

THE GOOD NEWS

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | JULY 2019

Signs and Wonders ...

I'm back from an amazing and much needed vacation, a vacation into which I intentionally built time to prepare for the new work that I would be doing with you at Faith. It was a season of rest and renewal, prayer and anticipation. And this morning – the first Monday back after vacation – my meditation time drew me to signs and wonders.

In the weeks leading up to Pentecost and in the early weeks of the season after Pentecost, lectionary scriptures highlight signs and wonders in the early church. There is much evidence throughout scripture that God's handiwork captures the attention of folks on the margins and draws them closer. And in the book of Acts and in many epistles you can find story after story about how Jesus' tradition of signs and wonders was multiplied as the apostles fanned out healing and transforming, making new disciples who would do the same along the way.



As I have been prayerfully working to learn more about Faith United Methodist Church, I am aware of many signs and wonders. During a season of uncertainty, loss and wilderness, it seems that the leaders of Faith (laity and staff) have leaned in, done hard work, and had hard conversations so that you would emerge in a new season as a strong and faithful body of Christ awaiting its next call to work for the Kin-dom of God.

I want to share my own “signs and wonders” call story as it relates to Faith. On January 31 of this year, I attended a mandatory clergy training. Sitting down next to a colleague and friend, she turned to me with great animation and said, “I dreamt last night that you were sent to Faith in Rockville.” Much like Sarah in Genesis, I laughed. I laughed. Because that wasn't on my mind. It wasn't in the realm of possibilities I had considered. I laughed.

But eight days later, I received two phone calls in quick succession. Indeed, the Bishop sought to appoint me to Faith. **I laughed.** This time because God was clearly on the move.

Beloved, God is up to something. And I cannot wait to see what signs and wonders we will manifest TOGETHER.

Grace & peace,

Rev. Laura



Welcome Ice Cream Social for Rev. Laura Norvell

Sunday, July 14, 2019
following the 10:00am service

Rev. Laura Norvell's first Sunday will be July 7. We plan to have an ice cream social gathering her second Sunday with us, on July 14. Fingers crossed that the weather cooperates and we can spill out into the courtyard that day!

- Susan Ferris Wyderko, SPRC Chair

School Supply Drive July 28–August 11, 2019

For families living on the economic edge in Montgomery County, the cost of rent, food, utilities, AND school supplies and a backpack for each child in the family is just too much. Interfaith Clothing Center's Annual School Supplies Drive will provide new backpacks and school supplies to 3,000 students who want to start the school year ready to learn.



From July 28 to August 11, **please drop off your donations in or around the specially marked boxes** in the Narthex or outside the Church Office. Thank you!

Top Items Needed (NEW items only, please):

- Backpacks for Grades K-12
- Binders – 2-inch, three-ring
- Filler Paper
- Dividers
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks and Bottles
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Boxes and Pouches
- Rulers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Two-Pocket Folders

From Faith UMC Church Council - LGBTQ+ update

Church Council met on June 19th, and discussed next steps with regard to the LGBTQ+ issues confronting the United Methodist Church.

We decided that it is important to include our new pastor, Rev. Laura Norvell, in our upcoming informational sessions, and so we will wait a few weeks to schedule our next event.

In the meantime, we urge you to read an article that

appeared on June 8th on the front page of *The Washington Post*: "Americans' views flipped on gay rights. How did minds change so quickly?" (http://www.faithworkshere.com/documents/Americans_views_have_flipped.pdf).

The article profiles a family who was part of a conservative evangelical Christian community in Ellicott City, MD. Their son came home from his first year in college and told them that he was gay. After a period of time of prayer and gradual acceptance they switched to Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Laurel, MD which calls itself "an affirming community of faith". The article profiles their journey, along with an analysis of the remarkable change in the public's views on the issue. Please contact Church Council Chair, Nancy Kuhn, with any questions: nancykuhn@gmail.com.



Congregational Care Corner

Prayer Chain

Many thanks to the church members who have requested to receive the weekly Prayer Chain. We have increased "readership" from 34 to 55 people! Thanks again for your ministry, fellow prayer warriors! (The reverse also applies: if you no longer wish to receive the prayer updates in your inbox, just let me know at sroby@faithworkshere.com).

I am now sending out the Prayer Chain on Tuesday afternoons. As a review: The Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) team (Susan, Tamara, and myself) will be maintaining and distributing this list, based on direct requests sent to prayer@faithworkshere.com, or from those joys and requests raised in worship, submitted by prayer cards, or shared with one of us after the Sunday morning liturgy (and which are asked to be made part of this chain).

All prayer requests will **only** be listed here and in the Sunday bulletin for four weeks, unless we hear otherwise from you.

Finally, a humble request: If you wish for any prayer requests made online to *also* be included in the Sunday bulletin and Friday's "What's Working At Faith" email, *please note that (like you see on the prayer cards)*. This helps the church staff.

Extended Table Ministry

On the first Sunday of the month, the CCM team will deliver the communion elements that have been consecrated in worship that morning to designated residents at Asbury, Leisure World, or other home-bound members. We usually offer the elements no more than three times during our visits. If you would like to receive this new ministry, please contact me.

Future CCM Class

I am hoping to increase our volunteer team of CCMs from three to more in 2020. As a result, we will be holding a second eleven-week class for CCM training starting in the fall. Stay tuned for more details!

