



THE GOOD NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2009

Faith United Methodist Church
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ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 4:00-7:00PM POTOMAC WOODS PARK

SCHEDULE:

- 4:00pm Gathering / Start the Grills
 - 4:30pm Intergenerational Mixers / Games
 - 5:00pm Dinner Begins
 - 6:00pm Relays / Basketball Shootout
 - 6:30pm Music / Sing-a-long
- Throughout: volleyball, playground / swings, tennis, bike / scooter zone, fun and fellowship!

WHAT TO BRING:

- A lawn chair and sports equipment
 - Dish to share (based on last name):
 - A-P: side dish
 - Q-Z: desert
- Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks



DIRECTIONS:

- From I-270
- Take the Falls Road South exit
 - Left on Dunster Road to first intersection
 - Left onto Stratton Drive
 - Stratton Drive will take you directly to the park
- From Faith UMC
- Travel west on Montrose Road, crossing I-270 and Seven Locks Road
 - Turn right onto Whites Ford
 - Turn left onto Jeb Stuart
 - Turn right onto Old Canal
 - Turn left onto Aqueduct
 - Turn right onto Stratton Drive
 - Stratton Drive will take you directly to the park

TO SIGN UP:

- Either
- Bulletin Insert: Complete the bottom, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate.
 - Contact Jan Spencer at 301-881-1881, ext. 2150 or jspencer@faithworkshere.com

Rain Location: Faith UMC Fellowship Hall

BIBLE SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 9:30AM WORSHIP



On September 20th during the 9:30am Worship Service, we celebrate a milestone with our class of 3rd Graders. This is the day we present them with Bibles of their very own.

Join us for this special service for John Billingsley, Avery Breen, Thomas Clark, Caroline Cornish, Stas Mitchell, Katie Spencer, and Courtney Stefan.

INQUIRER'S CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

If you are interested in making Faith UMC your church home or just want to learn more about Faith UMC and United Methodism, please join us for our upcoming Inquirer's Class, which will meet on 9/20, 9/27, and 10/4 at 11:00am in Room 200. New Members will be received during worship on October 11. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Woodrow at 301-881-1881 or revwoodrow@faithworkshere.com. Please let us know if you will need childcare.



FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

This spring's Book Study of *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* created energy and some great discussion within our congregation.

The fifth fruit is Extravagant GENEROSITY—a means to share and sacrifice and give to God and to our neighbors. With the adjective *Extravagant*, the book suggested that our generosity exceeds expectations (our own and our recipients) and be extended.

Through July, with the economy and other headwinds against us, Faith's financial picture is projected to have a \$50,000 shortfall at year-end, even after careful review of expenses. We are forecasting expenses to be \$10,000 over budget and our giving patterns to trail expectations by \$40,000. Your

Finance Committee is concerned that we are eating into our reserves more than expected, so we ask of you two things:

1. Give what you can, and maybe a little more (both financially and of your time)
2. Review your seasonal giving, and perhaps adjust your timing, given our current need.

And be hospitable, invite someone, worship with your heart, develop your faith, and serve those around you.



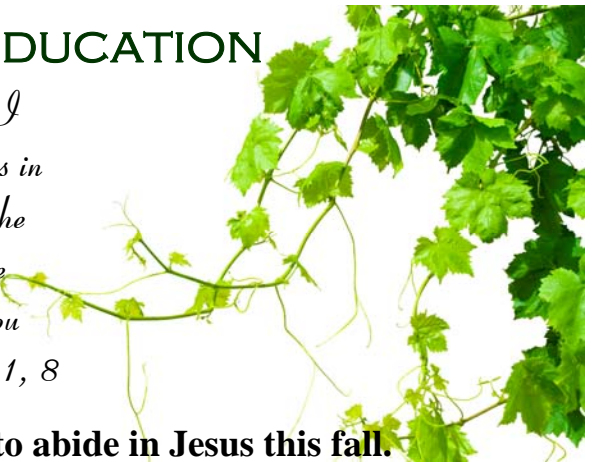
FALL 2009 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

John 15:1, 8

We issue you a challenge...make a commitment to abide in Jesus this fall.

Don't play it safe. Take time this fall to continue the journey of a lifetime, a life with Jesus. Pray, asking God's guidance, and take a step on your path of discipleship.



