
FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY



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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: *Epicede from Hallelujah* (2022)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Thomas Keesecker, b. 1956

Welcome

Tamara James-Fish, Leadership Board Member

Call to Worship

Jane Rall, Liturgist

ONE: Beloved of God, we gather as people created in the image of God.

ALL: Each of us bearing dignity, worth, and belovedness.

ONE: We come not as identical parts, but as a living body,

ALL: Each one necessary, each one a gift.

ONE: Where the world has named some as less than,

ALL: God has named each one beloved.

ONE: Where the world has excluded,

ALL: God has drawn the circle wider.

ONE: Come, let us worship the God who forms us in love,

ALL: And calls us into a community where all belong.

Confession and Pardon

Jane Rall

ONE: Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
restored, and gathered into one body.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

WORD

Anthem: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (1992)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
arr. Edward Broughton, alias for Lani Smith, 1934-2015

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Jane Rall

Today's scripture can be found on page #174 of the
New Testament in the pew Bible.

Message

Reflection

Jennifer Young, Chair, AIM (Accessibility & Inclusion Ministry)

Video: *Interacting with People with Disabilities*

Books as Windows and Mirrors

Seren Hemmings-Burk

*Hymn #707: *Hymn of Promise*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Jane Rall

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #428: *For the Healing of the Nations*

Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Prelude: Excerpts from Organ Symphonie No. 1 Op.14 VI. Final

Ann Bartlow, organ
Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Thank you for celebrating Disability Awareness Sunday with us today. This day calls the Church to recognize and celebrate the gifts and graces of persons with disabilities, and to work toward their full inclusion in both the Church and society. Our community is not complete unless all of us are present and included.

As part of our celebration of the diversity of our human family, we are shining a spotlight on disability inclusive literature, particularly for children and young adults. In partnership with Child's Play Toys and Books, we are providing an opportunity to purchase from a selection of books to donate to the church library or for your own use at home. Just scan the QR code. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds will come directly back to Faith UMC.



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.



Disability Awareness

Accessibility means more than installing ramps. It means considering inclusive language that is not offensive. "People with disabilities" and "people with differing abilities" are commonly used. Below is a short list of some acceptable and not acceptable words or phrases.

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
cerebral palsy/paraplegia/ physical disability	crippled, spastic
cognitive or intellectual impairment	retarded, mongoloid
communication disorder/ unable to speak, deaf	dumb/deaf-mute, hearing-impaired
disability	Handicap
psychiatric disability	insane, crazy, deranged
uses a wheelchair	wheelchair bound/confined to a wheelchair
has or had a disability	stricken, victim, or suffering from
accessible parking/seating/ restrooms	handicapped parking/seating/restrooms



BUILDING ACCESS UPDATE

Over the past several weeks, we have implemented security upgrades throughout the building to help ensure the safety of everyone. One of these updates affects how the building is accessed.

The keypad located outside the main office door will be removed and will no longer be available for entry. **Beginning Monday, May 4**, anyone needing access to the church during the week is asked to visit during regular office hours, when a staff member will be happy to assist with entry. A reminder that office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as we implement these improvements, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join us in rooms 205/206 following worship as we work to influence and impact our community.



United
Women
in Faith

YOUNG SINGERS IN FAITH

Sunday following worship

Young Singers of Faith is holding its final rehearsals as we prepare to contribute to worship on Sunday, May 10 at 10 a.m. We will rehearse in the sanctuary following the 10 a.m. service until no later than noon on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 26
- Sunday, May 3

Children up to and including grade 6 are welcome to participate—no prior musical experience is needed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Middle and high school youth meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. at Faith UMC for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Saturday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m. at Faith UMC

We invite the Faith community to join Makom, a Rockville non-profit that supports and empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as we observe World Labyrinth Day.



On Saturday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m., Makom will lead a reflective program of meditation, music, and a guided walk through the labyrinth **in our Memorial Garden**. This gathering offers a meaningful way to connect with our community and participate in a global movement for peace. Join thousands around the world in this shared, moving meditation for hope.

YOU ARE INVITED TO #StillInMission!

Thursday, May 7 at noon via Zoom

Belinda Forbes, a global missionary in covenant partnership with Faith UMC serving in Latin America, will present updates from her missionary placement site with AMOS Health and Hope. This one-hour gathering is an opportunity to learn about the different ways Belinda answers God's call. Registration is required and the link can be found in *Friday's What's Working at Faith* or call the church office.



A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH ANN BARTLOW

Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music on May 16 at 3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church. Ann will bring the sanctuary to life with the piano and organ featuring works by Bach, Boulanger, Giacchino, and Vierne — a blend of classics and charm. A reception will follow.



SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for April: Ann Coppersmith & Dawn Adair Johnson

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer & Eric Winchenbach

Congregational Welcome: Tamara James-Fish

Fellowship Hosts: Michael & Michelle Buckley

Liturgist: Jane Rall

Money Counters: Jane Rall & Jan Spencer

Nursery Caregivers: Gary Clark & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Belinda Tilley

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Dawn Adair & Frank Johnson, Janice Jones & Nancy Kuhn

Middle School: Kristen Wayne & Barbara Wege

High School: Ryan Miller & James Hedrick

Welcome Hosts: Sharon Virts & Bruce Werber

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, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director