What's Working @ Faith

Friday, November 6, 2026

WE GIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE FIRST RECEIVED

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign will culminate **this Sunday, *Commitment Sunday*, November 8**. Over the past several weeks, we have reflected on God's call to receive with gratitude, give thanks, set aside, and share our time, talents, and financial resources.



As a congregation, we now have the opportunity to commit to supporting the ministries and mission of our vibrant and growing church community in the coming year.

As we plan for 2027, Faith faces both the loss of a significant source of building revenue and rising operating costs. The Leadership Board anticipates the need to reduce expenses by as much as 10 percent. Before finalizing those decisions, the Board needs a clear understanding of the congregation's financial commitments for the year ahead.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2027 and submit your commitment in one of the following ways:

- Complete your commitment online at faithworkshere.com/give
- Bring your estimate-of-giving card with you this Sunday

If you have questions, please contact Laura and Andy Basford at basfordlaura@gmail.com or andy_basford@yahoo.com.

Following worship on Commitment Sunday, all are invited to a special Stewardship Fellowship Time featuring a light lunch, baked goods, and refreshments. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our shared commitment to Faith's future.

FAITH UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tomorrow! November 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Epworth UMC in Gaithersburg

The Charge Conference is an annual meeting that brings together church leadership and the District Superintendent to review the ministry of the past year, conduct essential church business, and establish goals for the year ahead. The Charge Conference is also responsible for approving leadership nominations and other key matters of church governance.

All members of Faith UMC are invited to attend and join the Leadership Board members at Epworth UMC at 9008 Rosemont Dr., Gaithersburg on Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Faith in Action

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY TO FAITH

People make a difference at Faith. They teach Sunday school, sing in the choir, plan worship, serve communion, and take care of our building. They connect others with mission in our neighborhoods and serve our neighbors. As the familiar song reminds us, the church is not a building – the church is the people.

Advent is a season when many people go "church shopping," and you can help new people find our community. It can be as simple as inviting a neighbor or teammate. We are also looking for people who will share information about Faith's services and upcoming events on neighborhood listservs.

One easy way to help connect others to Faith is to share events and opportunities (like the information delivered to your inbox in *What's Working at Faith* each Friday) through your neighborhood listserv. Church members in the Old Farm neighborhood immediately surrounding the church have done this successfully for some time. If you are willing and able to do the same, please let the church office know (office@faithworkshere.com). Together, we'll build a list of ambassadors who share our work!

JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

Sunday, November 15 following worship



This month the monthly discussions about social justice issues and how our own identity and experiences may impact how we work to expand our love for all our neighbors will resume. Juice, Joe and Justice (JJ&J) will be held November 15 after worship in room 206 (“the Youth Room”). Grab a cup of joe or juice and a snack in the Fellowship Hall and bring it upstairs.

We regularly are invited to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. How might that be done? The UMC Social Principles give concrete expression to this vision, connecting our love for God and neighbor with our responsibility to pursue compassionate justice, build peace, and care for creation. **We have the opportunity to learn more on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. by attending the Invitation to the UMC Social Principles webinar.** The following Sunday, we will gather for JJ&J to discuss our response.

If you are not already registered with the UMC Baltimore Washington Conference event registration system, the process is quick and straightforward. Many of Faith's lay leaders already use the system, and registration enables participation in this event as well as a variety of other educational and inspirational programs sponsored by the BWC.

Even if you cannot attend the webinar, come to JJ&J anyway to learn more about the Social Principles and help guide topic selection for future JJ&J sessions. If you can't make the discussion in person, there will also be an opportunity for folks to join on-line. Suggested readings and a Zoom link will be provided in next week's *What's Working at Faith*.

Please note that childcare is available and we request that you RSVP to the church office if childcare is needed by Thursday, November 12! Teens are welcome in all Juice, Joe and Justice conversations.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Back to Basics

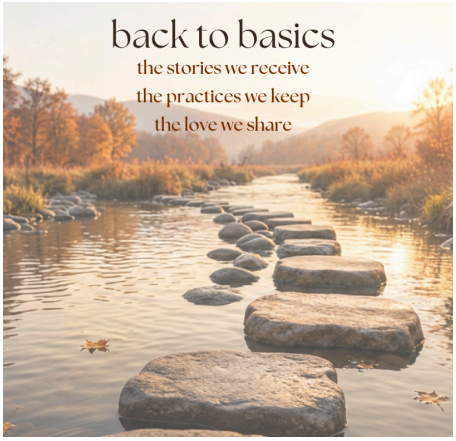
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: *2 Kings 5:1–15a*

Theme: *Power from Unexpected Places*

With only two more weeks of our Back to Basics series, we take time this Sunday to pay attention to who bears good news in the story of Naaman and his healing. This is a story about power and expectations - perhaps an important backdrop for the week we've had.



