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## **BULDING ACCESS REMINDER**

As we continue adjusting to the recent security updates to our building, here is how you can access the FUMC building.

**On Sunday mornings, the Main Entrance and Sanctuary door will remain unlocked for members and guests arriving for worship from 9:00 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. and will automatically lock thereafter.** Welcome Hosts will be available at the Sanctuary Doors to assist anyone arriving after that time.

If you need access to the church during the week, members and guests are always welcome to stop by during regular office hours, and a staff member will be happy to help you enter the building. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our church both welcoming and secure for everyone.

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*Faith in Action*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND CELEBRATE CONFIRMANDS



On Sunday, the Faith congregation rejoiced as we welcomed four families into membership in Christ's holy church. Let us continue to lift them in prayer and embrace them with God's love: Anne and Amy Cuddy; Andrew and Seren Hemmings-Burk; Carol and Jerry Israel; Frank, Hazel, Ivey & Nora Justice and Kristin Kowalew Justice.



Faith also celebrated the confirmation of eight children, who completed their journey of study and preparation under the guidance of Dave Cope, Pastor Laura Norvell, Sara Romeyn, and Suzanne Smedberg. We give thanks for

their leadership and for the commitment of these young people as they claimed their faith in Christ. The confirmands included Nicole & Rachel Baptista, Hannah Coppersmith, Anne Cuddy, Austin Fish, Ruth Gadre, Sofia Kitzman and Cora Miller.

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## FAITH FOUNDATION

The Faith Foundation is a powerful resource that strengthens the Church's mission today and for generations to come. The Foundation is seeking applications for grants to be awarded to charitable organizations within the Maryland/DC/Virginia area. Faith UMC members are welcome to contact not-for-profit organizations in the area to apply for grants from the Foundation.

Applications for grants up to \$2,500 are being accepted through **June 13, 2026**. To apply, please click the GRANTS image located to the right.



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## FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN



Calling all green thumbs! Volunteers are needed to help in the FUMC community garden. We seek folks to help water seedlings and pull weeds. [Sign up here.](#)

Need a watering tutorial? Please contact Janelle Veazey.

## HANDBAG DRIVE

*Now through June 28th*

The **United Women in Faith** are collecting gently new and used purses, including handbags, briefcases, and diaper bags, to benefit the [New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance](#).



United  
Women  
in Faith

This organization brings together Montgomery County faith communities to support and assist newly arrived refugees and immigrants.

We invite members of the church and the surrounding community to donate new or gently used items. Your contributions will help provide both practical support and a warm welcome to those beginning new lives in our community. Place donation in the labeled box in the narthex. For more information, please contact [Nancy Kuhn](#) or [Emily Sama-Miller](#).

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## FAITH UMC SHOWS UP FOR PRIDE

A rainbow-sized thank-you to our volunteers at the Rockville Pride event last Sunday: Laura Basford, Denise & Jeff Bryant, Julia Evans, Seren Hemmings-Burk, Bill Maas, Jane Rall and Jennifer Young.



The team showed off our new Faith banner and tablecloth while helping kids create Pride bracelets and butterflies—spreading joy, color, and God’s love all afternoon.



**Another Opportunity to Show Up for Pride:  
DC Pride parade**

Faith UMC has reserved spaces to participate with the Capital Area United Methodist float and viewing area. The DC Pride parade will be on **Saturday, June 20**. There are two ways individuals and families can participate on Saturday afternoon:



**FIRST WAY:** Walk in the parade with the Capital Area UMC float and Methodists from around the area.



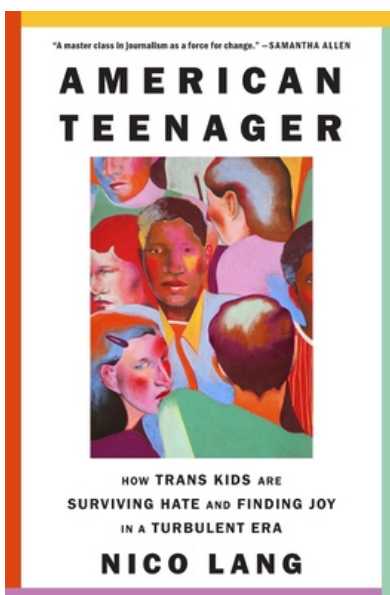
**SECOND WAY:** Watch the parade with other United Methodists at a specific meet up location. This may be National City Church again, but the venue will be confirmed closer to June 20.

Everyone at both sites will have the opportunity to hand out candy, and everyone who participates will receive a T-shirt that matches the capital area UMC group. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff and Denise Bryant at [jdsabryant@comcast.net](mailto:jdsabryant@comcast.net), and indicate whether you would like to walk in the parade or watch from the UMC meetup area.

