



# Faith in Action

## CELEBRATING PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Last Sunday, during our fellowship time, we gave thanks for Pastor Laura's seven years of faithful service as shepherd of our congregation.



Through her ministry, we have experienced God's grace in countless ways, and we took time to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts she has shared so generously among us.

As tokens of our gratitude, Pastor Laura received cards from each Sunday School class, along with notes and gifts expressing our appreciation. We give thanks for the ways God's prevenient, sustaining, and transforming grace has been reflected through her leadership, care, and ministry among us.



Thank you, Pastor Laura, for so faithfully sharing your gifts and answering God's call to serve this community.

The Leadership Board

## WE GIVE BECAUSE WE HAVE FIRST RECEIVED

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Stewardship Campaign will be wrapping up on **Commitment Sunday, November 8**, followed by a special Stewardship Fellowship Time. We hope you will join us.



## FUMC Stewardship Campaign 2027 BACK TO BASICS

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing! This week, the stewardship topic is **SET ASIDE**. We ask that you consider the following question and share your responses using the paper stone cut-outs during the worship service or by emailing the office at [office@FaithWorksHere.com](mailto:office@FaithWorksHere.com). **What are you called to set aside in order to be more connected to God and to this church community?**

Your financial support is vital as we prepare for the year ahead. By pledging to support the church, you allow us to plan for staffing, determine the ministries we can support, and ensure we continue to belong, become, believe and be love in the world. Together, we can make a lasting impact in our church community and also in the wider world.

You should have already received your pledge card in the mail, feel free to complete and bring it to Commitment Sunday, November 8, or submit your pledge *online* [using this link](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura & Andy Basford ([basfordlaura@gmail.com](mailto:basfordlaura@gmail.com); [andy\\_basford@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_basford@yahoo.com)).

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## SAVE THE DATE: JOIN US FOR CROCKPOT FRIDAY

*Friday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and care for one another. We'll share a simple meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbor to join us, to connect as a community and to enjoy meaningful conversation together. We have crockpots of food to share and everyone is invited.

Thank you to those folks who have previously signed up with Tamara. If you plan to bring a crockpot but didn't put your name on the list, please email [Tamara James-Fish](#).

If you're able to assist with set-up, please arrive about 10 minutes early. Clean-up will be a shared effort—many hands make light work!



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# The Week Ahead

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

## ***Back to Basics***

**Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Scripture:** Joshua 24:1-15

**Theme:** *Living intentionally*

Each week we will ask one simple question: What is the church practicing today? We will practice something we do every time we worship. Christian discipleship is not built only from good intentions. It takes shape through practices we choose again and again. Sunday we practice living intentionally.

Each week, the questions invites us to notice not only what happens in worship, but what kind of people these practices are forming us to become.

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## **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. Sunday School classes are led by two screened, trained, and caring adult



## 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

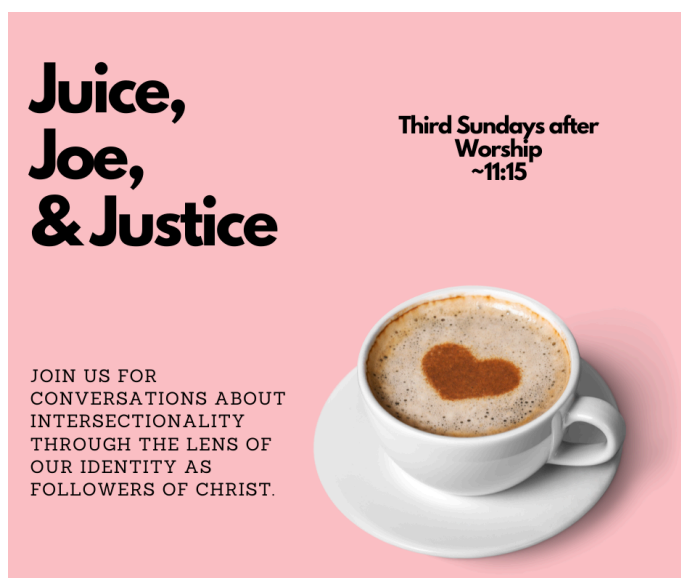
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## JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

*Sunday following worship*

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 continues. **Juice, Joe and Justice (JJ&J) will be held 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.



