



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

September 24 at 9:00 AM



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



United
Women
in Faith

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 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!

Grate Patrol TODAY!

Join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry after the 9 a.m. worship or 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.

Sunday School Classes

Children:

Little Wonders (PreK-K) Room 206

Joyful Spirits (1st, 2nd & 3rd grades) Room 203

Jesus Followers (4th & 5th grades) Room 204

Youth: Room 201

Adults:

In the Biblical Sense, Room 106 and on Zoom

Questions of Faith, Conference Room in Office Wing.

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

Alice Sartain

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

- Baptismal chapel prayer wall, write the name of a woman who was influential in your faith journey (post-it note paper)
- Children's Chapel library cart, browse UMW resources.
- Hallway off the pulpit side, sign-up for UMW and receive info about the bazaar.
- In your seat or online, contemplate the women who have helped shape your faith.

LORD'S PRAYER

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All participants are invited to gather back together, singing the prayer Jesus taught us.

✠ CLOSING SONG

Here I am, Lord

UMH 593

BLESSING

Dr. Carla Works, Dean of Wesley Seminary

POSTLUDE

Italian Concerto mov't I - J. S. Bach

James Hillis - Piano

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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 8th. Please register in advance so we can order books, www.nationalchurch.org/saving-grace. For more information, contact Rev. Janet at jcraswell@nationalchurch.org



Fall Community Fest at Wesley Campus | October 8th 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 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 to register.

