



WESLEY CAMPUS
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy Arbor Day



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Our Commitment

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.



An Invitation

As faith awakens in you and you seek to deepen your discipleship of Jesus Christ, we invite you to become a member of National United Methodist Church. Indicate your interest in membership on the welcome cards today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.

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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

* Standing as you are able

PRELUDE *Come On In This House* Wesley Choir

WELCOME

***SONG of PRAISE** *He Came Down* TFWS 2085

*** PASSING the PEACE** Paula Pree

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

We support the life of this church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Ushers will receive our attendance sheets, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



OFFERTORY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Wesley Choir
UMH 89

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

Work through us and our gifts, Lord, so that what comes to us as seed goes forth as flower, and what comes to us as flower, goes forth as fruit.

BIBLE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21 Cynthia Coleman

SERMON *Rooted and Trembling* Angela Pupino

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

HOLY COMMUNION

Taste and See – Israel Houghton

All are invited to receive the gluten-free bread and juice of communion.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

*CLOSING SONG

Everybody Ought to Treat a Stranger Right

INSERT

BLESSING

OUTDOOR BLESSING of TREES

In honor of Arbor Day, please join us outside to bless the trees.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR TREES

ONE: With these trees we have planted faith in God's redemption of the world.

ALL: With these trees we have planted faith.

ONE: With these trees we have planted joy in God's love expressed throughout Creation.

ALL: With these trees we have planted joy.

ONE: With these trees we have planted beauty for future generations to enjoy.

ALL: With these trees we have planted beauty.

ONE: With these trees we have planted healing of the air, water, and earth.

ALL: With these trees we have planted healing.

ONE: With these trees we have planted hope for God's Creation.

ALL: With these trees we have planted hope. Amen

*from Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Everybody ought to Treat a Stranger Right

by Blind Willie Johnson

Everybody ought to treat a stranger right
Long ways from home
Everybody ought to treat a stranger right
A long ways from home

Be careful how you treat a stranger
By belying you turn him away
But the fear that he might endanger
Will drive him from your gate

Be mindful of your speaking
Careful how you go along
You must always treat a poor stranger right
And accept him in your home

All of us down here are strangers
None of us have no home
Don't ever hurt your brother
And cause him to feel alone

Well, Christ came down as a stranger
He didn't have no home
Well, he was cradled in the manger
And oxen kept him warm

Well the Wise Men found the stranger
Well the child was one day old
They careful in all their treatments
Well they offered him gifts of gold



Grate Patrol TODAY!

Join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry after the 9 am worship or the Wesley Fellowship Hall after worship to make sandwiches and pack lunches for the monthly Grate Patrol, a Salvation Army program that serves meals to the homeless of DC every night.

Use the QR code to sign up as a volunteer to help deliver food.



Game Night and Potluck, TONIGHT!

Metropolitan Memorial Campus Great Hall | 5-7pm

Join us for an intergenerational evening of board games, cards, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite games and dish to share. This will be an informal chance for families with young children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages to have fun together. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors looking for a place to plug in and find connection in our church community. **Questions, contact communications@nationalchurch.org.**



Adult Helpers Needed for Vacation Bible School

June 24 – 28 | 9am – Noon

VBS is a vital outreach to children, families, and the community. It only works with your help. Whether you can offer an hour, a day, or the full week, there is something for you to do.

Do you love arts and crafts?

We need you.

Do you love storytelling and the Bible?

We need you.

Do you love Jesus and want to share God's love with our community?

We need you.

To find out how you can help, please contact Courtney Leatherman at Leatherman.courtney@gmail.com or Rev. Janet at jcraswell@nationalchurch.org