THE MESSENGER
MAY 2022

Building an 'Almost' Post-Pandemic BUMC Community

When I traveled to Korea, I noticed that a flight attendant announced the arrival differently. She said in Korean, "Our plane is about to land," rather than "This plane is about to land." Noticing that the Korean-American flight attendant used the word "our" caused me to wonder how we could bring the BUMC community together despite our cultural differences, as many of us are coming back in in-person worship and activities.

Since last July, Bethesda United Methodist Church has been going through leadership changes, starting with me, the first racial-ethnic woman lead pastor. And our staff is going through transitions with different responsibilities and welcoming new members.

I noticed that some people have been struggling with too many changes in a short period, even though these are all positive changes. So, I have been asking for God's guidance on how we should build a relationship and community post-pandemic.

I came from a community-oriented culture. In Korea, the primary noun is "we," not "I." This is a Korean cultural acknowledgment that a person cannot survive alone from birth. Koreans are prone to sacrifice personal preferences for the good of the community. Leaders make decisions for the community first.

However, America is known for with rugged individualism. "I" is fiercely pursued in social and economic relations in the US culture. It emphasizes personal liberty and independence, self-reliance, and resourcefulness.

Based on what I explained above, I observed cultural differences in how we approach the mission at BUMC: community-oriented and individual-oriented leadership; sometimes, we clash and don't know what is going on.

During the pandemic, being a faith community has shifted from a physical place for religious practices to an open space where ever-broader inclusion and ever-wider availing of ourselves can take place under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Yet, ever-challenging integration of cultures and religious practices forces the church to respond to the phenomena such as deterritorialization of boundaries, hyperdifferentiation of reality in multiculturalism, and capitalistic expansion that results in new modes of marginalization. How can we be a healthy and faithful Christian community amid the reality of cultural and religious convergence in the almost post-pandemic world?

A Confucian scholar, Daesung (BC 202 - AD 8), mentioned that the world's success depends on the individual's character. First, an individual with a good character will inspire the family. Then, the inspired family will contribute to their community, and then the community will change the nation. Then the world would be transformed. As you can see, in Confucianism, the transformation happens when individuals and communities contribute to one another.

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If an organization wants to create a culture that fosters productivity, engagement, and innovation, leaders and community members should work hand in hand. And BUMC has a grand opportunity to do so to rebuild a new yet not-so-new faith community supported by those who have been consistently showing up when the church needed them.

Egalitarian structures, transparency, and purpose-driven values are crucial for an organization's success. However, it can descend quickly if an organization lacks collaboration, innovation, and a leadership development pipeline.

Jesus' community-oriented leadership encouraged disciples' participative leadership, and their collaboration in the mission transformed the world. BUMC chose to live in the tension of navigating the paths of cultural and theological hybridization by intentionally welcoming racial-ethnic pastors, the LGBTQAI+ community, and listening to grassroots opinions through the survey.

We choose to value grace, love, joy, and compassion for one another rather than exercising influence generated from ego, power, status, or a desire for rewards. We are all here because we are working for a purpose bigger than ourselves, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

I pray that we work together to build a sanctifying community engaged in the world, which means that we accept the challenge of being an open space of inclusion for the meaning-making of all people under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

May God show us the way to come together in an 'almost' post-pandemic world.

Yours in Christ,

HiRho

Worship

Praying Together

There are two opportunities during the week to join with others from our church in prayer. You're invited to stop by the church on Wednesdays at noon and be part of a Taizé Prayer Service. This time of worship includes communion and will be led by Rev. HiRho and/or Rev. Scott. Then, on Thursdays at noon, you are invited to be part of an online prayer time with Shaw Brewer and others from our congregation. Email Shaw for the Zoom link.

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting May 29th, we will worship together at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in person or online at washmorefeet.org/livestream. We look forward to staying connected with you all through out the summer season!

Online Prayer Requests

BUMC has a tool to make it easier to share your prayer requests. We invite you to complete our Online Prayer Request Form (washmorefeet.org/pray) and let us know the people and situations that are on your heart. You can ask to have a name added to our prayer list, which is printed and available to members of our faith community, or to keep your request private within our prayer team. And of course, you are always welcome to email Rev. HiRho or Rev. Scott directly. Please know that our prayer team will be praying for you and your loved ones throughout the week.