GROUP STUDIES

BIBLE STUDY ON 1ST SAMUEL

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30AM IN THE PARLOR
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

We will be starting the fascinating story of the prophet Samuel, King Saul, and King David, beginning in 1 Samuel. You will learn about the real Raiders of the Lost Ark, how King Saul goes crazy, the real David-Goliath confrontation, David's early career as a music star, a witch frightened by a ghost, the Saul-David regime change, and how David was even naughtier than current politicians. No previous experience is necessary, and there is no homework. Discussion is led by Hunter Prillaman.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES—HOT TOPICS

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00 IN THE PARLOR
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

We will begin the year with the hottest topic in the news—**Health Care Reform**. Utilizing materials from *The Thoughtful Christian*, an online subscription of topical issues, and information brought in by participants from the class, this group will take a look at this topic from all kinds of angles. In fact, we can guarantee that not everyone will agree, and that's okay. Led by Ned Taylor, our discussions are done in an atmosphere of Christian love.

A Christian Never Graduates

GROUP STUDIES

**THE SHACK BY WILLIAM P. YOUNG
A 6-WEEK BOOK STUDY**

CHOOSE FROM TWO DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS

1. **SUNDAYS, 8:15-9:15AM**, FAITH UMC PARLOR, LED BY MARY NIETER, SEP. 13TH TO OCT. 18TH
2. **WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-9:00PM**, HOME OF ELIZABETH WRIGHT, GAITHERSBURG, SEP. 23RD TO OCT. 28TH

Mack Philips is invited, by God, to go back into his darkest nightmare. He is asked to return to the shack where his young daughter was allegedly murdered, where he wrestles with the question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" You'll experience Mack's incredible and heartbreaking journey and wrestle with this question yourself. Cost of the book is \$8 and must be purchased prior to the start of class.

**SIMPLY CHRISTIAN BY N.T. WRIGHT
A 10-WEEK STUDY ON CHRISTIANITY**

CHOOSE FROM TWO DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS

1. **SUNDAYS, 12:15-1:45PM**, FAITH UMC, OCT. 4TH TO DEC. 13TH
2. **TUESDAYS, 7:30-9:00PM**, ASBURY METHODIST VILLAGE, SEP. 29TH TO DEC 8TH

Why do we expect justice? Why do we crave spirituality? Why are we attracted to beauty? Why are relationships often so painful? And how will the world be made right? According to N.T. Wright, these are the very echoes of a voice we dimly perceive but deeply long to hear. In fact, these questions take us to the heart of who God is and what He wants from us.

We begin our study on these echoes of a voice . We then explore the central Christian beliefs about God, who, revealed in action in Jesus, is the God who called the Jewish people to be his agents in setting forward his plan to rescue and reshape his creation. We'll spend time on God, Israel (the people), Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Then we move into what the church is for. Is following Jesus simply about making sure we go to a better place when we die or are we instruments of God's new creation, a world-put-to-rights which has already been launched with Jesus? Gina Dawson will be the



facilitator. The cost of the book and participant guide is \$24 and you'll receive them at the first class.

**HOSPITALITY: RISKING WELCOME
A 6-WEEK STUDY ON RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

CHOOSE FROM TWO DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS

1. **TUESDAYS, 7:00-8:00PM**, FAITH UMC, SEP. 15TH TO OCT. 20TH
2. **THURSDAYS, 10:00-11:00AM**, FAITH UMC, SEP. 17TH TO OCT. 22ND

Join Rev. Kathryn Woodrow for this six-week study of the vital Christian practice of hospitality, one of Faith's focus areas for 2009 and one of the five practices we studied this past Lent.

Why is hospitality so important? As one author puts it, "For Christians, hospitality is not an optional practice, nor is it a rare spiritual gift. Hospitality is, instead, formative for our lives. It is, in truth, *the* normative biblical practice. It is the way we are called to live, day in and day out, in all the circumstances of our lives." During the sixth week of the study we will consider next steps to take as individuals and as a congregation, as we seek to grow into the likeness of Christ as we practice Christian hospitality. The cost of the participant guide is \$10 and you'll receive it at the first class.

