

# 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 2, 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 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.

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### Stewardship Update

Thank you to the many who have completed their financial commitment card for 2019. We still have a way to go. Extra orange cards are available in the pews and can be dropped in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

If you have not yet fulfilled your 2018 pledge, please make every effort to care for that. If you are unsure about your pledge balance, please contact Jan Spencer, Financial Manager at [jspencer@faithworkshere.com](mailto:jspencer@faithworkshere.com). Per IRS guidelines, gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to show on your 2018 tax statement.

### Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship at Faith!

**4:30 p.m.:** Family Service centered around the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the carol "Silent Night." Includes our Young Singers of Faith as well as youth singers and worship leaders

**7:30 p.m.:** Musical Prelude led by Stephen Czarkowski and friends, leading up to

**8:00 p.m.:** A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, including our Chancel Choir, Bells of Faith, professional musicians, and our candle-lit singing of "Silent Night"



## Christmas Cookie Swap Sunday, December 9th,

**12:00 - 2:00pm**

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 recipes! RSVP to Amy Swanson **by TODAY**. Space is limited to 10 adults. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Amy Swanson at 301-520-8133 or [Amy.jb.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.jb.swanson@gmail.com)



## Bishop Easterling Listening Session

The bishop is meeting with lay and clergy from each region to explore The Way Forward and how the denomination will address issues of homosexuality at the February 2019 session of General Conference. The bishop's regional meeting will be **TODAY** from **3 to 5 p.m.**, at **North Bethesda UMC in Bethesda**.

You are invited to read The Commission's report before the Session. The Report and other resources may be found at: [www.bwcumc.org/resources/commission-on-a-way-forward](http://www.bwcumc.org/resources/commission-on-a-way-forward)

## ChristmasFest

### Please Share Your Time & Talents

Our Christmas celebration of the coming of Jesus is on **Friday, December 14th, 6:30-8:30pm**. We sing Christmas carols, host a chili cook-off, make crafts, decorate cookies, decorate a communal gingerbread house, and enjoy each other's company. And we need you! Share your time and talents - sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Gina Dawson ([gdawson@faithworkshere.com](mailto:gdawson@faithworkshere.com))

## Staff Gift

As you make plans to connect with your families and friends this Christmas season, please remember the importance of your Faith Church family. Over the past months, their commitment, dedication and in many cases extra "above and beyond" effort, have been incredibly important during Pastor Wayne's absence. They have ensured that our pastoral care continued, that our office and administrative activities have run smoothly and that our education and music ministries remain strong. Particularly this year, we want to acknowledge and thank our staff for their valuable service by continuing our tradition of giving a monetary gift of support as a year-end Christmas present for the staff at Faith. Please consider sending a check to the church office or placing a gift in the offering plate marked "Staff Christmas Gift" by Sunday December 16 as your way of sharing your gratitude to all the people who have given us so many gifts of Christian service throughout the year.

Susan Ferris Wyderko  
Chair, SPRC

## Faith on Film, Saints and Sinners: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

**Friday December 7, 2018**

**6:30-9:00pm Room 206**

Truly one of the best documentaries you will ever see, this is an intimate look at Fred Rogers, a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination. For over thirty years, Rogers, an unassuming Presbyterian minister, puppeteer, writer, musician and producer was beamed daily into homes across America via his beloved television program, Mister Roger's Neighborhood. Come see why a little kindness and a little civility can make a world of difference.

## Free Advent Resources

Advent begins today! To prepare our hearts for the hope of the coming of Jesus into our midst, both long ago and today, you are invited to spend some time with God this Advent season. Free resources are available for all ages on the table in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary).

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 2

8:30am-11:30am	Nursery	Room 102
8:45am-9:30am	Holy Grounds casual worship	Room 205/206
8:45am-9:30am	Apocrypha Study	Parlor
9:30am-10:00am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00am-11:00am	Worship (Traditional)	Sanctuary
10:00am-11:00am	Christian Education (children & youth)	Rooms 105, 203, 205, 206
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

### Monday, December 3

9:00am-2:00pm	Preschool (Mon-Fri.)	Rooms 102,104, 105
7:00pm-8:00pm	Pack 60/ Webelos/AOL	Room 205/206

### Tuesday, December 4

11:00am-2:00pm	Memorial Service	Sanctuary, F. Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	SPRC	Parlor
8:00pm-10:00pm	AA	Room 205/206

### Wednesday, December 5

2:00pm-4:00pm	Organ Tune	Sanctuary
7:00pm-10:00pm	NBCC	Fellowship Hall
8:00pm-9:30pm	AA	Room 205

### Thursday, December 6

12:00pm-1:00pm	OA	Room 200
7:00pm-8:00pm	Bells of Faith	Sanctuary
7:00pm-8:30pm	Disciple 1 Study	Room 203
8:00pm-9:30pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, December 7

1:00pm-2:30pm	Peace Mission Dance Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm-9:00pm	Faith on Film: <i>Won't You Be My Neighbor</i>	Room 205/206

### Saturday, December 8

No Scheduled Events		
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**SERVING US TODAY:** **Acolyte:** Billy Moore; **Greeters:** Colleen & Larry Wootten; **Fellowship Time:** Jo Ann Bailey-Page & Greg Heath; **Liturgist:** Trish Clark; **Projection:** Debbie Spriggs; **Scripture Reader:** Phil Dawson; **Security:** Jim Johnston; **Sound System:** Doug Dismukes; **Ushers:** Bill Maas, Gearold Knowles, Glenn Simpson.

**SERVING US FOR December:** **Altar Guild:** Mary Frances Woods; **Communion Servers:** Carol Dismukes, Bill Moore & Susan Costlow; **Communion Steward:** Carol Dismukes

## ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 25, 2018

8:45am= 7 10:00am=104 Total= 111

### 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:*** Kristen Wayne, John Holman and family, Paul Renas, Pastor Wayne Chung, Mary Jane Wolcott, Major Brian Benson MD, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Meredith S. Buel III (Trip); Sgt. John David Tomlinson (Pat Tomlinson's nephew) and others serving in the military.

***Please pray for others dear to us:*** Don & Connie Howard (Kay McCarty's brother & sister in-law); Gail Winter (Gina Dawson's Sister), Bob Kable (Brother of Nancy Kneisly), Chris (Friend of Kathy Cowles), Family of Dick Miller (Friend of Pat Olson), Dwayne Swanson (Amy Swanson's Father in-law).

***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](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle).

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

**Please wish a Happy Birthday to:**

Dec. 2	Laurie Halverson	Dec. 6	Charyl Ann Maas, Sean Ramsperger
Dec. 4	Jim Guthrie	Dec. 8	Bill Maas
Dec. 5	Brandon Baptista, Jerry Freel		

### FAITH UMC STAFF

**Rev. Wayne Chung**, Pastor, x 2005  
**Scott Roby, MTS**, Director of Congregational Care  
**Robert Holder**, Organist  
**André Coleman**, Tenor Section Leader  
**Rosemarie Lapham**, Director of Faith Preschool, x 3001

**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  
**Tessa Ricketts**, Nursery