Ways to Give

1. Online: Go to washmorefeet.org/give
2. Text-to-Give: Text the amount of your donation to 301-679-7266
3. Mail a check to the church office

Altar Flowers

Want to help beautify our altar for worship on Sundays while also remembering or honoring a loved one? We invite you to sign up to provide an arrangement of flowers on the Sunday of your choice. You can have us place an order from our florist, order one yourself from your choice of florist, or make your own arrangement from flowers picked from your garden. Just let us know your preference on our online signup (washmorefeet.org/flowers).

Questions? Contact Sue O'Hara.

Summer is the perfect time to invite friends and neighbors! Help spread the word that Bethesda UMC is open, worshiping, and wonderful!

Re-Entry Update

In response to updates from CDC and Montgomery County Public Schools, the Re-Entry Team has decided to accelerate the timeline for returning to more normal gatherings. Masking became optional for all participants who are vaccine eligible (ages 5 and up) for worship and Sunday School effective Sunday March 27. For indoor activities focused on children who are not vaccine eligible, including Pre-K - Grade 1 Sunday School, Kids With Purpose and the Nursery, universal masking will still be required for those age 2 and up.

For other activities such as small group gatherings, committee meetings, music rehearsals, visits to the church building during the week, etc., the Team clarified the existing policy of following CDC guidelines and allowing masking to be optional for fully vaccinated people.

We will continue to have sanitizing stations available and encourage people to continue practicing good hand hygiene. Signs will be updated to reflect that mask wearing is optional, and that people who have symptoms of illness should refrain from gathering in person. Ventilation will remain a focus to ensure fresh air throughout the building.

We encourage those who wish to wear a mask to do so. We encourage all to respect the comfort level of others for physical spacing and interaction.

We want to update you in order to allow people to be aware of this change, so that each of you can make informed decisions about your choices and have a chance to ask questions about our policy. We will continue to follow updates from the County and CDC and will adjust our policy if necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or the pastors.

God's peace,
Jack Fisher, Re-Entry Team Chair

CONNECT

Young Adults

Happy Easter and Spring, everyone!

This month, we'll connect for Brunch May 15th, for Rev. Scott's last event with us and for Kara Peace's first, as she prepares to take over the leadership of the Young Adult Ministry.. We'll meet at 12:30 at Silver on Bethesda Row on Sunday the 15th. Feel free to email or text Rev. Scott if you plan to join us.

Please make plans to join us for the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event on May 21st from 9 AM - 1 PM at St. Mark Presbyterian Church. For more information, see page XX of the messenger. You can also sign up here. (https://www.washmorefeet.org/RAHSignUp)

Hope to see you on the 15th. In the meantime, Stay well and stay safe.

Rev. Scott and Kara

Men's Ministry

A Blessed April to everyone!

This Month, we are looking forward to Rev. Scott's last Men's Breakfast at Old Georgetown Grill on Wednesday, May 4th. We'll gather at 7 AM at Old Georgetown Grill and hope that you'll join us for this time of fellowship and food.

And then on the 18th, the Men's group will gather at BUMC for a BBQ with Rev. Scott from 7 - 8:30 PM. We'll have some games set up in the alley and hope that you can be a part of this time of fellowship for our community.

Contact Rev. Scott for more information. We look forward to seeing you all this month as we continue our journey of faith together, and say farewell to Rev. Scott.

Hardy's Barbecue Food Truck

May 22nd, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
Bethesda United Methodist Church Parking Lot
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Beyond Sunday School

This month, The Beyond Sunday School class will finish our series on Social Justice, examining the The Nurturing Community, looking specifically at Family, and Human Trafficking. Then on the 22nd, our last meeting of the year, we will take a look back at the Social Creed and all we have learned this year, celebrating our growth considering how we will continue to living to our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

For more information or the zoom link, contact Shaw Brewer (shawbrewer@gmail.com)

Montgomery County Executive Candidate Forum

Come one, come all! Engage with our community in the 2022 Montgomery County election. Ask questions and get answers at the candidate forum for Montgomery County Executive held at Congregation Beth El on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. A dessert reception will follow this forum. All Montgomery County Executive candidates have been invited. David Blair, Marc Elrich, and Hans Riemer have agreed to appear.

