



Today's service is live-streamed. Those seated in rear remain off-camera

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. 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 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
Tues. Jan. 9 – Tues. Jan. 30

The Gospel of Mark
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 15th, 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 20th 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