Also this Sunday we will practice **giving freely**. We are called to share our time, our talent and our treasure - not because we are paying for our membership or a set of services but because God's love and grace in our lives is a free gift. Our generosity is a response to what God is doing in our lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday during worship

Sunday School is one of those "church traditions" that carries a holy purpose: helping children know they are seen, known, and loved in the body of Christ. Children and youth are warmly welcome to join worship each Sunday in the sanctuary, either seated with their families or at the children's activity table near the front of the sanctuary.

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Children's Sunday School
Wonder, Play, Learn

The Details

Nursery and Sunday School classes are taught by two screened, trained, and caring adult volunteers who provide a safe and engaging learning environment. All children and youth (except those in the nursery) start in the sanctuary for 10 a.m. worship and are then invited to their Sunday School classrooms.

ELEMENTARY K-2ND: ROOM 203

ELEMENTARY 3RD-5TH: ROOM 200

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH: ROOM 206

HIGH SCHOOL 9TH-12TH: ROOM 205

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Sunday following worship

The Leadership Board, consists of the eight members below and was created to simplify the church's leadership structure. The Board will meet in room 102.



Bill Maas, Chair | Laura Norvell, Pastor | Mike Coppersmith | Rachel Hedrick | Brian Jones, Lay Member of the Annual Conference | Kathy King | Tamara James-Fish, Lay Leader | Janelle Veazey | Jennifer Young

YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Sunday following worship

Young Singers of Faith will gather today and almost every Sunday after 10 a.m. worship in Room 200. We learn the fundamentals of singing, pitch matching, and music reading while working on music that we will sing in worship on occasion. The group also participates in the Family Christmas Eve service at Faith the afternoon of December 24. Rehearsals will end by noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and North Bethesda UMC will gather at Faith for fellowship.

Rockville Youth is a collaborative ministry between Faith and North Bethesda UMCs intended to give young people in our community a place to build relationships with other youth and adults who love them as they are. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

Access the full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics here.

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 last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Small Group Led by Bill Maas

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.



Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87429970926?pwd=OXp0WDMvQVByQzhWZXJXSzZaTThUQT09

Meeting ID: 874 2997 0926

Passcode: 568601

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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.

DONATE STOCK TO FAITH UMC

Donating appreciated stock can be a tax-smart way to support Faith UMC. If you have held the stock for more than one year, you may be able to deduct its fair market value and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. Please consult your tax advisor to determine whether this option is right for you.

To ensure your gift is properly credited to Faith UMC and counted for 2026, please contact **Kim Webster, Finance Manager, at kwebster@faithworkshere.com by December 1, 2026.** The final deadline for 2026 stock gifts is **December 11, 2026**, but earlier notice is strongly encouraged.

Please provide the stock name and number of shares you plan to donate. Transfer instructions will then be provided for your broker. Advance notice is essential because stock gifts are received into a shared account and cannot be credited to Faith UMC unless the donor is identified.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We have the opportunity and freedom to pray with one another and then to carry those things out into the world!

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, and Kristen Wayne will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: James Hedrick; Barbara McIntyre and the family of Bill Warshauer as he passed away last Saturday; Nancy Kneisly and her family, as her granddaughter's grandfather suddenly passed away; Smith Keene and his family, as his sister recently passed away; Caroline Hopkins and Mary Stark.

Prayers for those dear to us: Family of Kent Spriggs (brother-in-law of Debbie Spriggs) who passed away unexpectedly; Hank (4-year-old family friend of the Dennis'); Daughter of Nancy Kneisly and her family; Uncle of Rahul Balchandani; Laura (friend of Sara Romeyn); Family of Jim Doyle (neighbor of Jim Pearson and Linda Pickle); Andrew (the youngest son of Clyde Ragland and Glenda Winters); Dominic (friend of Moses Wambua in Kenya); Josie Villar (frequent worshipper at Faith); Edna Guerrero (cousin of Deanna Mardirossian); Jean and her family (friend of Nancy Kneisly) and Moses (online worshipper from Kenya).

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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.