This in-person and livestreamed candidate forum is sponsored by Congregation Beth El and its Men's Club, Bethesda United Methodist Church, and Saint John's Episcopal Church. The forum is free and open to the entire community. COVID-19 vaccination is required for in person attendance. Masks are optional. The forum is being held at Congregation Beth El at 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Please RSVP to BETHELMC.ORG/MOCO-FORUM. If you cannot attend in person, the forum will also be livestreamed on the Beth El website at https://www.bethelmc.org/spirituality/watch-live/. If you have any questions, please contact Rachelle Cummins, BUMC point of contact for this forum, at rachellelcummins@gmail.com.

Lent and Easter Activities - Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our many Lent activities last month! We were able to connect, serve, and grow together and that's all thanks to your active participation! During April, we had a lovely youth led Evensong service with music from Common Ground, the youth praise band. We also celebrated Easter with an easter party and we helped hide Easter Eggs for the Childrens Easter Egg Hunt. **Check out some of the fun!**

May 15- BUMC's Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

BUMC's Gun Violence Prevention (GVP) Ministry will host coffee hour after worship on Sunday May 15 and will have gun safety cards available with reminders on how important it is to safely secure firearms, and to ask if there are firearms in a home before letting your children visit the home. The cards are nonpolitical, provided to us by an interfaith GVP group in Ohio, God Before Guns. https://www.godbeforeguns.org/gun-safety-notes Please take a few cards and share them with your friends and family in other communities. This September we plan to have a listening session one Sunday to really listen to each other's thoughts and concerns on the topic of gun violence and how best for BUMC to help quell the violence.

Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness is coming up in early June - stay tuned for opportunities with our local interfaith group to raise awareness of the toll of gun violence across our country and our own community - and different ways to help.

BUMC RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 14
It's a great way to RECYCLE!

Save the date

We will be holding the BUMC RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, May 14, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM (that's the second Saturday in May). The proceeds will go to the BUMC Foster Care Ministry and for youth who are aging out of the Montgomery County Foster Care Program. In addition, part of the proceeds will go to help BUMC members who fall on hard times.

The Rummage Sale is a big event so we really need your help. There are SIX ways you can volunteer.

1. **Help us advertise** by placing a short piece in your neighborhood or child's school List-Serve. (See SAMPLE ADVERTISEMENT BELOW)
2. **COME** to the Rummage Sale on Sat. May 14 and BUY some second-hand treasures!!
3. **Volunteer** to be a cashier (2-hour shifts) on Saturday, May 14.
4. **Help sort and price** the donated items. Join us in the BUMC Narthex in the afternoons of the preceding week: Monday, May 9 - Friday, May 13, 1:00 to 5:00.
5. On early Saturday morning, 8:00AM **help us carry boxes** full of donations from the Narthex out to the sidewalks.
6. **Help at the end** of the Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 14, at 1:45 to carry the leftovers into the Planet Aid Truck that will be parked on Huntington Parkway.

If you would like to donate items for the BUMC Rummage Sale, they can be dropped off in the BUMC Narthex during the preceding week, Monday, May 9 to Friday, May 13. Note: *We will not be taking large furniture. We can take clothing donations, but only in plastic bags.*

Included in the sample ad is a list of items that can be donated.

SAMPLE ADVERTISEMENT to put in your neighborhood or school Listserve:

CHURCH YARD SALE, Saturday, May 14, 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Bethesda United Methodist Church, 8300 Old Georgetown Road (Corner of Huntington Parkway and Old Georgetown Road). Come buy wonderful second-hand treasures in the categories of jewelry, toys, books, electronics, videos, computer games, small furniture, kitchen dishes, glassware, knickknacks, Christmas Treasures, linens and sports equipment. Proceeds will go to the Foster Care Ministry.

Please contact Janet Edmonds to volunteer, j.edmonds@erols.com.

