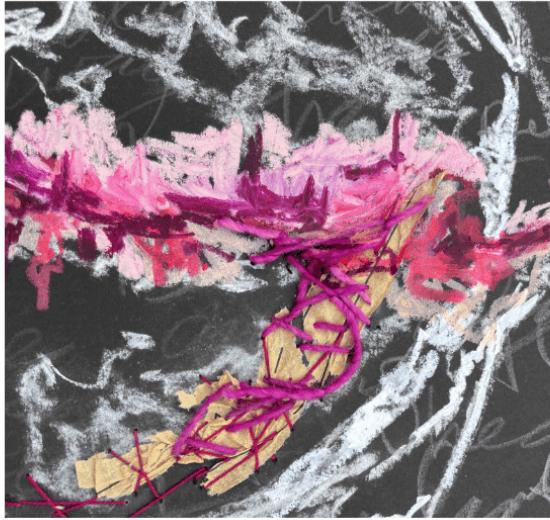
We always need
like to be messy with us,

at cosborne@FaithWorksHere.com.

Art Exhibit (free)

Thursday, January 29

DEBORAH TOMLIN



SUTRA

AN EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS

The Writer's Center

4508 Walsh Street

Bethesda, MD

Opening Reception January 29 7:00-9:00

More information: <https://writer.org/event/deborah-tomlin-opening/>

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Message: "The Finest Wine"

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 through second grade** — Location: Room 203. Curriculum: Godly Play.
- **Third through fifth grade** — Location: Room 200.
- **Middle school** (sixth through eighth grade) — Location: Room 206.
- **High school** (ninth through 12th grade) — Location: Room 205.

Leadership Board Team Meeting

Following worship

The Leadership Board, which consists of the eight members below, 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.

Our Leadership Board: Bill Maas, chair; Mike Coppersmith; Rachel Hedrick; Brian Jones; Nancy Kneisly; Jane Rall; Janelle Veazey; Jennifer Young.

Youth Ministry

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Middle and high school youth will meet Sunday night at North Bethesda UMC (10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda). Join us for activities, dinner and fun! For questions, 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. Dr. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

Wednesday, January 14

Small Group Led by Bill Maas

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

This group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.

[Join via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 874 2997 0926

Passcode: 568601

Thursday, January 15

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 to 9:00 p.m. under the direction of Faith's music director, Dr. Michael Wu, in the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests

Please email your prayer requests to prayer@faithworkshere.com. Our congregational care ministers — 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: Kathy King.

Prayers for those dear to us: Ismail; Sally Stoltz's daughter-in-law's father; the family of Laura Basford's sister-in-law, whose stepfather passed away on Christmas Day; Katherine, friend of the Smedberg family; Sean, friend of the Norvell family; Jim Howard, brother of Kay McCarty; and the family of Leslie Stevens, who recently passed away; Billy Magro, dear friend of Celine Schmidt.



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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.