

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 September 1, 2019

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.

Pastor's Study begins September 16:

"Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church"

Pastor Laura will be leading a discussion of the book ***Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible and the Church*** by William Loader, Megan K. DeFranza, Wesley Hill, and Stephen R. Holmes. This is a book recommended by Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling and it is a deep dive into scripture and ethics. It is one important part of how we will learn to have hard conversations about our place as a welcoming community.

We will meet for 5 weeks on Mondays. Choose your session – there will be a one-hour noontime session via ZOOM conference (more information to follow) and a face-to-face

discussion at the church at 7:30pm. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for one of the sessions and pick up your book (\$10) or contact Gina Dawson (gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

This book includes language and themes around sexuality that will be unsettling for some, particularly because it is not something we discuss all that often. Pastor Laura offers this as a warning – please know that the book includes physiological references to the mechanics of sexuality that are important to our scriptural, cultural and scientific understanding.

Join One (or more) of Our Choirs Rehearsals Resume This Week

Our Chancel Choir rehearses 8:00-9:30pm Thursday nights starting September 5.

Bells of Faith, led by Faith member and volunteer Nancy Kuhn, rehearses 7:00-8:00pm Thursday nights starting September 5.

Young Singers of Faith, for kids ages 5 to 9, rehearses after the 10:00am worship service starting September 15.



Faith & Film: "I Can Only Imagine" September 6, 6:30-9:15pm

In our first film of the season we learn the story behind the MercyMe song, "I Can Only Imagine." Written by their lead singer Bart Millard, this very personal song impacted people in ways they never expected. As the actress who plays Amy Grant says in the film, Bart "had been writing this song his whole life."

After being released on October 12, 2001 as the second single from the album *Almost There*, the song became a major success on Christian radio. It spent two weeks at No. 1 on the Radio & Records Christian AC chart and became the most-played Christian single of 2002. It became an unexpected mainstream hit in 2003, peaking at No. 71 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 5 on the Billboard Adult Contemporary chart while also hitting top 40, adult top 40, and country radio.

Movie fare is provided – pizza, popcorn, and drinks. Please let us know you are coming by either signing up on the board in the Fellowship Hall or contacting Gina Dawson at gdawson@faithworkshere.com.

Sunday School for Children and Teens Resumes September 8

Preschoolers and Kindergarteners (ages 3-5) will be going on an adventure this year, learning more about how much God loves us.

Elementary kids (grades 1-5) will spend the fall creatively exploring stories from the book of Genesis and getting to know their Bibles.

Middle School Teens (grades 6-8) will begin their journey through the Old Testament, digging deeper into the stories, wondering how our story connects with God's Story and these people from long ago.

High School Teens (grades 9-12) will wrap up their 2 1/2 year journey through the Bible by digging deeper into the early Christian community through the Book of Acts and the letters. We will be wondering what it means to be a Christian community then, and now.

Trio Illumino in Concert September 27, 7:30pm

Trio Illumino - Neil Brown, trumpet; Virginia Lum, piano; and Stephen Czarkowski, cello, with guest artist soprano Alison Buchanan, present a program of classics, opera, American folk songs, spirituals, and a selection from *Les Miserables!* The program is free and open to all. A \$20 suggested donation per person goes to fund future music ministry projects while also benefiting a Faith charity to be determined.

Save Friday Nov. 1 for Faith's Annual Mission Auction and Dinner.

Proceeds will benefit Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) and UMCOR Disaster Relief. The Missions team will be collecting donations on Sundays, Sept. 15 through Oct. 27. Watch the Bulletin and WW@F in upcoming weeks for more details.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

8:45am – 11:30am	Nursery	Room 102
8:45am – 9:30am	Chapel in the Woods casual service	Chapel in the Woods
10:00am – 11:00am	Worship (traditional)	Sanctuary
10:00am – 11:00am	Christian Education (children)	Room 203
11:00am – 11:30am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 2

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

10:00am – 11:00am	Preschool Parent Teacher Welcome	Rooms 104, 105
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee	Parlor
8:00pm – 9:30pm	AA	Rooms 205, 206