**CATCH YOUR BREATH: GOD'S INVITATION TO SABBATH REST BY DON POSTEMA
A 6-WEEK STUDY ON SABBATH**

CHOOSE FROM TWO DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS

1. **THURSDAYS, 10:00-11:00AM**, FAITH UMC, OCT. 29TH TO DEC. 17TH
2. **THURSDAYS, 5:15-6:15PM**, FAITH UMC, OCT. 29TH TO DEC. 17TH

A seven-week seminar led by Rev. Kathryn Woodrow using the book by Don Postema. *From the back cover:* "The hectic pace of our contemporary life makes the idea and practice of Sabbath rest enormously attractive. To pause, to be quiet for a moment, and to be aware of the presence of God can be spiritually refreshing and helps refocus our lives. *Catch Your Breath* is intended as a guide for small groups of believers who wish to learn and practice Sabbath rest. The six chapters lead the readers deeply into the subject, encouraging them to reflect and respond to the ideas presented and to develop a pattern of spiritual rest." The cost of the book is \$9 and must be purchased prior to the start of class.

*Make a Commitment to Abide in
Jesus this Fall*

GROUP STUDIES

GROWING FAITH IN FAMILIES
SPEAKER, REV. KATHRYN WOODROW
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 5:00-7:30PM
 WITH POTLUCK DINNER & CHILDCARE
 FAMILY MINISTRY "FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES" EVENT



Despite the pressures of our complex, ever-changing, high-tech world filled with the demands of work, school, and much more, the family is still a vital center of spiritual growth and formation. How do we develop the spiritual life of our family and its members and how do families

strengthen their relationship to the larger "church family"? Come explore these topics with Rev. Woodrow at our first Family Ministry "Family Speaker Series" Event. The only cost is for childcare, which is \$5 per child and will go towards the summer 2010 Youth Work Trip. Please specify how many adults and how many children (and ages). Bring a dish to share: A-F salad, G-Q side dish, R-Z dessert.

HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH FROM 7:00-9:30PM
 MOVIE & DISCUSSION NIGHT

Some Christians believe that the Harry Potter books glorify witchcraft and so should be banned. Others believe that they are fantasies in the spirit of C. S. Lewis or Lewis Carroll and can be the basis of family discussions about using our abilities for either good or evil. We will watch the 1st Harry Potter movie and then discuss this broad question plus examine several parallels between movie scenes and Biblical passages. For example, who in the Bible had a similar early life? How is Voldemort's attempt to recruit Harry similar to a passage in Luke? What is the importance of sacrificial love in Harry's life? Come join us for a thoughtful look at this popular movie (with some scenes deleted to fit our allotted time). Children are welcome to watch the movie and will be in childcare during the discussion. Please register so we know if we will need to arrange childcare at the church.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

To register for classes, movie night, and the family speaker series event, either:

1. Fill out a sign-up card and drop it in the offering plate on Sundays. Sign-up cards are in the pew slots (behind the offering envelopes & prayer request forms).
2. Contact Gina Dawson at ginad@faithworkshere.com or 301-881-1881, extension 2250.



For those who need to purchase the books and participant guides prior to your first class: After Gina receives your registration, she will contact you to arrange for pick up and purchase. Make checks payable to Faith UMC.

Please register early so we can order enough books & arrange childcare for you.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY



Visit the Soul Food Table in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. We have free resources from *The Thoughtful Christian*, an online resource for study materials, as well as devotionals and books you can review. You will find such

topics as:

- What various denominations believe (Baptists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, United Church of Christ)
- Contemporary Issues topics (parenting, health care, life after death, and more)
- Spiritual Disciplines topics (compassion, forgiveness, simplicity, family spirituality, Sabbath practices, hospitality, and more).
- Devotional Books and Guides

UNITED METHODISM 101 AN ONLINE COURSE

CHOOSE FROM TWO WINDOWS OF TIME: OCT. 7TH TO NOV. 18TH AND DEC. 2ND TO JAN. 13TH

"United Methodism 101" (UM101) is a free, basic online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination, as well as long-time United Methodists who would like to check their basic knowledge of the church. Each of the four modules in this course contains many interactive features and takes about one hour to complete at the participant's leisure. The course is offered during specific windows of time, to be taken at your leisure.

To Register: Registration opens the same day the course session begins and remains open throughout the session. Visit the Online Learning Center (<http://moodle.umcom.org/moodle/index.php>) and click on "United Methodism 101".

