



Friday, February 27, 2026

News & Events

Our Lenten Series Continues

Lent 2 — March 1 at 10:00 a.m.

John 13:1–17

Mending Our Need for Control

Lent 3 — March 8 at 10:00 a.m.

John 18:12–27

Mending Our Fear and Denial

Lent 4 — March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

John 18:28–40

Mending Our Relationship with Truth

Lent 5 — March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

John 19:1–16a

Mending Human Dignity

Palm/Passion Sunday — March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

John 19:16b–22

Mending Faith Under Empire

Maundy Thursday — April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

John 19:23–30

Mending Through Love Poured Out

Good Friday — April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

John 19:31–42

Mending in the Presence of Death

Easter Sunday (Communion) — April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

John 20:1–18

Mending Hope

Easter 2 — April 12 at 10:00 a.m.

John 20:19–31

Mending Belief and Doubt

LENTEN BREAKFAST STUDY

Saturday series

In an effort to strengthen relationships within our Hub, Rockville UMC has invited us to join their Lenten study practice—a Saturday morning breakfast gathering that includes scripture, reflections, and guided discussion. Because we'll be sharing a meal each week, a meal-centered theme from the life and ministry of Jesus offers a meaningful lens for our conversations. The five-part series will meet each Saturday beginning February 21 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Rockville UMC at 112 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville.

Everyone is welcome to join us, and you are encouraged to attend even if you were unable to participate in previous Saturdays. This week, Leadership Board member **Brian Jones will lead a devotional and discussion on *Olive Oil*.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR NON-PERISHABLES THIS SUNDAY

On the Sundays when we gather at the Communion table—usually the first Sunday of each month—we also share from our abundance to help feed our neighbors. Bring along a few pantry staples and drop them in the shopping basket in the narthex. Every can, box, and bag helps keep our Blessing Box full and welcoming.

If you're looking for ideas, tap the button below for a list of suggested items. Toiletries products are especially helpful and always in high demand. We are currently overflowing with canned green beans and corn.

The Blessing Box is truly a *community* effort—no single person carries the load. If you ever notice the basket filling up, feel free to whisk items to the storage area near the office

(Room 103) or place them directly in the Blessing Box. Those small acts of initiative make a big difference.

Let's keep the generosity flowing *and* the Blessing Box brimming.

[Guidelines for Filling a Blessing Box](#)

FAITH WORK DAY

Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Join the Building Integrity team and volunteers of all ages as we come together to mend our building and grounds. This gathering is a chance to repair what's worn, refresh what's tired, and tend to the spaces that hold our worship and fellowship. We'll meet, hand out tasks, and get to work—enthusiasm matters more than experience, though both are welcome!

Bring clothes that can get dirty; Faith will provide water and snacks. As we mend the spaces around us, we also strengthen the community within us, helping Faith remain a clean, bright, and welcoming home for worship and growth.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday, March 29



Last Sunday, fifteen women gathered for an inspiring informational meeting about United Women in Faith. We were grateful to welcome our conference guest, Maria Porter Stockton, who shared a helpful background on United Women in Faith and offered insight into the many mission opportunities, resources, and support systems available to strengthen this vital ministry.

The gathering was filled with energy and hope as we began discerning the ministries we feel called to pursue, explored opportunities to partner with other United Women in Faith groups within our hub, and shared prayers and dreams for how this community can live out its faith in action.

We are pleased to announce the following officers:

- Nancy Kneisly, *President*
- Dawn Adair Johnson, *Secretary*
- Debbie Spriggs, *Treasurer*
- Rev. Bonnie Campbell, *Ex Officio Nominations Chair*

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 29, following worship. If you would like to learn more about United Women in Faith or are interested in joining this growing circle of women committed to mission, justice, and spiritual growth, please contact Nancy Kneisly at kneislynancy@gmail.com for more information and a personal invitation to connect and get involved.

A SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION



Faith Church celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a lively pancake supper, a gathering of over 60 people, brought together in a spirit of warmth and renewal.

Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is the chance to enjoy a final, abundant meal before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This year, it also became a moment of mending—of stitching community back together through shared food, shared work, and shared joy.

Several people came early to cook pancakes, set up crafts, and welcome those who arrived ready to eat and enjoy. In the bustle of flipping batter and helping children with their projects, there was a quiet sense of repair: relationships strengthened, spirits lifted, and hearts readied for the reflective season ahead.



The word *Shrove* refers to hearing a confession and offering absolution—an act of spiritual mending that restores what has been worn thin. In that same spirit, the evening became a gentle reminder that Lent begins not only with giving things up, but with putting things back together. We are thankful for Pam Kessler’s leadership that ensured a successful gathering along with the cooks- John and Bonnie Campbell, Gordon and Carol Henley, Brian and Susan Jones, Nancy Kneisly AND the other helpers - Melissa Harke, Jim Johnston, Karen Simpson and Debbie Spriggs.

FAITH BY THE FIRE: FAITH SPRING CAMPOUT

Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3

Faith United Methodist Church invites you to

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Pitch your tent at the family-friendly Little Bennett Campground in Clarksburg, MD. Whether you plan to stay overnight or simply join us for the day's activities, we would love to have you be part of the fun! Campers and non-campers alike are invited to RSVP using the QR code provided.

A \$40 deposit is required to reserve an overnight campsite, first-come, first-served. For questions, please contact Chuck Spencer at 240-370-2799 (vcspencer@aol.com) OR Sara Romeyn at 301-651-8210 (sararomeyn@yahoo.com).

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Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Communion: This Sunday, we will gather in person and online to celebrate communion. Communion calls us to remember and live into our oneness as the body of Christ. To participate virtually, you will want to take some time to gather grape juice and bread or crackers of some sort. Spend an extra moment thinking about holy space, and consider lighting a candle, setting out some flowers, creating a little escape from the everyday things of home for this act of worship.

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–2nd Grade

- *Location: Room 203, Curriculum: Godly Play*

3rd-5th Grade

- *Location: Room 200*

Middle School (6th–8th Grade)

- *Location: Room 206*

New Member Class

Sunday following worship

Faith 101, a get-to-know-you-and-the-church class, meets this Sunday, March 1 after worship in room 111. If you are new to Faith or have never had the opportunity to participate in a new member class, consider joining the conversation. Members Jane Rall, Hunter Prillaman and Rev. John Campbell will be leading the group. If you are interested, please email Pastor Laura at RevLaura@faithworkshere.com.

Congregational Care Ministry

Sunday following worship

The CCM team will meet in person Sunday, March 1. This Ministry focuses on supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals and families within the church community.

Youth Ministry

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

This Sunday the middle and high school youth will meet at Faith UMC for activities, food 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, March 4

AIM (Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry) Meeting

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Faith's Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry (AIM), was formed to work on ways to improve the accessibility of Faith's physical building and its programs to individuals with disabilities. This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have questions or would like to participate, contact Jennifer Young at young.jennifer@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 5

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.

Saturday, March 7

Confirmation Class

Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Participants will meet for the first of 4 sessions on March 7 in rooms 205/206. Confirmation will be celebrated in worship Sunday, June 7.

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, and Kristen Wayne — will receive your request.

Prayers for Faith UMC members: Seren Hemmings; Steve Bell; Bill Cooper and Terrie Tuckman

Prayers for those dear to us: Reese (friend of Caroline and Ryan Babula); Students of Wootton High School; Family of Tre Johnson as he recently passed away; Jay Murphy (friend of Kay McCarty); Grandmother of Andrew Buck; The family of Charles R. Grant (friends of Bill and Lloydie Zaiser) who recently passed away; Sister and newborn niece of Rachel Hedrick; Ken, son of Virginia McDowell; a woman in Nancy Kneisly’s building who is nearing the end of her life and our immigrant friends and neighbors.



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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.