Walk in Beauty,
Scott Roby, Director of Congregational Care



Join the 50+ Volunteer Network



Are you over age 50 and:

- Retired or planning for retirement and thinking about your next step?
- An empty nester or at a stage in life where you have additional time and a desire to be more engaged?
- Searching for a way to make a significant contribution of time and talent to serve your community?

Through personal consultations, the program effectively matches skilled volunteers with nonprofit and government agencies needing assistance. The 50+ Volunteer Network offers a valuable resource for agencies and engages volunteers who want to give back to the community by using their lifetime of professional and personal experiences. Learn more at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/50Plus.html>.

Serving in July

Altar Guild: Dee Frisby

Card Ministry: Carol Dismukes

Communion Steward:
Alma Rines

Communion Servers:
Gary & Trish Clark, Nancy Skinner

Congregational Care Minister (CCM):

Jul. 7: Scott Roby
Jul. 14: Susan Keller
Jul. 21: Scott Roby
Jul. 28: Tamara Fish

Fellowship Time:
Jul. 7: Amy Swanson
Jul. 14: SPRC Ice Cream Social
Jul. 21: Susanna Wesley Circle
Jul. 28: OPEN

Greeters:
Jul. 7: Karen & Jim Johnston
Jul. 14: Alma Rines & Jane Tascher
Jul. 21: Ann Tognetti
Jul. 28: June Watts & Bob Wood

Liturgist:
Jul. 7: Kathy King
Jul. 14: Nancy Kuhn
Jul. 21: Clyde Ragland
Jul. 28: Belinda Tilley

Projection:
Jul. 7: Woody Machalek
Jul. 14: Woody Machalek
Jul. 21: Debbie Spriggs
Jul. 28: Debbie Spriggs

Security / Lock-up:
Jun. 30-Jul. 6: Jay Moore
Jul. 7-13: Tim Evans
Jul. 14-20: Mike Newton
Jul. 21-27: Chuck Spencer
Jul. 28-Aug. 3: Jim Johnston

Sound: Doug Dismukes

Ushers:
Jul. 7: Steve Wege, Eleese Bruner, Edward Bruner, Donna Wood
Jul. 14: Bill Beisner, Tim Burke, Terrie Tuckman, Kathy King
Jul. 21: Gordon Henley, Karen Johnston, Scott Haass, Lyn Mullinax
Jul. 28: Bill Maas, Gearold Knowles, Glenn Simpson, Scott Springer



Where Can You Serve at Faith?

Worship

Altar Guild: Fill candles, hang banners & pulpit cloth (parament), care for altar cloth. Contact Dee Frisby (dfrisby1960@outlook.com).

Communion Server: Share the elements during worship. Youth & Adults. Contact the Church Office (office@faithworkshere.com).

Communion Steward: Prepare the elements for both services. Contact Barbara Wege (barbarawege@verizon.net).

Greeter: Welcome everyone before worship. All ages. Contact Anne Kuester (annegary@live.com).

Projection: Advance the slides during worship. Youth & Adults. Contact Gina Dawson (gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

Sound Substitute: Prepare microphones, manage the volume levels, record the service. Youth & Adults. Contact Gina Dawson (gdawson@faithworkshere.com).

Usher: Pass out bulletins, take offering, guide communion, help the congregation. Youth & Adults. Contact Jay Moore (moorejay@verizon.net).

Facilities

Security Guard: At night for one week every quarter, make sure the building and rooms are locked, and lights are off. Contact Gary Clark (gclarkncm@aol.com).



For the August newsletter, please submit your articles, photos, etc. by July 21st to Gina Dawson at gdawson@faithworkshere.com.



Jul 1	Madison Mullally Jake Schmidt Molly Winchenbach
Jul 2	Harold Matter
Jul 3	Nancy Mattson Roland Zapp
Jul 4	Joan Simpson Bramstedt
Jul 6	Virginia McDowell
Jul 7	Pam Kessler
Jul 8	Jean Decker
Jul 9	Ruth Eaton
Jul 10	Shirley Fuscoe
Jul 11	Madison Benjamin
Jul 12	Cooper Hoffman
Jul 13	Matthew Brady
Jul 14	John Redding Courtney Stefan

Jul 15	Bill Benson Bob Holder
Jul 17	Lauren Dawson
Jul 18	Bethany Buel Connie Burke Susan Costlow
Jul 19	Glenn Benjamin Alice Hedrick Paul King Linda Pickle
Jul 21	Nancy Harper
Jul 23	Barbara Grimsley Lauren Jones Huaytalla
Jul 24	Joe Breen Austin St. Clair
Jul 25	Katie Brand Carrie Desmond
Jul 26	Caroline Hopkins
Jul 29	Thomas Clark

Jul 2	Glenn & Kim Benjamin Bill & Shirley Rooker
Jul 5	Joe & Jan Lafleur
Jul 7	David & Nancy Kuhn Dave & Lorena Savell
Jul 10	Ken & Elaine Ayres
Jul 14	Bob & Kathy Graves
Jul 17	Clyde Ragland & Glenda Winters
Jul 22	Mike Newton & Linda Werling
Jul 25	Eric Winchenbach & Jennifer Young Bill & Lloydie Zaiser
Jul 26	Doug & Carol Dismukes
Jul 27	Scott & Tacy Roby
Jul 29	Steve & Barbara Wege

Church Directory

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Kay McCarty and family on the death of her brother, Don Howard, on June 21.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 8:00pm AA	3 12:00pm Kaiser Fellowship Group 8:00pm AA	4 Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
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