

# 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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 24, 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 9:45am 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.

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## End of the Year Giving

If you would like your offerings and gifts to be included on your 2017 FUMC tax statement, please be sure that either the church office receives them by December 31st or the mailing envelope is postmarked by December 31st.



Per IRS guidelines, all offerings received during worship on Sunday, January 7th will go on your 2018 FUMC tax statement, regardless of the date on the check.

## FUMC Shelter Meal Ministry 2018

Faith provides dinner the second Sunday of each month for 19 women at Dorothy Day Place, a women's shelter on Marinelli Road. Thanks to all who have responded to help with this very needed ministry, we now have all 2018 dates filled except Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. Contact Carol Henley, [cahenley@comcast.net](mailto:cahenley@comcast.net), for more details and to sign. Thanks so much for helping with this very needed ministry.



## **First Friday Film Night Series: "Map of The Human Heart"**

**January 5, 6:30-9:30pm, Room 206**

We kick off the new year with an epic romance: "Map of the Human Heart." Directed by Vincent Ward, the film tells the story of a half-Eskimo boy named Avik, who first leaves his arctic home with a British mapmaker in 1925 to seek medical attention in Canada. In Montreal, Avik meets Albertine, a half-Indian girl with whom his life will be forever linked. Spanning decades and distance through war and adversity, their star-crossed relationship becomes a grand adventure for both, and a deeply spiritual journey for Avik. Movie fare provided (pizza, popcorn, drinks). If you need childcare, please contact Gina Dawson at [gdawson@faithworkshere.com](mailto:gdawson@faithworkshere.com)

## **Online Bible Study: The Book of Daniel**

Beginning on Sunday, **January 28th**, from the comfort of your home, meet up with fellow Bible study participants online to discuss and learn more about the Old Testament book of Daniel. Rather than meeting weekly, we will get together every other Sunday to go at our own pace, which means no homework! For instance, we'll get together on Jan. 28, Feb. 11 & 25, Mar. 11 & 25, and so on until we are done (no later than early June). All you need is a Bible and a computer/laptop/tablet with a minimum of an internet connection. A microphone and camera would be great so that you can communicate in real-time (chat option available if you don't have a mic). Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or with Gina Dawson, [gdawson@faithworkshere.com](mailto:gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

## **ROCK Registration Open**

Our youth and their leaders 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 Garris, youth director, at [jdgarris@faithworkshere.com](mailto:jdgarris@faithworkshere.com)

## **Sacred Rhythms Study Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Rm 206 January 18-March 15, 2018**

You are invited to nine-week study on Ruth Haley Barton's book, "Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation."

Talking about Sacred Rhythms is a helpful way of talking about



spiritual transformation because it provides relief from some of the heavy-handed and rigid approaches to the spiritual life that many of us have experienced. This language draws on the imagery of the natural rhythms, such as the ebb and flow of the ocean waves and tides, which come and go but are full of infinite variety and creativity.

Instead of "I really ought to have a quiet time" or "I really should pray more," we are compelled to seek out ways of living that are congruent with our deepest desires — our natural rhythms. Sometimes this feels risky, but choosing this way of life opens us up to the presence of God in places of our being where our truest desires and deepest longings occur. See Gina Dawson for a free copy of the book.

## Quarters for Kids

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

Faith Church is joining the other 69 congregations in the Greater Washington District of the BWC in supporting the Christmas Appeal from the UMC Board of Child Care (BCC) by collecting "quarter stockings" over the Advent season. When you have filled your stocking drop it in the offering plate, or the chest at the front of the sanctuary. Your contribution will be used to fund presents and holiday celebrations for BCC's children and youth throughout the year. So far, we've collected **\$237.25 for the Board of Childcare** – that's 949 quarters!



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 24

|                   |                                       |                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00am – 11:00am | Worship (Traditional)                 | Sanctuary       |
| 11:00am – 11:30am | Fellowship Time                       | Fellowship Hall |
| 4:30pm-5:30pm     | Family-friendly Christmas Eve Service | Sanctuary       |
| 7:30pm-8:00pm     | Prelude: M Street Brass               | Sanctuary       |
| 8:00pm-9:00pm     | Service of Lessons and Carols         | Sanctuary       |

### Monday, December 25

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| Christmas Day   | Church Office Closed       |                            |
|                 | Preschool Closed (Mon-Fri) |                            |
| 1:30pm – 9:30pm | Mizo Fellowship            | Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall |

### Tuesday, December 26

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|                | Church Office Closed |              |
| 8:00pm-10:00pm | AA                   | Room 205/206 |

### Wednesday, December 27

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| 8:00pm – 9:30pm | AA | Room 206 |
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### Thursday, December 28

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| 12:00pm – 1:00pm | OA | Room 200 |
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### Friday, December 29

No Scheduled Events

### Saturday, December 30

No Scheduled Events

**SERVING US TODAY:** Greeters: Lloydie & Bill Zaiser; Ushers: Gary Clark, Bill Zaiser, Lloydie Zaiser; Sound System: John Kelly; Scripture Reader: Belinda Tilley; Fellowship Time: Amy Swanson; Security: Griff Lindsay  
**SERVING US FOR DECEMBER:** Altar Guild: Lesley Avery; Card Ministry: Rita Deng

## ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17, 2017

8:45 am = 8 10:00 am = 129 Total=137

# 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](mailto: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:*** Trish Clark, Chuck Taylor, Donna Muir, Glenda Winters, Minette McCullough, Jane Rankin, Gay Powell.

***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); 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: Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan. For more information on the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, go to [www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle).

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

### **Please wish a Happy Birthday to:**

Dec. 24 Howard Ortmeier  
Dec. 25 Christine Hellauer  
Dec. 26 George Graves  
Dec. 27 Chuck Taylor

Dec. 28 Erika Aparaka, Sydnie Clark,  
Rachel Hedrick

### **Please wish a Happy Anniversary to:**

Dec. 26 Stan & Erna Benjamin  
Dec. 27 Chip & Bridget Buel,  
Ellen Stanley & Michael Wu

Dec. 29 Larry & Mary Jane Wolcott

## 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

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