



WELCOME

We are a reconciling community within the United Methodist tradition, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, while inviting others to journey with us as we seek to belong in community, become followers of Christ, and believe the Good News of the Gospel. As we are transformed, we are called to be love.

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Sunday, October 19, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Accommodations: Faith has large print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones for your use located on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use what you need and return. If you have any questions, please ask the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance or contact Jennifer Young, Faith's Accessibility Coordinator, at young.jennifer@gmail.com to request any other accommodations for future worship services.

WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* (*My Heart Exults with Rapture*, from *Eleven Chorale Preludes*, Opus 122, No. 4, 1896)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897

Welcome Laura Basford, Generosity Campaign co-chair

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Jeff Bryant, Liturgist

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

All: And put your new spirit within us.

One: Do not cast us away from your presence,

All: Nor take your Holy Spirit from us.

One: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

All: And sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: Loving God,

All: You do not see as we see, but look on our hearts and know us deeply. Help us to see others as you do—with love, compassion, and boundless grace, that we might live in harmony with our siblings here and throughout creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

WORD

Anthem: *Create in Me, O God* (from *Two Motets*, Op. 29, No. 2, 1864)

Chancel Choir
Dr. Michael Wu, Director and Ann Bartlow, organ
J. Brahms

Text sung in English, based on Psalm 51:10: Create in me, O God,
a pure heart, and grant anew, grant a right spirit within me.

Prayer for Illumination Jeff Bryant

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1 - 13 Jeff Bryant

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

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*Hymn #203: *Hail To The Lord's Anointed* Congregation and Choir
Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Consecrating our Commitments

Offertory Prayer Jeff Bryant

WHAT NOW?

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Confession and Pardon Jeff Bryant

One: We confess our sins before God and one another.

One: Holy God,

All: You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

One: Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Jeff Bryant

*Hymn #526: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* Congregation and Choir
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Te Deum in D Major, H. 146 (1692)* Ann Bartlow, organ
Marc-Antoine Charpentier, 1643-1704



VISITORS

If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to scan the QR code to let us know that you joined us today. If you would rather, you may complete a blue guest card that is available from a welcome host, then drop it in the offering chest.



OFFERING

We are not passing an offering plate at this time. An offering box has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex. You may also scan the QR code to give online.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Middle and high school youth are invited to gather today at Lucky Strike Bowling at Westfield Montgomery Mall for an evening of fun! Faith UMC will cover the cost of shoe and lane rentals. If you'd like to purchase snacks during the event, please bring money for those items. We look forward to a time of fellowship and connection. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator at Ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com for more information.

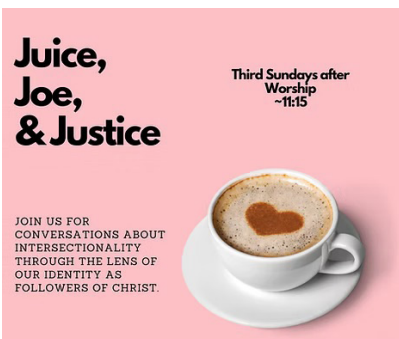
GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN



Today we celebrate the culmination of the generosity campaign with a ceremony of giving during worship. **Following worship, we invite you to join us for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall**—a time to gather in gratitude and community.

JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

We invite you to participate in our next discussion about social justice issues on Sunday, October 26th following worship in room 206. We will be discussing *Affordable Housing: Why it is Impossible*



and the Right Thing to Do. Please feel free to visit Fellowship Time first and then bring your food up with you.

As you know, these events are not a continuing series, and every conversation stands alone, so please consider joining us. We will provide additional materials for you next week, but if you don't have time,

please still come, and if you can't make the discussion in person, there is also an opportunity to join online (scan the QR code to join the Zoom). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate beloved members of the church and to acknowledge a worldwide connection with those who claim the name of Christ. Traditionally, Faith UMC publicly remembers and honors those who have passed away. As a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us, we light candles and call the names of church members who have died since November 2024.



We also remember other special people in your life who have died within the year. If you wish to have your loved one remembered who was not a member of Faith, please call or email the church office with your loved one's name by Wednesday, October 29. (301-881-1881 or office@FaithWorksHere.com)

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Nancy Kneisly recently attended a conference in Annapolis facilitated by United Women in Faith, formerly known as United Methodist Women. The group describes themselves as “a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.”



Nancy shared the following about her conference experience:

The spirit of God was on the faces of everyone there. Immediately I felt welcomed, loved, and wanted. And as a woman of God! This was the first time I have ever been, and a bell rang welcoming me. I felt goosebumps. As I walked around, I saw they represent so many things that I feel strongly about.

We worshipped in the morning and evening. We filled 400 personal hygiene bags. What an experience to be in the room with women laughing and enjoying and coming together for a common cause.

We want to organize a UWF group here at Faith! A representative from the BWC conference will be asked to speak with us to learn more about starting a group. Please contact Nancy (kneislynancy@gmail.com) to learn more!

SHARE THE WARMTH



Share The Warmth

MCPS Prek & Head Start Program

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Please help families in need by donating new children's winter gear

COATS, BOOTS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SOCKS

Your help is really appreciated!

Drop-Off Location MCPS Prek & Head Start Program
4910 Macon Rd. Room 141
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For Additional Information **240-740-4530**
Lisa Conlon
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NEW COATS Boys and Girls, sizes 5, 6, 6x, 7, and 8 are most appreciated!

The Faith Outreach Team invites you to share the warmth this season with the children in our community! We are collecting **NEW** winter outerwear **through Sunday, November 2nd**. Please place your donation of coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks in the collection box in the narthex or outside the church office.

WELCOME HOSTS

Do you enjoy connecting with others and making people feel at home? Faith is currently seeking volunteers to join our Welcome Host Team. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet newcomers, share a smile, and help foster a spirit of hospitality within our community.

If you're interested, please sign up in the Narthex—look for the sheet next to the Altar Flower sign-up. New volunteers will be paired with an experienced host to help you learn the ropes.

GET INVOLVED WITH FAITH!

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

Nursery: Faith sees the nursery as a child's first step toward a relationship with Christ. As infants and toddlers learn to trust those who take care of them, their hearts prepare to have faith in God, who loves and cares for them. As Faith follows Safe Sanctuary policies which require two unrelated adults working with children, we are asking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in room 210. If not already completed, volunteers will need to complete the online Safe Sanctuary training. If you are interested, contact the church office at office@FaithWorksHere.com.

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Altar Guild for October: Alisa Dowd

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer, Eric Winchenbach

Congregational Welcome: Laura Basford

Fellowship Hosts: Stewardship Team

Liturgist: Jeff Bryant

Money Counters: Bill Maas, Laura Basford

Nursery Caregiver: Nancy Hart, Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Sunday School Teachers:

- Elementary School Teachers: Dawn Adair Johnson, Frank Johnson, Jane Rall, Janice Jones
- Middle School Teachers: Bill Maas, Laura Basford
- High School Teachers: Kristen Wayne, Ryan Babula

Welcome Team Hosts: Lloydie & Bill Zaiser

FAITH UMC STAFF

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