Wednesday, September 4

9:00am – 1:00pm	Preschool	Rooms 104, 105
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Kaiser Fellowship Group	Rooms 205, 206
7:00pm – 8:30pm	DBSA	Room 210
7:00pm – 10:00pm	North Bethesda Camera Club	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
8:00pm – 9:30pm	AA	Rooms 205, 206

Thursday, September 5

9:00am – 1:00pm	Preschool	Rooms 104, 105
12:00pm – 1:00pm	OA	Room 200
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Bells of Faith	Sanctuary
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, September 6

9:00am – 1:00pm	Preschool	Room 104
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Peace Mission Dance Group	Fellowship Hall
4:00pm – 6:30pm	Peace Mission Dance Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm- 9:00pm	Faith on Film: "I Can Only Imagine"	Rooms 205, 206

Saturday, September 7

No Scheduled Events

SERVING US TODAY: Communion Servers: Steve & Barbara Wege. Gordon Henley; **Communion Steward:** Alma Rines; **Congregational Care Minister (CCM):** Scott Roby; **Fellowship Time:** Romeyn/Evans family; **Greeters:** Sunny & Smith Keene; **Liturgist:** Belinda Tilley; **Nursery:** Tessa Ricketts & Shannon Mauro; **Projection:** Phil Dawson; **Security:** Woody Machalek; **Sound System:** Gina Dawson; **Sunday School:** Janice Jones & Krista Baptista; **Ushers:** Bill Maas, Glenn Simpson, Scott Springer

SERVING US FOR SEPTEMBER: Altar Guild: Nancy Skinner; **Card Ministry:** Pam Kessler

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – AUGUST 25, 2019

8:45am = 10 10:00am = 88 Total = 98

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please complete one of the Prayer Request Cards found on the pew backs and place it in the offering plate or share it with the serving CCM. You may also contact the Prayer Chain directly at prayer@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 four weeks. Long-term prayer concerns will continue to be prayed for by the members of the Prayer Chain and CCM Team. Please keep the CCMs updated on your prayer requests.

Please for these Faith UMC members who are in assisted living: Mary Hamilton; Bobbie Chase; Nancy Salamandra; Virginia Gill; Janice Moon; Chuck & Donna Taylor; Dolly Hammett; Marilyn Gosman; Donna Muir; Iva Defibaugh; Bob Dahlstrom; Lou Marlin; Bill Rall.

Please pray for these members of the Faith UMC Community: Stan Benjamin, Linda Bowles, Larry Wootten, Pat Olson (on the death of her granddaughter, Laura Michelle Olson), Sam Rankin.

Please pray for others dear to us: Elise (Bill Cooper's granddaughter); Julie (friend of Sara Romeyn); The Family of Leah Wait (Kay McCarty's friend); Tom Gentry (Sally Stolz's friend); Roy Leopold (Kitty Jones' friend); Jim Alby (Sunny Keene's cousin); The Cardy Family (Donna Wood's friends); Susie Arnold (Lesley Avery's friend); Kurt Lidl & family (Scott & Tacy Roby's friends); David Earl Hart (Amy Swanson's friend); Dianne Mork (Dee Frisby's sister); Josie Grimmett (Clyde Ragland's sister); Gail Winter (Gina Dawson's sister).

Pray for our nation and the world: The countries in this week's Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo. 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:

Sept. 1 Diane Jones

Sept. 2 Ed Bruner, Theresa Dipeppe,
Walt Haass

Sept. 3 Bobbie Chase, Nancy Kneisly,
Hunter Prillaman, Nathan Prillaman,
Steve Salaj

Sept. 4 Mary Jane Wolcott

Sept. 5 Joe Dipeppe

Sept. 6 Jeannie Angel

Please wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Sept. 2 Mark Brady & Barbara Smith-Brady

Sept. 4 Bill & Janice Jones

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Laura Norvell, Pastor, x2005

Scott Roby, MTS, Director of Congregational Care

Michael Wu, Director of Music

Robert Holder, Organist

Jan Spencer, Financial Manager, x2004

Gina Dawson, Director of Christian Education, x2006

Tessa Ricketts, Nursery

Rosemarie Lapham, Director of Faith Preschool, x3001

André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader