

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 January 7, 2018

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.

Fellowship Hosts Needed for 2018

Do you enjoy sharing fellowship over coffee and treats after Sunday service? If so, then you are the perfect person to help our church by volunteering to host one of our coffee hours in early 2018. ***We still need volunteers for***

February 11, 18, and

25. If you have questions, need more information or would like to sign up, email Amy Swanson at

amy.jb.swanson@gmail.com or see the sign-up sheet downstairs.



Youth Group Tonight

Sunday January 7, Room 205/206

Come join the Youth Group tonight for their New Year Kick off gathering.

Cookie Swap Success

On Sunday, December 10th, we had a cookie exchange. I'd like to thank the women who participated. They pitched in and helped with set up and food prep. They were a generous helping hand when I needed it. We shared food, laughed, talked and exchanged wonderful cookies. By sharing their Christmas Spirit with me, they made my holiday truly special and I am thankful. ~ Amy Swanson



STAFF GIFT THANK YOU

Many thanks to the congregation for your generous gift to us at Christmas. We are most

appreciative! ~Kathryn, Gina, Jan, Theresa, Scott, JD, Michael, Bob, Andre and Tessa

Life Transitions: What You May (and May Not) Know About Hospice

January 23, 6:30-9:00pm,
Fellowship Hall



Our next session of the series will feature speakers from

Montgomery Hospice, including Kip Ingram, Director of Bereavement Care. The workshop will begin with a catered dinner at 6:30pm, followed by the presentation at 7:00pm, and a question and answer session at 8:00pm. **RSVP by Thursday, January 18 to Scott Roby, Faith's Director of Congregational Care at sroby@faithworkshere.com or 301.881.1881.** The discussion will address topics such as: end-of-life concerns of the family; the nature of palliative care; the medical/clinical side of hospice care; costs covered by Medicare; and counseling and support services provided by hospice.

The Hospice Handbook notes: "While hospice is for the dying, it places special emphasis on life and living each day as fully as possible."

Quarters for Kids Results

Thank you for all your help collecting quarters for the Children at the UMC Board of Child Care. **We collected \$468 for the**

Board of Childcare – that's 1872 quarters!

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.



"Sacred Rhythms" Study

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Room 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." 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, 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 & 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

8:45pm-10:00am	Holy Grounds	Room 205/206
8:45am-10:00am	The Apocrypha Study	Parlor
9:30am-10:00am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00am-11:00am	Christian Education (children/youth)	Rooms 203,205,206,210
10:00am – 11:00am	Worship (Traditional)	Sanctuary
11:00am – 11:30am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
1:30pm-7:00pm	Mizo Worship & Fellowship	Sanctuary, F. Hall, Kitchen
2:00pm-4:00pm	Mizo Sunday School	Sanctuary, F. Hall, Kitchen
6:30pm-8:30pm	Youth Group	Room 205/206

Monday, January 8

9:00am-2:00pm	Preschool Closed (Mon-Fri.)	Rooms 102, 104, 105
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 9

10:00am-12:00pm	Lydia Circle	Fellowship Hall
12:00pm- 1:00pm	ARC Meeting	Room 200
8:00pm-10:00pm	AA	Room 205/206

Wednesday, January 10

12:00pm-1:30pm	Staff Luncheon	That's Amore
7:00pm-10:00pm	North Bethesda Camera Club	Fellowship Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Finance Committee	Room 200
8:00pm – 9:30pm	AA	Room 206

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 13

10:00am-1:00pm	Boy Scouts Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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SERVING US TODAY: **Greeters:** Carol & Bill Benson; **Ushers:** Ken Ayres, Elaine Ayres, Alisa Machalek, Scott Springer; **Sound System:** Chuck Spencer; **Scripture Reader:** Greg Holden; **Fellowship Time:** Karen & Jim Johnston; **Security:** Chuck Spencer; **Acolyte:** Julia Romeyn Evans; **Communion Steward:** Barbara Wege; **Communion Servers:** Nancy Skinner, Jim & Karen Johnston

SERVING US FOR JANUARY: **Altar Guild:** Lesley Avery; **Card Ministry:** Mary Stark

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY –DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:00 am = 94

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: Trish Clark, Donna Muir, Minette McCullough, Jane Rankin.

Please pray for others dear to us: Sara Bysse (Carol Henley's friend); 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: Iran, Iraq, Syria. 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:

Jan. 7 Joan Kelly, Bryan Woodgate

Jan. 11 David Cope, Jennifer Yeaw

Jan. 8 Ruth Gadre, Bill Werber

Jan. 12 Katarina Szabo

Jan. 9 John Hudson, Spencer Ollayos,
Suzy Rushbrook, Paul Wood

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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