INDIVIDUAL STUDY



Check out these online opportunities:

- *Upper Room Daily Reflections* at www.upperroom.org/daily/
- *Sacred Space* daily devotionals from Irish Jesuits at <http://sacredspace.ie>
- Search for your favorite theologian’s website, where they might have audio, video, and text available for you. Some examples are:
 - Walter Brueggeman www.sunflower.com/~uman/
 - Tony Campolo www.tonycampolo.org
 - Max Lucado www.maxlucado.com
 - John Ortberg www.johnortberg.com
 - Ray Stedman www.raystedman.org
 - N.T. Wright www.ntwrightpage.com
- *iTunesu* under “Humanities-Religion”. Access a variety of free downloads you can listen to on your iPod. Many seminaries are listed there, including Fuller Theological Seminary, where Rev. Sharpe is working on his doctorate of ministry.
- Visit www.sermonindex.net, where you’ll find a variety of text, audio, and video sermons from theologians and pastors throughout history, such as Corrie Ten Boom, Charles Wesley, AW Tozer, Watchman Nee, and CH Spurgeon.



Visit our Library, located on the 2nd floor near the Sanctuary, and check out books and videos. You will find such topics as:



- A wide variety of Bibles, Bible study resources, and commentaries
- Christianity, Spiritual Disciplines, Evangelism, Worship, Missions, and more
- Children’s videos and books
- Denominational information about the United Methodist Church and others

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ABIDE IN JESUS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
9:30AM & 11:00AM WORSHIP

As a part of our discipleship, we make a financial commitment at our annual stewardship campaign. Why not make a commitment to our spiritual growth...towards the journey of our lifetime?

An insert will be in the bulletin for you to complete during the Service. One half will be for you to keep as a reminder for yourself. The other half will be for you to turn in at a special time during the Service.

Unlike the financial commitment, you won’t be receiving a statement with your progress. This is between you and God. You might want to partner with someone so that you can help each other out on your lifetime journey with Jesus.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 6, 2009: This is the last day of our summer schedule

- 8:45am Chapel in the Woods, Rev. Ken Jones
- 9:30am Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School & Nursery for ages 0-9
- 10:00am Worship, Holy Communion. Rev. Kathryn Woodrow preaching, “Be Opened!”, Mark 7:31-37

Return to our regular schedule beginning September 13th: Worship at 9:30am and 11:00am; Sunday School for children & youth at 9:30am (children begin in worship); Adult Classes at 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11:00am; Fellowship Time at 10:30am

September 13, 2009: 15th Sunday After Pentecost, Rev. Kathryn Woodrow preaching, “Formula for Discipleship”; Psalm 19 and Mark 8:27-38

September 20, 2009: 16th Sunday After Pentecost, Christian Education Sunday, 3rd Graders Receive Bibles, Rev. Kathryn Woodrow preaching, “True Greatness”; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a and Mark 9:30-37

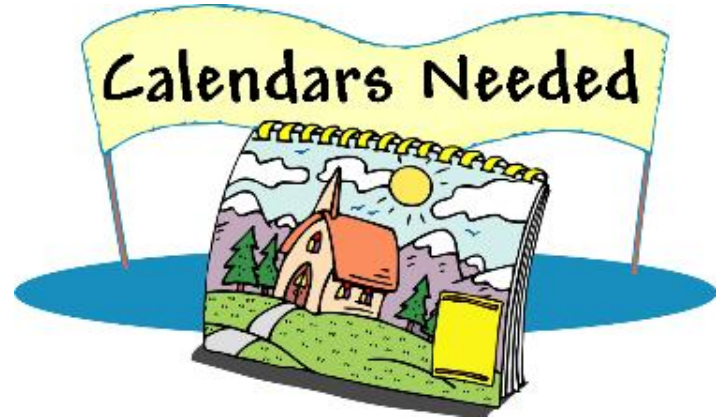
September 27, 2009: 17th Sunday After Pentecost, Rev. Corey Sharpe preaching, “So Which Hand Do I Cut Off?”; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Mark 9:38

HEALTH KITS COLLECTION

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

FOR HEAD START AND TITLE I SCHOOLS
EARLY OCTOBER DISTRIBUTION

Each health kit contains the following items: hand towel, wash cloth, wrapped bar of soap, hair brush, comb, toothbrush, and toothpaste. UMW is asking the congregation for contributions of the items listed above by October 11, 2009. Donations may be placed in the white UMW box outside Fellowship Hall near the lower restrooms. For further information, contact Madelyn Rushbrook at 301-279-7420.



The 2010 calendars are already arriving our mailboxes! Please save your extras for us to "regift" to the residents of the Washington Home for Senior Services. A deposit bag is located near the Church Office.

