



# NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Metropolitan Memorial Campus**

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

**September 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM**

**UMW Sunday**



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Making the Love of God Obvious!

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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 attendance registry 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!**

**PRELUDE** *Adoration* - Florence B. Price Bruce Caviness, Organ

**WORDS of WELCOME** Alice Sartain

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* UMH 60

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION** Rev. Barbara Green

✠ **CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we bring to you this morning the aches of our hearts. We ask your forgiveness for things we know we have done and not done. We ask your forgiveness for hurts we are unaware that we caused. Bring healing to us, to all of your children, and to the world you created.**

✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the witness of scripture: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

✠ **EXCHANGE SIGNS of RECONCILIATION**

Please simply turn to a neighbor offering a sign of peace and love. We are seated as we sing the response in song.

**RESPONSE IN SONG** Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! (refrain of UMH 160)



**INVITATION to OFFERING**

Alice Sartain

Please register your attendance and write prayer requests at this time. Ushers will receive these with the morning offering during the Offertory. The QR code may be used for online sharing. If you would like to join a "Saving Grace" 6-week study on personal finance, contact [communications@NationalChurch.org](mailto:communications@NationalChurch.org) for more information.

**OFFERTORY**

*See What Love*  
Lena J. McLin

Chancel Choir

*See what love the Mother has given us, that we may be called the children of love.  
And every one who hopes in Christ through Her love is blessed.*

✠ **DEDICATION** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN of HOPE** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

<b>SCRIPTURE LESSON</b>	JOEL 2: 28-29	Penny Andrews
	ACTS 1: 6-14	
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>With Certain Women</i>	Dr. Carla Works
<b>PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE</b>		Suzanne Clewell
✠ <b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	UMH 593
✠ <b>BENEDICTION</b>		Dr. Carla Works
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, I Turn to Thee - PENSUM SACRUM</i>	Bruce Caviness, Organ setting by Alinda B. Couper

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In 1972, United Methodist Women first became the women’s mission organization as part of The United Methodist Church’s Board of Global Ministries. And in 2012, The United Methodist Church General Conference voted to make United Methodist Women’s national policymaking body autonomous. A new autonomous body adopted a new name.

Today, the organization marks a beginning of a new era. As United Women in Faith, we stand ready to not only continue our legacy but forge courageous new paths. We will go wherever we are needed, without hesitation, because the needs are great but our power, our resolve, and our faith are even greater.

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harm but also to God’s love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God’s love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues, and more.

To learn more about the local expression of United Methodist Women-United Women in Faith, contact Heidi Holgate at [hholgate1@gmail.com](mailto:hholgate1@gmail.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **UMW Sunday | Sunday, September 24**

**Worship at Metropolitan Memorial and Wesley campuses**

**Luncheon following the 11 AM services, in the Great Hall, Metropolitan Memorial campus.**

- **Today** we celebrate the United Methodist Women of National Church. We welcome the recently installed Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary Dr. Carla Works as our guest preacher at Metropolitan Memorial campus's 9:00 and 11:00 am services. In addition to leading the Seminary, Dr. Works teaches New Testament studies. Her research interests include the Pauline epistles, the New Testament's use of Israel's scriptures, biblical ethics, and theological interpretation. She holds a Master's degree from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Following church services, we will gather in Metropolitan's Great Hall at 12:30 pm for a fellowship luncheon. Baltimore-Washington Chief Administrative Officer Rev. Erica Robinson-Johnson will moderate a panel discussion with Dean Works, Dr. Lucila Crena (Wesley's first Latinx female professor), and seminarian Crystal Buffington. You do not have to be a UMW member to come to the luncheon. Everyone (that includes YOU) is welcome!



## **Youth DnD continues its Wild Sheep Chase TODAY!**

**Sunday, September 24, 5-7 p.m. Metropolitan Memorial Campus Rooms 200 and 201**

Youth 6th Grade and above are welcome to participate in a fun, low-commitment Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Youth are free to create their own characters, but premade characters will be available for youth who drop in. The church will provide pizza, and youth families are invited to bring snacks to share. Register at [www.nationalchurch.org/youth](http://www.nationalchurch.org/youth)



## ***Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being***

This October, you are invited to participate in the six-week course, *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being*. The course is designed to help people of faith create healthy relationships with money and bring their financial lives in line with their faith journeys. We will offer *Saving Grace* in-person at the Wesley Campus on Sunday afternoons beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please register in advance so we can order books, [www.nationalchurch.org/saving-grace](http://www.nationalchurch.org/saving-grace). For more information, contact Rev. Janet at [jcraswell@nationalchurch.org](mailto:jcraswell@nationalchurch.org)



## **Fall Community Fest at Wesley Campus | October 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 3:00 pm**



## **Come Make Music with the NUMC Handbell Choir**

Have you studied piano or another instrument? Would you be available to practice Sunday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm? Come join a multi-generational group of joyful ringers. Please contact Susan Staines at [HandbellsatNUMC@gmail.com](mailto:HandbellsatNUMC@gmail.com) for more information.



## **Sunday School Registration!**

Please register your children and youth for the 2023-24 Sunday school year. Registration allows us to give our young people a safe and welcoming experience. Use this QR or go to [www.nationalchurch.org/children](http://www.nationalchurch.org/children) to register.