Teacher Appreciation

CHILDREN

Teacher Appreciation Celebration, May 22nd

10:00 - 10:45 AM Children and Teachers gather with Volunteers in Greenwich Park to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Sunday with fun and games

11:00 - 12:00 PM Worship - we will recognize all of our teachers during the Children's Message

12:00 - 2:00 PM Hardy's Barbecue Food Truck Celebration in the Huntington Parking Lot

12:30 - 1:30 PM Movin' On Up for Fifth Graders in the Fellowship Hall

1:00 - 1:30 PM Movin' On Up for Fifth Grade Parents in the Fellowship Hall

Movin' On Up Celebration for Fifth Graders,

May 22nd 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Dear Fifth graders,

Lunch is on us on May 22nd as we celebrate your moving from the Children's Program to the Youth Group! Join us at noon in the parking lot, where you will be invited to be at the front of the line to get barbecue sandwiches from Hardy's Barbecue Food Truck. Enjoy lunch with friends before heading inside to the Fellowship Hall to get to know some of our youth and to learn about our BUMC youth program. Parents will be invited to join the gathering at 1:00 pm, for an opportunity to learn about the youth program and to get to know Kara Peace, our Director of Student Ministries!

Kids with Purpose During Worship

We invite all children in grades PreK-3 to join us during worship for this mission-oriented program.

Children gather in room 104 after the Children's Message to hear Scripture, say a prayer and work on a service project. Children return to parents during the end of worship or for communion.

During the upcoming weeks, we will be focusing on expressing appreciation to our teachers, saying farewell to friends, and preparing for Vacation Bible School.

On June 5, we will be saying farewell to Brooklyn Bostic and wishing her the very best as she transitions to another church this summer. Please plan to pick up your children from Room 104 after the worship service concludes on June 5.

Faith-Filled Parenting Topics

May 1:
Meditation for Parents, Youth, and Children, guest speaker Susie Ballenger

May 8:
Self-care and Forgiveness, facilitated by Dennis Williams

May 15:
Kids and "Thou Shalt Not Covet" facilitated by Jan Kang

May 22:
Coffee and Fellowship - Final Gathering for this School Year

VBS Food Truck Party, June 20-24

It is not too late to join our VBS Food Truck Party! Join us June 20 - June 24 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM as we celebrate a Food Truck Party where we will be On a Roll with God at Vacation Bible School! This party includes exciting new music and dancing, amazing science and crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible Stories that will help children turn to God for all they need and join God in providing for the needs of others. We will be accepting 100 little chefs ages 4 and up to our party, so that we can have plenty of room to spread out and the capability to move stations outdoors if needed.

Go to our church website, www.washmorefeet.org, and click on the link to register! Email Beth@washmorefeet.org with questions.

Candy Cane Park Clean Up

May 15 @ 2:00 PM
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Meet at Candy Cane Park picnic shelter (8000 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase) to learn about ways we can take care of our planet. Bring trash bags and some old gloves for a fun time outdoors. Adults, youth, children ... all are welcome!

RSVP to Beth@washmorefeet.org if you plan to attend and if you want to receive weather-related updates.

Children's Sunday School

Join us in Sunday School this month to learn about Paul, Timothy and Lydia! Children hear Bible stories, join in discussion, and participate in games, crafts and activities. We welcome all children to be a part! If your child is joining from home, email Beth@washmorefeet.org for the Zoom link. Hybrid participation is always an option.

On May 22nd, we will all gather at Greenwich Park for our Sunday School time as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Parents please drop off your children and pick up your children at the park! This will be our final Sunday School gathering for this school year!

After May 22nd, we will be moving to our summer schedule, with one service at 10:00 AM and no Sunday School. Sunday School will resume in the fall after Labor Day!

Room 102: PreK - Grade 1
Fellowship Hall: Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5

SERVE

We welcome all to join **Outreach, Advocacy, and Action** to identify both service and outreach opportunities. There are chances for all at BUMC to support our Foster Care Ministry; Gun Violence Prevention Ministry; Racial Justice Ministry; Creation Care Ministry; and Hunger and Feeding Ministry. We also continue our outreach to Walter Reed and provide collection opportunities for Bethesda Help and McKenna's Wagon. If interested in learning more, please contact Shannon Snypp and Susan Bender.

PRIDE 2022

BUMC is providing several opportunities for those who would like to participate and support events surrounding Capital Pride 2022. All are welcome! Please see below and contact Shannon Snypp, Beth Reilly, or Dennis Williams for more detail.

Capital Pride is an annual festival celebrating the LGBTQ+ community held in early June each year in Washington DC - with a hiatus the last two years for COVID. It was founded as Gay Pride Day in, a one day block party and street festival in 1975. This year's theme is reUNITED, to build connections that can be then used to create positive change in our region, our country, and our world. Please see capitalpride.org for more info.

