

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mission of Faith United Methodist Church is

to honor God in worship, study, and prayer;

to be a nurturing, caring congregation;

to reach out to our community and world;

to celebrate the healing love of Christ in thought, word, and deed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 3, 2017

WELCOME VISITORS! We are delighted to have you worship with us today.

Please fill out a yellow visitor card from the Friendship Book located at the end of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Please join us in Fellowship Hall downstairs for refreshments following worship.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary outside the door near the pulpit.

NURSERY, INFANT & TODDLER CARE is available downstairs in Room 102 from 8:30am to 11:30am. Our caregivers will warmly welcome your children.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. These are worn over the ear and work with the sound system to increase one's ability to hear in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you would like to try one.

If you had a recent change in contact information, please inform us by filling out a green information change card in the Friendship Book and placing it in the offering plate.

ChristmasFest Celebration!

December 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Celebrate the season with Christmas carols, fellowship, a Chili Cook-Off, cookie decorating, communal gingerbread house decorating, games, and puzzles! All ages welcome and bring your family and friends!

We still need some food providers. Sign up TODAY on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to be a chili cook-off contender, bring chili fixins, sides, dessert, or drinks.



Christmas Cookie Swap

December 10, 12:00-2:00pm

RSVP by Today

Share cookies, recipes, stories, fellowship and laughter. Bring 6 dozen cookies to swap (one kind, homemade). Everyone will go home with



an assortment of cookies and a recipe book! **RSVP to Amy Swanson by TODAY, December 3rd.**

Space is limited to 20 adults. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Amy Swanson at 301-520-8133.

Quarters for Kids

A Gift for the Children at the UMC Board of Child Care

Faith Church is joining the other 69 congregations and faith communities in the UMC Greater Washington District in supporting the Christmas Appeal from the UMC Board of Child Care (BCC) by collecting "quarter stockings" over the Advent season. Today we are distributing empty paper "Quarter Stockings" for you to complete. Just drop your stocking in the offering plate. Your contribution will be used to fund presents and holiday celebrations for BCC's children and youth throughout the year. After those needs are met, gifts will be directed to BCC's most pressing program needs. Learn more about the BCC at www.boardofchildcare.org.



Upcoming Youth Events

Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm

Tonight, December 3rd: Regular youth group.

December 10th: We will be wrapping gifts for the Angel Tree Project.

December 17th: Come for fun and Christmas joy at our Youth Christmas Party.

ROCK Registration Open: We will be attending the UMC Youth Conference in Ocean City, MD, January 26-28, 2018. The weekend always proves to be a highlight for the youth who attend. The total cost for the weekend is \$150. If you are interested, please contact JD (jdgarris@faithworkshere.com).

Encountering the Other:

A Symposium of Law & Love, Tenets of Our Respective Faiths; Final Panel Discussion with All Clergy December 5, 7:30-9:00pm Held at B'nai Israel Congregation

The cliché is that "Judaism focuses on law, while Christianity focuses on love." And like most clichés, this one is inaccurate. Similarly, most of the media's portrayal of sharia presents only a partial picture of the richness of Muslim religious law, and an unfair picture at that. So what is the significance of law in the different Abrahamic traditions? Who makes the law? How does law change? These are just some of the questions to be addressed in our sessions of faith and dialogue.

B'nai Israel Congregation is located at 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

Staff Christmas Gift

As we await the joys that this season brings and make plans to be with our families, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) invites you to reflect on all that we've shared with our family here at Faith this year – God has been with us and at work through us. We ask that you remember our pastor and staff who give us so many gifts of Christian service throughout the year to not only make Faith a place where we worship, but also a place where we come together to grow and serve. Members of Faith have a tradition of giving a monetary gift of support as a year-end Christmas present for the staff. Thoughtfully consider placing a gift in the offering plate or sending a check, made payable to Faith UMC, to the church office marked "Staff Christmas Gift" by December 20th as your way of sharing your gratitude to all the Faith staff.