***Learn the Basics: Sunday, June 21 at 11:30 a.m.***

Silver Spring United Methodist Church at 8900 Georgia Avenue invites all who are interested to a learning session focused on understanding what it means to be transgender, what transition can look like, and the legal challenges facing trans individuals today. This gathering serves as a helpful introduction ahead of the July event at Faith UMC with author Nico Lang.

***An Author Shares his Insight: Faith UMC Saturday, July 22 at noon***



Join Faith UMC for a special event featuring the author of the national bestseller ***American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy*** in a Turbulent Era. Nico Lang is an award-winning journalist and the book is a vivid and moving portrait of eight trans and nonbinary teenagers across the country.

They follow their daily triumphs, struggles, and all that encompasses growing up trans in America today. Media coverage tends to sensationalize

the fight over how trans kids should be allowed to live, but what is incredibly rare are the voices of the people at the heart of is debate: transgender and gender nonconforming kids themselves.

For their groundbreaking new book, journalist Nico Lang spent a year traveling the country to document the lives of transgender, nonbinary, and genderfluid teens and their families. Drawing on hundreds of hours of on-the-ground interviews with them and the people in their communities, *American Teenager* paints a vivid portrait of what it's actually like to grow up trans today.

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## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BAKE SALE

*Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> following worship*

Join us during Fellowship Time for a special Bake Sale benefiting the youth participating in the **Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip** this summer. These young people will be traveling to Gate City, Virginia, where they will work to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need.



Please come ready to support this meaningful mission—bring your appetite and your generosity! You might even find the perfect treat to share with your dad. *Cash only please.* For more information, please contact [Nancy Kneisly](#), chair, United Women of Faith.

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# The Week Ahead

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Pentecost**

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-16



Join us for the next three weeks as we continue our series Rooted and Grounded: Love Boldly. Week by week, we'll remember what we have promised as members of the body of Christ: to repent, to resist evil and injustice, to nurture one another in faith, and to live as people who are "rooted and grounded in love."

### **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**

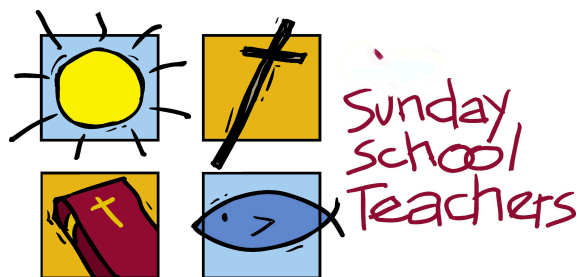
[Listen and watch last Sunday's online worship service.](#) See and hear the worship service, led by Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, from last Sunday's worship service featuring music, scripture, and prayers.

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### **RECOGNIZING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

*during and following worship*

Join us in worship as we honor our Sunday School teachers! Did you know Faith has more than 25 volunteers guiding our kids from pre-K through 12th grade each week? Stick around after the service for Fellowship Time as we celebrate and thank this wonderful team.



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## **ACOLYTE TRAINING**

*following worship*

Young people who finished third grade this year and older are encouraged to attend a training session for acolytes on June 14 immediately after the worship service. *Those already serving are encouraged to also attend as they will be learning new ways of participating in worship.*



Young people will learn about bringing the light of Christ into the service and leading the congregation out into the world at the end of service. This is a great way for young people to be involved in worship on Sunday mornings. The expectation is that acolytes will serve about once a month. If your young person plans to attend, please let the office know at [office@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto:office@FaithWorksHere.com).

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATIONS**

*Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.*

This team will meet via Zoom.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY MEETING**

*Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.*

The CCM team will meet Wednesday via Zoom. This Ministry focuses on supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals and families within the church community.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please email your prayer requests to [Prayer@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto: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:** Mary Stark; Lloydie Zaiser and Jason Smith

**Prayers for those dear to us:** Juliette (friend of Hannah Coppersmith); Baby Laura (Lucy Nguli in Kenya supported in part by Jim Pearson and Linda Pickle); For recent graduates; Diane; Jennifer Triplett (niece of Lloydie Zaiser); Betsy Terlep and Sho Sho Alice (friends of Lloydie Zaiser); Jim Howard (brother of Kay McCarty) and Crystal (a member of our community).

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### **BIRTHDAYS: June 12-30**

June 14: Karen Simpson

June 15: Lloydie Zaiser

June 17: Anne Cuddy  
June 20: Ellie Dennis and Smith Keene  
June 21: Kathleen Moore and Gerry Tomlin  
June 22: Belinda Tilley  
June 25: Griff Lindsay  
June 26: Nancy Ganz and Ezra Peck-McClain  
June 27: Melissa Lauber  
June 28: Stephanie Bloom

## **ANNIVERSARIES: June 12-30**

June 12: Roberta & Roland Zapp  
June 14: Ann & Mike Coppersmith  
June 16: Adam & Katie Brand  
June 20: Bill & Rosemarie Cooper  
June 23: Bob & Linda Bowles  
June 25: Brian Hahs & Kristen Wayne  
June 28: Lesley & Ralph Avery



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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.



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