- On Sunday June 12, BUMC is partnering with several other churches in Montgomery County to host a booth at Pride Festival as part of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). We will provide information on BUMC, our partner churches, and the RMN at the festival.
- BUMC has recently joined Partners in Harmony, an organization affiliated with the Gay Mens Chorus of Washington DC that provides a list of churches who support the LGBTQ+ community. For more information and to see the list of churches, please see: Partners In Harmony – Gay Men's Chorus Of Washington, DC.

FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

BUMC continues to partner with Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the Foster Care program in the county, and provide direct support to families in need in our area. The impact of this support has been real and tangible and it would not be possible without the generosity of our amazing members. Please see below for updates and for opportunities to join the Ministry- all are welcome.

FOSTER CARE CLOSET

On Saturday May 14, we are holding an open house for foster families in Montgomery County. This will coincide with the Rummage Sale, which will also be open to all. The Open House will allow foster families to come in and see the space, while picking up clothes and exploring the park next door (plus ice cream for the kids - and adults!) We continue to welcome donations -please see the BUMC website for list of requested items - and welcome all who would like to participate in and support this effort. https://www.washmorefeet.org/ways-we-serve/foster-care-ministry

TRANSITIONING YOUTH

The Ministry also continues to support youth who are transitioning out of the foster care program, largely through provision of gift cards for groceries or gas, as well as requested items for apartments on an as-needed basis.

If interested in supporting the Ministry, please contact Shannon Snypp, Janet Edmonds, Holly Pannullo, Shelley Yeutter, and Heather Williams.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sign up now to join BUMC on May 21st for the return of our annual Rise Against Hunger event. We'll be gathering at St. Mark Presbyterian Church (10701 Old Georgetown Rd) and working with St Mark and Chevy Chase UMC, to pack over 40,000 meals to support people around the world! Sign up to donate and to volunteer here: www.washmorefeet.org/RAHsignup. Feel free to invite your friends and family to sign up too. Also, youth can earn SSL Hours for participating! For info, contact Rev. Scott.

Mission Monday in May will be May 2. We will collect sandwiches and homemade trail mix for McKenna's Wagon and canned goods for Bethesda Help from 8:30 until 10:00 in the Huntington Parkway Lot.

CHURCH WORKS

How is God Calling You?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to run a church? A church is the body of Christ here on earth and lay people are the heart of that body! Lay people serve on committees and on our Church Council to run our church and church programs. Lay people work alongside our staff to create and oversee our budget, manage and maintain our physical infrastructure, enhance and plan our weekly and seasonal worship activities, provide human resources and staff support, plan and develop educational and Sunday School activities, and create and administer our outreach programs which allow us to serve out into our community and world.

Every year we look for volunteers to fill the needs of our committees and Church Council. We'd like you to discern where you see yourself serving here at BUMC. Do you have a background in accounting, billing, bookkeeping, or finance? Perhaps you might consider being on our *Finance Committee*. Do you work in project management or have a background in human resources? Perhaps you might consider being on the *Staff Parish Relations Committee* (SPRC). Do you have a background in construction or maintenance, or just want to see our church property looking its best? Consider volunteering to serve on *Trustees*. Do you have children or youth and want to help to guide their spiritual growth and exploration? How about volunteering for our *Education Committee* positions? Do you love music, art, or the seasons of worship? Consider being a volunteer on the *Worship Committee*.

We have openings on all of our current committees that we hope to fill by June 30th when our next terms begin. Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve this year and feel free to reach out to me or any of our current leaders listed below.

Lay Leadership Committee co-chair: Debbie Reed-Gillette

GROW (Children, Youth and Adult Education)

Beth Reilly (Children)
Kara Peace (Youth)
Lisa Nevans-Locke (Children)
Janine Gregory (Adult)

SERVE (All of our Outreach Committees)

Susan Bender
Shannon Snypp

WORSHIP (All Worship Ministries & Worship Volunteers)

Sue O'Hara
Bill Allman

CHURCH COUNCIL *Mike Moran*

CONNECT (All of our Connect Ministries)

Rebecca Conley
Mary Ann Toomey

OPERATIONS

Finance: *Bob Gillette*
Stewardship: *Joanna Miller*
Treasurer: *Heidi Hanson*
Trustees: *Riley Williams*
SPRC: *John Euler*

Youth

The Easter Egg Hunt

Dear Youth at BUMC,

As the school year comes to a close, we look forward to a full schedule of activities! At the start of the month we will be celebrating Graduate Sunday in the morning. Please come to church on May 1st at 11:00 to help us celebrate our seniors!