Flo Lockman & Gertrude Ryan
Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary



- Sep 1: Lynn Glassbrook, Clayron Inman, Diane Jones
- Sep 2: Theresa DiPeppe
- Sep 3: Linda Aber, Bobbie Chase, Beverly McKinney, Hunter Prillaman, Nathan Prillaman
- Sep 4: Mary Jane Wolcott, Jennifer Wyderko

- Sep 5: Joe DiPeppe, Eleanor Jordan
- Sep 6: Jeanne Angel
- Sep 7: Charles Grimsley Jr., Michael Stenbakken
- Sep 8: Thomas Haass, Donna Muir
- Sep 9: Colby Nagl, Marianne Zhao
- Sep 10: Kenneth Wise, Roger Woodgate
- Sep 11: Mary Nieter
- Sep 12: Charlotte Mangene, Larry Wolcott, Scott Woodgate
- Sep 13: Heather Benson, Nicholas Billingsley, Tim Evans,

- Amelia Savell, Glenn Watts
- Sep 14: Sean McMahon, Dinah Redding
- Sep 15: Betty Burns, Lou Marlin
- Sep 17: Laurel Daly, Ann Tognetti, Don Woodrow
- Sep 18: Phil Granum, Bruce Risser, Anne Sadler
- Sep 20: Rob Harkins
- Sep 21: John Farrell, Denise Fredericks, Amanda Lindsay, Sarah Rosenbaum
- Sep 22: Larry Larkin, Susan Wyderko
- Sep 23: Clare Armstrong, Caroline Larkin, Kimberly Pender
- Sep 24: Jim Blevins, Karlee Guthrie
- Sep 25: Taylor Columber
- Sep 26: Melody Manning, Lyn Mullinax, Marge Taylor
- Sep 28: Melinda McWhite
- Sep 29: Caroline Alsmeyer, Courtney Hitchcock, Mickey Martin
- Sep 30: Courtney Bennett, Brian Ramsperger, Julie Uyeda




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Sep 2: Mark & Barbara Smith-Brady
- Sep 3: Frank & Karen Gould; Fred & Ann Whisenhunt
- Sep 4: Bill & Janice Jones
- Sep 5: Ken & Rocky Jones; Bob & Flo Lockman

- Sep 6: Harold & Connie Matter
- Sep 7: Jim & Becky Acklin; Michael & CJ Hall
- Sep 8: Ray & Melody Manning

- Sep 10: Phil & Gina Dawson
- Sep 17: Griff & Emily Lindsay
- Sep 19: Ray & Joan Qualls
- Sep 25: Bill Moore & Susan Costlow; Greg & Kathryn Holden
- Sep 27: Bruce & Cindy Matter
- Sep 28: Ronald & Pam Kessler; Logan & Barbara Seitz; Roderick & Donna Wood
- Sep 29: Sam & Peggy Barrow
- Sep 30: Edward & Joan Haller

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00p Preschool Back to School Night 7:30p Missions/Christian Education Meeting 8:00p AA Tuesday Night	2 12:00p Hoover-McCurdy UMW Circle 5:30p Pacesetters to Frederick Keys Game 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 1449 Finance Committee 8:00p AA Wednesday Night	3 12:00p OA 7:00p Bells of Faith 8:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5 10:00a Or HaOlam
6 8:45a Chapel in the Woods 9:30a Fellowship Time 10:00a Worship & Sunday School 2-7p Miso UMF	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 6:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Preschool 8:00p AA Tuesday Night	9 9:00a Preschool 7:00p Bethesda Camera Club 7:00p Made in Faith 7:30p SPRC 8:00p AA Wednesday Night	10 9:00a Preschool 12:00p OA 5:15p Faith Singers 7:00p Bells of Faith 8:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00a Preschool 7:00p Movie & Discussion Night 	12 10:00a Or HaOlam
13 8:15a, 9:30a, 11:00a Adult Sunday School 9:00a K-2 Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:30a, 11:00a Worship 10:30a Fellowship Time 4:00p All Church Picnic 2-7p Miso UMF	14 9:00a Preschool 10:00a Bonnie Campbell UMW Circle 4:00p GS Troop 717	15 6:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Preschool 7:00p Hospitality study 7:30p Trustees 8:00p AA Tuesday Night	16 9:00a Preschool 7:30p Church Council 8:00p AA Wednesday Night	17 9:00a Preschool 10:00a Hospitality study 12:00p OA 5:15p Faith Singers 7:00p Bells of Faith 8:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00a Preschool	19 10:00a Or HaOlam
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Sep 18-20 Youth Retreat at Bishop Claggett Center