–Susan Wyderko, Chair, SPRC

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3

8:45am – 9:30am	<i>Holy Grounds</i> (Casual Worship)	Room 205/06
8:45am – 9:30am	The Apocrypha study	Parlor
9:30am – 10:00am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00am – 11:00am	Worship (Traditional)	Sanctuary
10:00am – 11:00am	Children's and Youth Classes	Rooms 203, 205, 206, 210
11:00am – 11:30am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
11:20am – 12:20pm	Family Discipleship Team Meeting	Room 203
1:30pm – 7:00pm	Mizo Worship & Fellowship	Sanctuary, F. Hall, Kitchen
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Youth Group	Rooms 205, 206
7:00pm – 9:30pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 4

9:00am – 2:00pm	Preschool (Mon-Fri)	Rooms 102, 104, 105
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Peace Mission Dance Group	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Trustees/Security Meeting	Room 200

Tuesday, December 5

12:00pm – 1:00pm	ARC Board Meeting	Room 200
8:00pm – 10:00pm	AA	Room 205/206

Wednesday, December 6

7:00pm – 9:00pm	North Bethesda Camera Club	Fellowship Hall
8:00pm – 9:30pm	AA	Room 206

Thursday, December 7

12:00pm – 1:00pm	OA	Room 200
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Bells of Faith	Sanctuary
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Joseph Study	Room 206
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, December 8

2:30pm – 7:00pm	Peace Mission Dance Group	Room 205
6:30pm – 8:30pm	ChristmasFest Celebration	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Saturday, December 9

No Scheduled Events

SERVING US TODAY: Greeters: Kitty & Jerry Jones; Ushers: Bill Beisner, Tim Burke, Jane Rankin, Kathy King; Projection: Debbie Spriggs; Sound System: Rita Deng; Scripture Reader: Scott Springer; Fellowship Time: Ken & Elaine Ayres; Security: Griff Lindsay; Communion Servers: Janice Jones, Bill Jones, & Krista Baptista; Communion Steward: Alma Rines.

SERVING US FOR DECEMBER: Altar Guild: Lesley Avery; Card Ministry: Rita Deng

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8:45am= 11 10:00 am = 116 Total=127

PRAYER REQUESTS



To have the Prayer Chain pray for your request, please complete one of the Prayer Request Cards found on the pew backs and place it in the offering plate. You may also contact the Church Office at office@faithworkshere.com. The members of our Prayer Chain will be praying for you. To keep our prayer requests current, names will remain in the bulletin prayer list (below) for three weeks. Long-term prayer concerns will continue to be prayed for by the members of the Prayer Chain. Please keep the Office updated on your prayer requests.

Please pray for these members of the Faith UMC Community: Chuck Taylor, Donna Muir, Owen Frisby, Glenda Winters, Minette McCullough, Jane Rankin.

Please pray for others dear to us: Gerald Bowles (Bob Bowles brother); Cathy Funk (Susan Costlow's friend); Amy Thomlinson (Bill Moore's niece); Terry Herndon (Jo Hopper's friend); Neil Tomlinson (Pat Tomlinson's cousin); Randy Scott (Kathy & Bob Graves's son-in-law); Sgt. John David Tomlinson (Pat Tomlinson's nephew) and others serving in the military.

Pray for our nation and the world: The countries in this week's Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Myanmar, Thailand. For more information on the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, go to www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Please wish a Happy Birthday to:

Dec. 4	Jim Guthrie	Dec. 8	Jay Moore
Dec. 5	Brandon Baptista, Jerry Freel	Dec. 9	Bill Maas
Dec. 6	CharylAnn Maas, Sean Ramsperger		

Please wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Dec. 9 Gerry & Pat Tomlin

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kathryn T. Woodrow, Senior Pastor, x 2005
Scott Roby, MTS, Director of Congregational Care
JD Garris, Director of Youth Ministry, x 2007
Robert Holder, Organist
André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

Jan Spencer, Financial Manager, x 2004
Theresa Eggleston, Office Manager, x 2001
Gina Dawson, Director of Christian Education, x 2006
Michael Wu, Director of Music
Rosemarie Lapham, Director of Faith Preschool, x 3001
Tessa Ricketts, Nursery