For our SERVE activity we will be participating in the Creation Care Park Clean Up on May 15th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. We will meet at Candy Cane Park picnic shelter (8000 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase) to learn about ways we can take care of our planet. Bring trash bags and some old gloves for a fun time outdoors. Adults, youth and children all are welcome so please invite your family! RSVP to Beth@washmorefeet.org if you plan to attend and if you want to receive weather-related updates.

UMYF May Calendar

May 1: Graduate Sunday
May 8: No UMYF - Holiday
May 15: 2-3:30 pm Park Cleanup
May 21: 9-1 pm Rise Against Hunger: Churchwide Event
May 22: 12-2 pm 5th Grade Move-Up Lunch
May 29: No UMYF - Holiday

Lastly, the youth will gather in celebration of our 5th graders moving up into the youth group! Please join us for a Moving On Up event on May 22nd. The youth who participate will get early access to the food truck that will be outside that day helping us celebrate and promote VBS. During our Moving-Up event, youth will lead the 5th graders in games and will have a chance to share their favorite parts about being in youth group. Please come and help our 5th graders feel very welcome!

We hope to see you soon!

Kara Peace (Kpeace@washmorefeet.org) & the Youth Ministry Committee (Callie, Caroline, Holly, J.D., Alex, Gunnar & Dave)

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STAFFING CHANGES

Changes in the nature and organization of staff are very much in progress at BUMC.

First, with the departure of Rev. Scott in June, Shaw Brewer will assume many of his duties in adult education and worship. Shaw is a rising candidate for ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church and will be particularly active in assisting Rev HiRho in planning and performing worship.

Max Nolan recently stepped down as Media Technology Coordinator. SPRC, with the approval of the Church Council, has contracted with Steven Martin as Director of Communications, Marketing and Media-Technology. Steve is an ordained Methodist pastor and a tech/communications expert who started a company (Lakelands Institute) during the pandemic to assist churches in the new world of online worship. His job at BUMC will include online worship, website/media management, maximizing staff and volunteer technology, internal communications and marketing. His first Sunday was Easter.

Finally, Beth Reilly will be leaving this summer to pursue full time studies in counseling. We will be further evaluating the most efficient way to cover the work so faithfully performed by Beth.

Great thanks is due to Max for his excellent work in launching the church into successful online worship. Similarly, Beth has been a superb leader of Christian education. Over the past several weeks, Deb Gillette has filled the gap in production of communication materials such as the weekly bulletin and the Messenger. We all owe her a tremendous "Thank You" for a job well done at a crucial time.

In my view, the lineup emerging for our near future staff is very encouraging for the success and growth of BUMC.

John Euler
Chair, SPRC

REV. SCOTT'S FAREWELL

To send our beloved Associate Pastor, Rev. Scott Bostic, off to his new church in DC, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is planning a farewell worship service with special music for him on Sunday, June 12th.

We will present Rev. Scott with farewell gifts, including a love offering, and host a reception after worship in the parking lot where you will have the opportunity to wish him well in-person.

Here are some ways you can participate:

- Donate towards a love offering for Rev. Scott.
- To contribute online, use the Give Online tab on the church website and look for the category marked "Love Offering Rev. Scott," or send a check to the church office marked "Scott love offering."
- Send personal notes and cards for Rev. Scott and his family to the church office.

Thanks to everyone who came with their pets and family to the blessing of the Animals on April 24th. Such a joy to celebrate God's creation and the gift of our beloved pets in our lives!

Membership Updates

We extend our love and prayers to:

- Dave Freeland in the death of his wife Leslie Freeland on April 17. A memorial service was held at BUMC on April 30th.
- Rachel Cummins in the death of her uncle, Earl Cummins.

