



WHAT'S WORKING @ FAITH

Friday, November 21, 2025

News & Events



FAITH UMC ADVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 23
10:00 a.m.

Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 29:1, 4:14

Tuesday, Nov. 25
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Advent Study with our Hub Partners

Four Tuesdays: Dec. 2, 9
at N. Bethesda UMC

Sunday, Nov. 30
10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Daniel 3:1, 8-30

Sunday, Dec. 7
10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Saturday, Dec. 13
4:30 p.m.

Messy Christmas

Luke 2:8-12

Sunday, Dec. 14
10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

Isaiah 55:1-13

Sunday, Dec. 21
10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

John 1:1-18

7:00 p.m.

The Longest Night

A worship service held in the Advent season at the winter solstice - designed for those experiencing grief and loss. We offer a space for comfort and hope at this time of year that can be difficult for some.

Wednesday, Dec. 24
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Family service

Luke 2:1-14

8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Music begins at 7:30 p.m.

Luke 2:1-14

Sunday, Dec. 28
10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

John 1:19-34

Sunday, Jan. 4
10:00 a.m.

Epiphany

John 1:35-51

Unto Glory

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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.

Our Hub Churches Advent Study

This year, we have been organized into "hubs," with other United Methodist congregations in our area. Our hub partners include North Bethesda, Rockville, Jerusalem Mount Pleasant and Millian Memorial United Methodist Churches. Our work for the first year of this new relationship is really to get to know one another - not just pastor to pastor or leader to leader, but person to person.

We have an opportunity to do that work by sharing an Advent study that begins next week on Tuesday, November 25. We will gather for four Tuesdays to share a brief time of worship in the Taize style and to work our way through the book *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matt Skinner. This study will be from 7 - 8:30 p.m., IN PERSON ONLY, and will happen at North Bethesda United Methodist Church (10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda). Each week, a different pastor from the hub will lead our conversation. You'll meet members from other congregations, share time in worship and study, and ground yourself in hope for this season.

If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Laura. You can buy the book online at Cokesbury or Amazon. It is available as an eBook as well. If you are having difficulty securing a copy, please be in touch with Valerie in the church office.

Thanksgiving Holiday

In recognition of the upcoming holiday, the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28.



There's perhaps no better day than Thanksgiving to reflect on the astounding power of gratitude. This power is one of our most precious treasures, and how we spend that treasure will directly

determine the health of our hearts (*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also* ~[Matthew 6:21](#)).

Prayer is a kind of spoken gratitude - a thankful conversation with God. And so is worship. Worship is an exercise for cultivating thanks and praise. And so is the Eucharist (from the Greek for “thanksgiving”), the Lord’s Supper, the Communion meal: gathered giving thanks to God for safe passage, for life, for peace, and for the strength to continue the pilgrimage. (adapted from Salt*, *A Brief Theology of Thanksgiving*, 2025)

Benefits of Donating Stock

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2025

If you’ve owned stock for more than a year and it has increased in value, donating it directly to the church can be a tax-smart way to give—if you itemize deductions. You can deduct the fair market value of the stock and avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation. If the stock is held for less than a year, your deduction is limited to what you originally paid for it. By donating appreciated stock instead of selling it first, your gift can go up to 20% further—thanks to the tax savings. Always consult your tax advisor to see if this option is right for you. For more information on how to donate, contact Kim Webster, Finance Manager at kwebster@faithworkshere.com.

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2025 TO DONATE STOCK TO GET END OF YEAR TAX CREDIT.

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Reign of Christ Sunday

Preaching: Dr. Michael Wu

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

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, we started 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



belong • become • believe • be love

Sunday School for
Children and Youth

learn, explore, grow

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

Youth Ministry

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

This Sunday, middle and high school youth are invited to gather at Rockville Town Center for an evening of ice skating and laughter! Looking ahead, the group will not meet next Sunday, November 30 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. 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. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

Monday, November 24

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.

Wednesday, November 26

Small Group Led by Jane Rall

This group will not meet this week.

Small Group Led by Bill Maas

This group will not meet this week.

Thursday, November 27

There will be no rehearsals for Bells of Faith and the Chancel Choir in observance of Thanksgiving.

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: Lloydie Zaiser; John Redding; Jim Pearson; Terrie Tuckman; Bill Jones and Kathy King.

Prayers for those dear to us: Joe Murphy (friend of Kay McCarty); Kari Curto (Amanda Curto's former daughter-in-law); Douglas Brown, cousin of Deanna Mardirossian and Josie Villar; Friend of Arvina Dalaya Gadre; Cathy Kitzman, mother of Mike Kitzman; Terry Chili's daughter and a 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.