This summer some 3,500 Haitian immigrants in the U.S. lost their Temporary Protective Status (TPS) protections. What is the impact of that policy change on these individuals and their adopted communities? We have invited Anne Hastings, a fellow resident of LeRoy and Sue Walters’ retirement community, to help us answer that question. For 17 years, Anne and a Haitian priest built from the ground up Haiti's largest microfinance institution - with 46 branches located in the rural areas of the country. Since then, she has been Vice President of the University of Fondwa USA that support a rural university of the same name in Haiti that provides degrees in Veterinary Medicine, Agronomy, and Business Management. Anne can help us understand not only what has been in the news, such as the plight of Haitians living in Springfield, OH, but also the situation of local Haitians who have lost their TPS protections.

This [report](#) from Human Rights Watch provides an overview with links to the Supreme Court decision on TPS, which is also described by articles from [The Atlantic](#) and the [NY Times](#). The impact on immigrants living on the Eastern Shore is described [here](#). Please attend even if you haven't had the opportunity to complete the readings. **Teens are welcome in all Juice, Joe and Justice conversations. If you cannot attend in person, join us using Zoom.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039059163?pwd=RnJiSkxqQy8yZHhzUUtvbktFUitvdz09>

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Sunday at 11:30 a.m.*

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and N. Bethesda UMC **will gather at N. Bethesda UMC** (10100 Old Georgetown Rd.) following worship for Bible Study exploring this question: "What does God say about the role of women in the church?" Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator at [ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com) for more details.

**Access the full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics [here](#).**

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## 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.

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

### **OUTREACH TEAM MEETING**

*Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.*

The Outreach Ministry meets the third Tuesday of every other month via zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at [Kneislynancy@gmail.com](mailto:Kneislynancy@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251986858?pwd=Zm9ZVEZvdThWQTQ4WU54UldoWik2QT09>

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY**

*Wednesday at 5:30 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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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

### **BUILDING INTEGRITY TEAM MEETING**

*Thursday at 6:30 p.m.*

Our building serves as a resource to our entire community. We are called to steward this property on behalf of generations to come. The Building Integrity Team leads this effort.

### **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.

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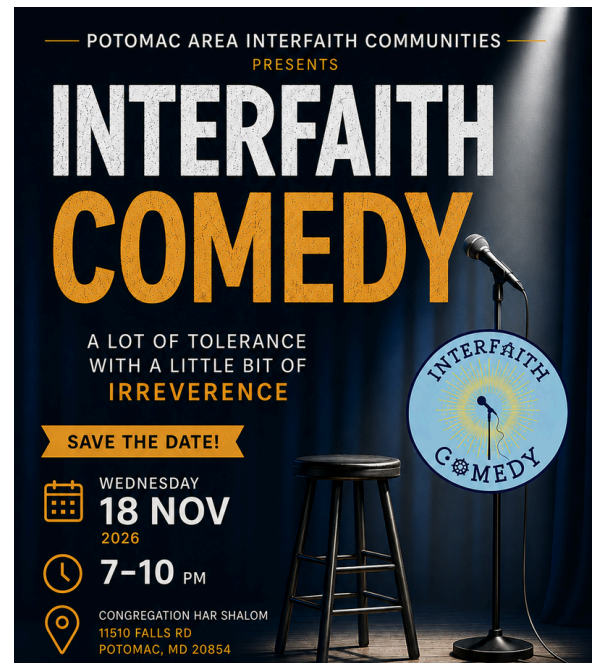
## POTOMAC AREA INTERFAITH COMEDY EVENT

*Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.*

Interfaith Comedy is a clean comedy experience that brings together comedians from a wide range of religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Through humor, the show breaks down barriers, challenges stereotypes, and creates opportunities for greater understanding—all while keeping audiences laughing. One night. Many faiths. Lots of laughs.

The event is free and will take place at Congregation Har Shalom (11510 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD 20854) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Additional information can be found at [www.harshalom.org/InterfaithComedy](http://www.harshalom.org/InterfaithComedy).

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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](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:** 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:** Josie Villar (frequent worshipper at Faith); Edna Guerrero (cousin of Deanna Mardirossian); Jean and her family (friend of Nancy Kneisly); Moses (online worshipper from Kenya); Cliff and Ginny Eby (former members of Faith UMC) as their daughter, Brooke, recently passed away; father of Kristen Justice; Shirley (sister of Emma Brown); Megan (friend of Nancy Kneisly's daughter); Michael; Tim (Nolan Hogenboom-Jones's father); Son of the boss of Ryan Babula and Jim (Ryan Babula's father).

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