May Anniversaries

May 1:	Carl Eichenwald & Andrea Medici	29 years
May 9:	Dee Carden	29 years
May 12:	Jules & Susan Williams	20 years
May 20:	Damian & Emily Cevallos	15 years
May 21:	Imelda & Shawn Russell	17 years
May 29:	Bob & Debra Browning	33 years
May 29:	Rachelle Cummins & David Flumbaum	28 years
May 30:	Julia & Chandler McCann	1 year

May Birthdays

May 1:	Sally Rabin-Rosfjord
May 3:	Evan Harris, Wesley Kronenberg
May 4:	Michael Moran
May 5:	Brooklyn Bostic, Angie Kronenberg, Serena Ranganathan
May 6:	Mike Raue
May 8:	George Wesley
May 11:	Mia Holland, Anika Hanson
May 13:	Sean Harris
May 16:	Katie Harris, Ada Jane Shin, Quentin Williams
May 17:	Heidi Lewis
May 19:	Jaden Zhou
May 21:	Marti Euler
May 23:	Scott Butera, Sandy Long
May 24:	Leah Bridges, Shannon Snypp
May 25:	Samuel Browning
May 26:	Thomas Decker, Thomas Fratantoni, Josh Jackson, Carolyn Kulik
May 29:	Lennon Lewis, Albert Sim
May 30:	Carter Jackson
May 31:	Patricia Harvey

For Your Interest

Tour of the Sanctuary Organ

Sunday May 29, 2022

Each week in worship, we, as a church, are very fortunate to hear the glorious sounds of our Sanctuary organ. If you've ever wondered how the organ works, on Sunday, May 29 at 11:30 (ish), Music Director and Organist Chris Warrington will be presenting a "Tour of the Organ" in the Sanctuary. We'll have worship at 10 AM, a potluck lunch at 11:00 outside, and then a tour of the organ will begin around 11:30. You'll get to see the console up close, hold an organ pipe, and hear the many different sounds our organ is capable of producing.

Easter 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Graduate Sunday 9am - Praise in the Parking 9:45am - PTR Class (in- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Blended Worship 11am - Kids with Purpose 12pm - Racial Justice 5:30pm - UMYF Senior	2 8:30am - Mission Monday 9:30am - Maryland Lyric 7:30pm - Bethesda Bells @	3 10am - Maryland Lyric 10am - Staff Meeting (in- 7pm - Capital Carillon @ 7pm - Re-Entry Meeting	4 7am - Men's Group Breakfast 10am - Maryland Lyric 12pm - Taizé Prayer 1pm - Maryland Lyric Opera	5 9:30am - Maryland Lyric 11am - Maryland Lyric 6:30pm - Praise Band @ 8pm - Sanctuary Choir @	6 9:30am - Maryland Lyric	7
8 Mother's Day 9am - Praise in the Parking 9:45am - PTR Class (in- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Blended Worship 11am - Kids with Purpose 12pm - Racial Justice	9 7:30pm - Bethesda Bells @	10 10am - Staff Meeting (in- 7pm - Capital Carillon @	11 12pm - Taizé Prayer 7:30pm - Church Council	12 6:30pm - Praise Band @ 8pm - Sanctuary Choir @	13	14 9am - Rummage Sale @ 10am - Foster Closet Open
15 Family Sunday/New 9am - Praise in the Parking 9:45am - PTR Class (in- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Blended Worship 11am - Kids with Purpose 12pm - Racial Justice 2pm - UMYF Park Clean-Up	16 7:30pm - Bethesda Bells @ 7:30pm - Grief Group (in-	17 10am - Staff Meeting (in- 7pm - Capital Carillon @	18 12pm - Taizé Prayer 7pm - Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm - Men's Group @	19 6:30pm - Praise Band @ 8pm - Sanctuary Choir @	20	21 9am - Rise Against Hunger
22 Teacher Appreciation 9:45am - PTR Class (in- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Blended Worship 11am - Kids with Purpose 12pm - Confirmation 12pm - Food Truck @ 12pm - Racial Justice 12:30pm - 5th Grade	23	24 10am - Staff Meeting (in- 7pm - Capital Carillon @	25 12pm - Taizé Prayer 7:30pm - Women's Book	26 6:30pm - Praise Band @	27	28
29 Summer Schedule Starts 10am - Summer Worship 12pm - Racial Justice	30 Memorial Day - Office	31 10am - Staff Meeting (in-	1 7am - Men's Group Breakfast 12pm - Taizé Prayer	2 6:30pm - Praise Band @	3	4

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