

## NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, D.C.

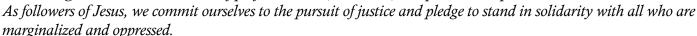
January 7 at 11:00 AM

### Making the Love of God Obvious



#### **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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

A Reconciling Congregation

#### 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 card 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

WELCOME Rev. Janet Craswell

\*SONG of PRAISE Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH 334

OPENING PRAYER Paula Pree

\*PASSING the PEACE

#### **CALL TO OFFERING**

Rev. Janet Craswell

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 His Eye is on the Sparrow Wesley Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

#### **DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

BIBLE LESSON Luke 3: 21-22 Laura Harper Powell

SERMON Rev. Janet Craswell

**INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP** 

**HOLY COMMUNION** UMH p. 15-16 Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

Morning Has Broken UMH 145

LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING SONG Awesome God TFWS 2040

**BLESSING** Rev. Janet Craswell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 



#### New Members Class: All Newcomers Welcome!

**On Sunday, TODAY, 12:30-2 PM**, there will be a class for those who wish to join National UMC. The class will be in-person only. We'll meet in the library at the Metropolitan Memorial campus. The class will cover what it means to be United Methodist, what it means to be part of National UMC, and ways you can connect with the life of the church. Lunch will be provided.



Finding God in Scripture 2024, starting January 9 Online Beginners Bible Study - Tuesdays, 6 to 7 pm via Zoom

Glimpses of God's Future The Gospel of Mark

Tues. Jan. 9 – Tues. Jan. 30 Tues. Feb. 6 – Tues. March 19



#### United Methodist Women Recognition Brunch

Join National Church's UMW on 13 January at 11:00 am in Wesley's fellowship hall for the annual **Recognition Brunch.** During the brunch, we will celebrate the significant contributions of individuals whose work during 2023 has improved lives within our Church and broader community. Additionally, we will welcome babies born or adopted within our Church family and remember with gratitude those who died this past year. One doesn't have to be a UMW member to attend. All are welcome!



#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday Features NUMC Author Debbie Hines

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am | Metropolitan Memorial Campus, 11AM | Wesley Campus 10AM Dialogue with author in Metropolitan Great Hall

In *Get Off My Neck*, Debbie Hines draws on her unique perspective as a trial lawyer, former Baltimore prosecutor, and assistant attorney general for the State of Maryland to argue that US prosecutors, as the most powerful players in the criminal justice system, systematically target and criminalize Black people. Hines describes her disillusionment as a young Black woman who initially entered the profession with the goal of helping victims of crimes, only to discover herself aiding and abetting a system that prizes plea bargaining, speedy conviction, and excessive punishment above all else. In this book, she offers concrete, specific, and hopeful solutions for just how we can come together in a common purpose for criminal justice and racial justice reform. (from MIT Press review)



#### NUMC Leadership Retreat: Newly Nominated Leaders Encouraged to Attend!

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 10am to 2pm (Lunch provided)

Metropolitan Memorial Campus Vestry

Part One: Orientation for new and returning leaders

Part Two: 2024 Budget Review

Please RSVP: 202-363-4900 In-person only